

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CORPORAL RUSSELL "RUSTY" BROWN FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of U.S. Army Corporal Russell "Rusty" Brown. CPL Brown served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970, and was awarded a Purple Heart for his honorable service.

CPL Brown was born in Little Falls, NY, to Evan and Doris Brown. Raised in Fort Plain with his many siblings, CPL Brown's brothers Les, Ray, and Walt also served in the U.S. Army. While in Vietnam, CPL Brown was on patrol to set up an ambush. Tragedy struck when a member of CPL Brown's unit stepped on a landmine, severely wounding CPL Brown with shrapnel and killing his fellow soldier. For his sacrifice, CPL Brown earned the esteemed Purple Heart award, in addition to the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Marksman Badge Rifle M16.

Following his honorable service in Vietnam, he immediately continued his service to our nation and his community. Rusty married his beloved wife Billie; both had deep roots in Montgomery County. In 1970, CPL Brown joined the Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post 168 in Saint Johnsville. As a member for over 50 years, CPL Brown has assisted other veterans in their journey to re-acclimate to civilian life. CPL Brown continues this practice as a pillar of support for American servicemembers as they struggle with their personal trials. The Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post 168 has set a beautiful example of how to celebrate the amazing and heroic individuals that served our country. By decorating the village of Saint Johnsville with 379 'hometown hero' banners, the village will continue to honor local heroes each and every day. CPL Brown's banner can be found on St. Johnsville's Bridge Street.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize and honor the service and achievements of CPL Rusty Brown.

HONORING THE 2023 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2023 Truman Scholars.

This year the Foundation received 705 applications from 275 institutions. After a review of the students' records of leadership, public

service, and academic achievement, the final selection committee selected 199 students from 133 institutions to interview. The final selection of students includes 62 students from 60 institutions.

This year's nominees are: Malhaar Agrawal, Lina Altaan Al Hariri, Andrés Arocho González, Bob Atkinson, Andee Baker, Malea Bauer, Zachary Billot, Maisie Brown, Grace Carter, Gabrielle Chiodo, Isobel Dernelan, Madeline Dotson, Margot Duque, Abby Dziura, Yasmine Elkharsa, Maya Elsner, Colin Hall, Sky Harper, Jason Hess, Amarachukwu Ifeji, Luda Isakharov, Samiha Islam, Adam Johnson, Travis Johnson, Ayesha Khan, Azeem Khan, Catherine Kish, Nidhi Krishnan, Niko Malhotra, Dwayne Martin, Anna Mathis, Sandrien Mekany, Sarah Mickelson, Rafael Montero, Aaliyah Moore, Tay Moore, Rina Nagashima, Klemmer Nicodemus, Anchee Nitschke Durben, Shreeya Parekh, Joleece Pecore, Irena Petryk, Hattie Polson, Christian Gyles Ramos, Emily Robertson, Andrew Schumann, Cheyon Sheen, Michael Solomon, Caleb Swanson, Cameron Tiefenthaler, Jalen Travis, Martayn Van de Wall, Madison Van Der Mark, Pieter van Wingerden, Kaitlyn Vana, Iona Volynets, Corbin Walls, Caleb Weiland, Jonathan Weinberg, Aubrey Wieberg, Ambria Williams, and Carter Yost.

Established in 1975, the Truman Foundation is the nation's living memorial to the thirty-third president. According to the Foundation's website their mission is to recognize aspiring leaders at an important inflection point in their development. Students are recognized in their junior year of college and rewarded for their aspirations to enter public service. After being selected, students receive a scholarship for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Congratulations to this year's nominees. I look forward to seeing where each of them will go in the future.

HONORING LEE GREEN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Lee Green as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Herbert "Herb" Lee Green was born on June 3, 1964 in Incheon, South Korea to a Korean mother and an American father.

Herb came to the United States at six years old and mastered the English language within 30 days of arrival. Herb attended schools in California and graduated from high school in

North Florida. After high school, Herb signed up for the U.S. Navy where he attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Training (BOOST) program in San Diego.

