

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CITRUS COUNTY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MULLEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Citrus County Assistant Superintendent Mike Mullen for his retirement after more than 28 years of service in Citrus County.

After graduating from California University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Mullen joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After serving for over four years in various roles, he became a teacher at Baker County Middle School in Baker County, Florida. This is a role he would have for four years before moving over to Baker County High School for another three years. While teaching, he also helped with multiple sports including Football, Golf, and Softball. Mr. Mullen then made his way to Citrus County, becoming an instructor at Lecanto Middle School before moving to an administrative role as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Citrus High School. After his principalship, he became Executive Director of School Support Services for Citrus County Schools, helping develop the district's long range capital improvement plan. On July 1, 2011, Mike became Assistant Superintendent of School Operations for Citrus County Schools. In this role, he has provided leadership and direction for district strategic planning, ensured compliance with all district, state, and federal mandates related to school operations, and assisted in the development of the district operating budget. Throughout each phase of his career, Mr. Mullen has impacted countless young lives, leaving an imprint that will last a lifetime. While his influence is incalculable, I know that Citrus County is better for having had him serve.

I thank Mike Mullen for his years of service to our community and wish him well as he enjoys his well-earned retirement.

JOHN ERICKSON EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Carpenter Erickson. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 5, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. John has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John led an effort to redo the community garden at Camp Mabry. John mapped out plant beds, ordered the necessary materials, recruited and coordinated volunteers, and handled the logistics of the food that was donated.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Carpenter Erickson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HERMAN J. HERNANDEZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Herman J. Hernandez for receiving an honorary doctoral degree from Sonoma State University, in recognition of his 50 years of social justice advocacy in Sonoma County.

Born to immigrant parents in San Francisco's Mission District, Mr. Hernandez grew up in San Francisco, California and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. He moved to Guerneville, California in 1970, where he earned his real estate license. Here he began working with his father, who had started one of San Francisco's first Latino-owned real estate and insurance businesses in 1953. After his father's passing in 1978, Mr. Hernandez took over Hernandez Realty to continue his legacy from Sonoma County.

Mr. Hernandez quickly became an active local volunteer. In 1973, he was invited to join the Russian River Rotary Club. At just 23 years old, he became Guerneville Rotary Club's first Latino member. He became active in the Rotary Club's Government Relations Committee and began to engage in local public policy and community service. He has volunteered with Family Justice Center Sonoma County, Sonoma County Health Action, the Russian River Park and Recreation District, the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and the North Bay Association of Realtors.

Mr. Hernandez is well known in our district as the founder of Los Cien, the largest Latino advocacy group in the North Bay. Mr. Hernandez founded Los Cien in 2008 to address the lack of Latino representation in local politics and to give the Latino community a voice in Sonoma County's public policy. Los Cien prioritizes civic engagement and education for its members while working to build bridges between the Latino community and others in Sonoma County. What began as a small group of Latinos talking about civic issues in the back room of pizza shops and cafes, has

become a leadership organization with more than 1,500 members. Los Cien provides valuable networking opportunities for Latino professionals to delve into local issues, including education, health care, law enforcement, and immigration. In addition, Los Cien puts on an annual State of the Latino Community Address at the Address at Sonoma State University which highlights the priorities and needs of the Latino community. Los Cien has also expanded their advocacy by connecting with the nonprofit Northern California Latino Leaders to inspire similar movements amongst Latino communities in Marin, Napa, and Mendocino counties.

Mr. Hernandez is known for being energetic, passionate, generous, and a good listener. He spends his spare time with his wife Guillermina and two children, who each continue in their father's footsteps. Mr. Hernandez's daughter, Daniella, is a third-generation realtor and his son, Herman, became the new executive director for Los Cien in 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my friend, Herman J. Hernandez, an exceptional community leader who has fought for Latino representation and participation in Sonoma County for decades. It is therefore fitting that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MILLENNIUM PRESS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Mr. Jim Sullivan and Mrs. Kelly Sullivan, President and Vice President of Millennium Press in Agawam, Massachusetts, for recently being recognized by the Small Business Administration as the Small Business Persons of the Year.

The achievement of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan is a testament to their unwavering dedication, diligent work, and remarkable leadership at Millennium Press. With a devoted team of 15 full-time employees and one part-time employee, they have successfully built a flourishing business that not only delivers exceptional services to its clients, but also cultivates a supportive and collaborative work environment for their staff.

Their commitment to providing top-notch service while maintaining a culture of teamwork and mutual respect is a model for small businesses across the nation. The Sullivan's accomplishments serve as an inspiration to other entrepreneurs and small business owners who strive to achieve a similar level of success in their respective fields. I have no doubt that Millennium Press will continue to thrive and reach even greater heights under their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Jim and Kelly Sullivan for their hard-earned recognition. Their dedication, leadership, and service to their

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community embodies the very spirit of American entrepreneurship, and I wish them many more years of success and prosperity.

