

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ELIJAH HAM FOR
HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Elijah Ham, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was glad to sponsor Elijah's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Elijah. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
LETIZIA TAGLIAFIERRO

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Letizia Tagliafierro who passed away on May 23rd of this year. Letizia was a devoted public servant and native of Saugerties, New York, who will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Letizia will long be remembered for her dedication to public service. Throughout her career, she worked tirelessly for the people of New York in the NY State Assembly, Erie County District Attorney's Office, and as NYS Inspector General.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Letizia Tagliafierro. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate her life and the legacy she leaves behind. May her life and memory always be a blessing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

RECOGNIZING MARK ABELL FOR
HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Mark Abell, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

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And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was glad to sponsor Mark's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Mark. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
EDUCATIONAL CAREER AND
SERVICE OF AMY GRANDE

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a beloved teacher, principal, friend, and community member who has dedicated a half-century to Michigan's public schools and their students. As Amy Grande of Rochester Hills prepares to step down after 50 years at University Hills Elementary School in the Rochester Community Schools district, I am filled with gratitude for the thousands of lives she has helped guide and the glowing example she has set of what it means to live a life of service.

It was 1973 and before the ink had dried on her degree in elementary education from Michigan State University, Amy arrived at University Hills Elementary to begin her career as a teacher, and was placed in a first grade classroom. From that day on, Amy's colleagues and supervisors say she anchored her classroom in respect, trust, love, and positivity, traits that would only grow over her long and fruitful career. Over the course of the next 25 years, Amy was called on to teach every grade from first through sixth, and no matter the grade level or the subject, she reflected what she expected: kindness and good citizenship.

In 1998, Amy transitioned to a learning consultant role and, while she left her beloved classroom, her students remained at the heart of her work and decisions. This remained the case when she was appointed principal of the University Hills in 2000, and has continued throughout her nearly quarter-century tenure in that position. Valuing positive relationships and collaboration above all, Amy is famous for knowing not just the names of the students in her building but their stories, and for turning her staff meetings into "celebration meetings." On any given day, she is seen where it matters the most: wherever her students are. That meant in the hallways, classrooms, playground, and even at events outside the school. Her school has been, and will always be, an extension of her family and herself.

Amy earned many accolades in her long career, including Principal of the Year for Region 7 Oakland County from the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association in 2016. But I have no doubt the awards she treasures most are the intangibles: the love of learning she has inspired in so many, the careers she has nurtured and shaped, and the indelible mark she has left on the hearts and minds of the entire University Hills Elementary School community.

For 50 years, Amy Grande lived her passion for education every single day, an extraordinary gift that University Hills Elementary and the Rochester Community Schools district were so fortunate to receive. As Amy now prepares to begin a new chapter in retirement, my hope is that she feels all the love and care that she has poured into others returned to her. I wish her many relaxing days doing her favorite things: spending time with her family, tending to her garden, volunteering in the community, and leisurely reading.

On behalf of a grateful community, and the thousands of lives she touched, I am honored to reflect on the extraordinary service and leadership of Amy Grande, a teacher for the ages.

RECOGNIZING KATHERINE MERRITT FOR HER ACCEPTANCE TO
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Katherine Merritt, upon her acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, she will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

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And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was glad to sponsor Katherine's nomination and I am confident that her talents will distinguish her among her peers both during her time at West Point and thereafter.

Congratulations to Katherine. I know that she will make this Nation proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2023, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 243, On Passage of H.R. 3746—Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on May 31, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

RECOGNIZING SETH MACGREGOR FOR HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Seth MacGregor, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Paratus."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Seth's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

Congratulations to Seth. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on May 31, 2023 due to two positive COVID-19

tests. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 241; YEA on Roll Call No. 242; YEA on Roll Call No. 243; and YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
NORTH CHATHAM FIRE CHIEF
BRENT GAWRON

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Brent Gawron who passed away suddenly on May 14th of this year. Brent was a devoted father, husband, and Fire Chief of North Chatham, New York. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Brent will long be remembered for his contributions to the town of North Chatham. A true leader, he spent his life serving his community. Together with his wife, Erinn, he built a strong and loving family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Brent Gawron. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON SWEITZER FOR HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Brandon Sweitzer, upon his acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force, the United States Air Force.

Guided by the motto, "Aim High . . . Fly-Fight-Win," the U.S. Air Force is the world's preeminent force in air, space, and cyberspace.

Throughout our history, American airmen have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was honored to sponsor Brandon's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at the Air Force Academy and thereafter.

Congratulations to Brandon. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on May 30th.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238, YEA on Roll Call No. 239, and YEA on Roll Call No. 240.

REMEMBERING JUDY GILBERT-
GOULD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the remarkable life of Judy Gilbert-Gould.

Judy Gilbert-Gould, a lifelong resident of Miami, passed away on April 21, 2023, at the age of 88. She was the daughter of the late Stanley C. and Martha M. Myers and sister to the late Kenneth M. Myers.

As a young woman, Judy became involved in the National Council of Jewish Women, eventually serving as president of the Miami chapter. In recognition of her service, Judy was awarded NCJW's highest honor, the Hannah G. Solomon Award, for her commitment to the advancement of human welfare.

Judy later served in several other important professional and leadership capacities.

Working under then-Dade County State's attorney Janet Reno, Judy was the director of victim-witness services in the State's Attorney's Office to help prepare rape victims to testify in court.

Later on, Judy's professional career concentrated on working for the Jewish people. In 1983, Judy joined the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, where she served for many years as director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, the JCRC.

As the JCRC's executive director, Judy adroitly mobilized and engaged Miami's Jewish community on many levels. She led our citizen activists in building relationships with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, was pivotal in the pro-Israel movement here at home, and successfully advocated for the national agenda supported by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

On a personal note, we worked closely together to address a multitude of issues facing our community, from the scourge of anti-Semitism to ensuring we maintain our strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

Shortly after I was first elected to Congress, under Judy's leadership role at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, she approached me with the idea to sponsor legislation that would create a month during which we honor the contributions American Jews have made to the fabric of our Nation.

I introduced a resolution, and since 2006 our Nation has celebrated Jewish American Heritage Month each May to educate Americans about the contributions Jewish Americans have made and continue to make to our country, helping to reduce hate, anti-Semitism, and bigotry.

Judy's commitment to Miami's Jewish community and the State of Israel was exemplary, and I will miss her guidance and wisdom.

My heart is with her family in mourning the loss of this kind, generous, and compassionate soul. We were forever privileged to have shared this time with Judy. May her memory be a blessing.