Upon completion of the BOOST program, Herb entered the University of Florida where he met his future wife, Lisa Lesesne. While at the University of Florida, Herb joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the Fall of 1984 and has been an active member since. Herb received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in structural engineering.

Herb began his career as a young engineer at Kimley Horn and Associates in West Palm Beach, Florida where he worked for seven years.

In 1998, Herb moved to Kissimmee. At this time, he worked for the Avid Group. Herb also volunteered as a youth sports coach in baseball, soccer, and basketball and served as SAC Chair at Osceola High School.

Herb's entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and he decided to open a company with a former colleague, and that was the beginning of the Good Group. Later, Herb would open his own engineering company, Cadjazz Engineering, which has been going strong for 14 years.

Herb is an excellent cook and enjoys attending sporting events at the University of Florida. He also gives back by donating his engineering expertise to charitable organizations, including Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, and designs of sporting facilities and parks.

Herb is the loving husband of Lisa Lesesne Green and the proud father of Harleston Lesesne Green and Kameron Lee Green.

HONORING MR. MARK HILDRETH AS MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS ALTERNATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Hildreth as the Moore County Schools Alternate Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Hildreth is an experienced English Language Arts teacher at Crain's Creek Middle School. When needed, he also serves the school district as an alternate teacher. Over the course of his 27 years as an educator, he has exhibited outstanding leadership and commitment in providing his students with an excellent foundation in the studies of literature and poetry, in addition to this prestigious award, Mr. Hildreth also has been recognized as Crain's Creek Middle School Teacher of the Year. It is imperative that we acknowledge individuals like him who continue to assume the high calling of serving in North Carolina's public schools. As the son of a retired schoolteacher, I have seen the tireless work that educators put into developing our youth for a

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

successful future. I am extremely grateful for his efforts and encouragement which have touched and benefited the lives of so many.

Mr. Hildreth has led by example throughout his career and has made immeasurable contributions to our community. Crain's Creek Middle School and other schools throughout the district are better today because of his passion and hard work. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for his dedicated service to our youth and wish him the best as he continues to educate and inspire those in his classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Mr. Mark Hildreth for being named Moore County Schools Alternate Teacher of the Year.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. GORDON EUGENE THOMPSON

#### HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the life and service of Second Lieutenant Gordon "Tommy" Thompson, a Montanan Marine fighter pilot with VMF-224 who failed to return from a combat mission over Guadalcanal on August 31, 1942.

Gordon was a skilled rancher and excellent student, graduating from Moccasin High School in 1937 as valedictorian. After attending Montana State College, "Tommy" decided to chase his dreams of flight and joined the U.S. Navy's flight training program in August 1941. A task made even more daunting when the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into World War II months later. Gordon never wavered in his commitment to his country. Despite knowing the dangers, he saw his training through and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and deployed to Guadalcanal.

The United States had yet to fully expel Japanese forces from Guadalcanal when Lt. Thompson arrived on the island. His first mission was to monitor enemy activity and prepare for a possible counterattack. Unfortunately, the oxygen system in his F4F Wildcat fighter malfunctioned, leaving him unable to pilot his craft.

After being declared "missing in action," Lt. Thompson was awarded the Purple Heart, which was sent to the parents, Lachlan and Ita, back in Moccasin along with other medals for his bravery. After repeated inquiries into the search for their son, the Thompsons were unable to learn more about Gordon's death.

Although postwar searches for Lt. Thompson's remains were unsuccessful, in the summer of 2018, a local man recovered Gordon's Marine identification tag in his garden. After deploying researchers to the area, a team of Department of Defense specialists finally discovered Gordon and his missing aircraft. Lt. Thompson was officially listed as accounted for on July 13, 2022, to the relief of his family and friends. I'm happy to say that he will soon be laid to rest back home in Moccasin, Montana.