DAVID ERICKSON EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Stengel Erickson. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 5, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. David raised \$3,800 to resod the playground at the Helping Hand Home for Children. He planned, coordinated, and recruited all of the volunteers. Furthermore, David handled the logistics of food and beverage donations for the volunteers, so that they had something to eat and drink while they worked.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Stengel Erickson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF COLUMBIA BOROUGH CHIEF
OF POLICE HARRY S. HARTMAN

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Former Chief of Police Harry S. Hartman of the Columbia Borough Police Department.

Chief Hartman's end of watch was April 4, 1923. Chief Hartman was killed while serving in the line of duty, as the Chief was attempting to serve a mental health commitment paper to an individual living on Union Street in Columbia.

Chief Hartman was joined by the individual's father and upon approaching the home, the individual opened fire with a .25 caliber revolver on his father striking him, and later shooting Chief Hartman twice in the abdomen.

Chief Hartman would pass away later that day, after being transported to Columbia Hospital.

At the time of his passing at age 59, Chief Hartman had served with the Columbia Borough Police Department for three years. He entered law enforcement first as constable of Columbia's first ward. Chief Hartman was survived by his six children and had lived his entire life in Columbia, Pennsylvania.

The Lancaster Intelligencer reported that he was "affectionately known as Chieftly" by the

residents of Columbia and that he "was in many aspects an exceptional law officer."

The Intelligencer continued "Like a good doctor, Chief Hartman believed in preventative measures. It will never be known how many crimes were averted and how many possible criminals were saved through the timely and kindly interference of 'Chieftly.' It is known that on many occasions where incipient trouble was brought to his attention, he nipped it in the bud through kindly council and advice."

Mr. Speaker, this year marked 100 years since the end of Chief Hartman's watch. May we give thanks for his service to our community and give thanks to all those individuals who put themselves in harm's way serving as law enforcement officers in our community and across the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE INTER-
NATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the United Nations for declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets. As the Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Appropriations Committee, I know first-hand the importance of finding a nutritional staple that has the potential of addressing both climate change and food insecurity in the near future.

This ancient crop is a staple of food in India, where it is often used in porridges and as rice substitutes, or as flour to make flatbreads and other baked goods.

Millets are known for being rich in dietary fiber as well as in potassium and protein. In fact, regular consumption of millets can reduce the risk of diabetes and obesity, improve cholesterol levels, and lower the risk of heart disease.

Millets also can be grown on lands poor in soil quality and lacking in irrigation, which make them invaluable in addressing food insecurity across the globe. They use 70 percent less water than rice; grow in half the time of wheat; and need 40 percent less energy in processing. They are so hardy that they can even withstand temperatures up to 50 degrees Celsius.

India has been a leader in the production, consumption, and promotion of millets. In fact, India is the largest producer of millets and one of the world's biggest exporters of this traditional staple of Indian cooking.

Not that long ago, the consumption of millets in India waned as wheat and rice took precedence. Now it is making a comeback as people in India and across the world recognize its nutritional and environmental value.

Again, I want to thank the United Nations and the Government of India for taking up this important issue.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCESS
ANNE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BAS-
KETBALL TEAM

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team on winning the Class Five Virginia State Championship. Last year, the Princess Anne Cavaliers came up just short of the same title, pausing their impressive eight season winning streak. But that loss clearly only motivated the Cavaliers, as they went on to boast an impressive 26-1 season this past March to win the State Championship.

In an exciting back and forth game, the Cavaliers would go on to defeat L.C. Bird High School 53 to 45. Led by Zakiya Stephenson, who scored a remarkable 24 points, and of course a strong defense, these girls showed that with hard work and an incredible team, anything is truly possible.

As a female athlete myself, I want each of the young women to know that Virginia's 2nd District is extremely proud of their accomplishment and applauds them on their well-earned victory. Again, congratulations to the 2023 Princess Anne High School girls' basketball team on winning the 13th state championship in their school's history.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER DOYLE
FLANNERY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Commander Doyle Flannery on his retirement from the United States Navy after 23 years of faithful service to our country. CDR Flannery's retirement also marks the end of 72 years of Flannery family service to the United States Navy and our country. An esteemed and respected member of the U.S. Navy, Commander Flannery most recently served as a Joint Operations Planner for North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command. In this capacity, he was responsible for the Commander, United States Northern Command Theater Posture Plan, which documents forces, infrastructure, and agreements required to execute the NORAD and USNORTHCOM missions.

Whereas, CDR Flannery's distinguished career began at the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College where he earned a degree in Marine Transportation and a USCG License as a Third Mate (Unlimited). He would later go on to earn his "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in July 2002. CDR Flannery accumulated 2,500 flight hours in the SH-608 and MH-60R. He served in Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) FOUR THREE, USS *Dubuque* (LPD 8), and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron FOUR SIX.

Whereas, On shore duty, Commander Flannery completed high profile jobs including as a