Lt. Gordon Thompson's story is that of courage in the face of immense danger. Like many others like him, Gordon carried out his duty

and paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we all enjoy. I want to thank Lt. Thompson for his bravery in World War II and thank his family for their resilience. I'm proud to acknowledge Lt. Gordon Eugene Thompson for his service, and it is a privilege to honor him and his family in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### HONORING CONCHITA HSU AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Conchita Hsu as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Conchita Hsu has served as the president of the Florida Chapter of Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) since January 2022 and as elder advisor of the Orlando Chapter of International Buddhist Progress Society since January 2017. From 2013 to 2016, she served as the president of the Orlando Chapter of BLIA. Under her leadership, the BLIA chapter has played an active role in the Central Florida community, including leading relief efforts after Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, supporting communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping underserved members of the community, sponsoring local schools, hosting the Abolition 2020-Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration, partnering with local institutes for cultural exchanges, and more. The chapter has been recognized with the Orange County Public Schools' Crystal Awards and the Orange County Mayor's Outstanding Community Service Awards numerous times in the past decade. Conchita also served as principal of the Chinese School of Chinese American Association of Central Florida from 2005 to 2009 and as the chief executive officer of Orlando Guang Ming Academy from 2016 to 2021, promoting Chinese literacy and culture. She has also served as a contributor to the Florida Asia Trend Magazine, volunteered with the Tzu Chi Foundation Central Florida Chapter Outreach Program, and is active as an interpreter for various non-profit organizations as well as for patients in hospitals. She has called Central Florida home since 1996 with her husband David and is the proud parent of two grown sons—who are now a doctor and a college professor—and one grandson.

#### RECOGNIZING MIKE GRIMM

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Mike Grimm and to celebrate his retirement from The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Grimm has dedicated his life to conservation and ecological studies throughout Northeast Wisconsin, and he has been instrumental with my "Save the Bay" initiative since its inception.

Mr. Grimm began his career in the field of ecology and conservation with his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and later a Master of Science in Natural Resource Planning. He joined The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 1991, and later moved to Door County in 1994 to create the "Door Peninsula Project." Since then, he has served as a conservation ecologist throughout the region and has taken part in planning, researching, and restoring different land management projects on behalf of TNC.

Mr. Grimm has been a leader when it comes to TNC's philanthropic missions and has played a pivotal role with land acquisition projects throughout the region as well. He has extensive knowledge of the diverse ecological and biological landscapes of northeast Wisconsin, and he has conducted a significant number of ecological assessments throughout the region. His research and conservancy efforts have been profound, and he has worked hard to preserve and protect our unique northeastern Wisconsin landscapes and wildlife.

Furthermore, Mr. Grimm has been a key component of the Save the Bay initiative since its inception in November of 2015. He led the first Lower Fox Watershed Workgroup meeting for the program in 2016 and has facilitated meetings throughout the region for the past eight years. Mr. Grimm has invested many hours towards this collaborative program and has significantly contributed to its success. He has been instrumental with the formulation of goals and priorities for the initiative, and has played a substantial role with planning, preparation and idea generation.

Mr. Grimm's work throughout Northeast Wisconsin has been nothing short of incredible. His presence at The Nature Conservancy will be missed, as well as his thoughtful leadership at Save the Bay meetings, but the work he has done and projects he started will continue forward and will preserve his legacy. Mr. Grimm's impact on the community will not soon be forgotten and I would like to urge everyone to join me in thanking Mr. Grimm for his great career and his many years of service to Northeast Wisconsin.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FALMOUTH COMMUNITY TELEVISION

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television. Founded on May 31, 1993, Falmouth Community Television is a nonprofit community media center that creates content covering the issues that matter most to the people of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Highlighting oral histories, scientific discoveries at Woods Hole, documentaries, political dialogues, local government discussions, as well as sporting and school events, Falmouth Community Television produces media to represent and serve the local community. Through unfiltered coverage, Falmouth Community Television strives to uplift diverse voices across its platforms and encourage civic engagement and conversations