

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 5, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus for holding this special order today to give recognition and to celebrate National Caribbean American Heritage Month.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month was officially signed into law in 2006 to help create and disseminate knowledge about the rich culture and contributions of Caribbean people to the United States.

This is a special time when we honor the achievements and dreams of the millions of people of Caribbean origin now living in the United States, while also giving life and remembrance to the shared history of joy and perseverance that has united and enriched lives throughout and across the United States and the Caribbean for centuries.

Since our Nation's founding, generation after generation of immigrants have helped build this country, and the prosperity and opportunity that draw so many immigrants to America would not be possible without the contributions and legacies of Caribbean Americans.

Today, millions of Caribbean Americans strengthen our country through their vibrant cultures, traditions, languages, and values.

Yes, Caribbean American entrepreneurs, scientists, medical professionals, teachers, artists, police officers, athletes, and contributors in every field have left a lasting impact on our society and continue to greatly impact our nation's growth and development as a global mecca for advancement and opportunity.

Approximately 4.5 million Caribbean immigrants resided in the United States in 2019, representing 10 percent of the Nation's 44.9 million total foreign-born population.

Close to 90 percent of immigrants in the United States from the 13 Caribbean countries and 17 dependent territories come from one of four countries: Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Haiti.

The Caribbean is the most common region of birth for the 4.5 million Black immigrants in the United States, accounting for 46 percent of the total. Jamaica (16 percent) and Haiti (15 percent) are the two largest origin countries for Black immigrants.

Although Caribbean Americans continue to succeed in the United States, we must acknowledge the barriers and disparities that they continue to face.

And as members of the Congressional Black Caucus, we must look to address all barriers for Black immigrants and protect Caribbean Americans, including but implementing comprehensive immigration reform.

America's strength is rooted in its diversity, which is why it is of incredible importance to

honor Caribbean Americans not just this month, but every month.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL INVESTORS ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2797 (Equal Opportunity for All Investors Act of 2023) would require the SEC to establish an examination to certify specified individuals as accredited investors. The Act further states that the examination shall be administered and offered free of charge to the public by a registered national securities association, such as FINRA. The sponsors of the legislation do not intend to create an unfunded mandate for FINRA or any other national securities association to administer this examination. While the Act would require the examination to be administered and offered to the public free of charge, the sponsors acknowledge that FINRA or any other national securities association may recover administrative costs in other ways, including a contract with the Securities and Exchange Commission that includes fee for services.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JERRY OSTER

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Oster on his 49 years of broadcasting in South Dakota. Mr. Oster is retiring from his current position as News Director of WNAX in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he has become known across five states as the voice of the station.

Following his graduation from USD-Springfield, Mr. Oster took hold of the opportunity to start in the broadcast industry at the young age of 23. With his career spanning nearly five decades, Mr. Oster has covered some of the state's biggest stories and personalities.

It is now at the age of 70 that Mr. Oster has decided to retire. Throughout his career, Mr. Oster has dedicated an incredible amount of time, talent, and service to the state of South Dakota and to his loyal listeners, whom he says are the reason he stayed in the industry for as long as he has.

Mr. Oster leaves behind a legacy of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of his listeners. A legacy modeled after his inspiration, former SDSU football coach John Stiegelmeier and his MAD book, "Make a Difference".

I am proud to stand today and recognize Mr. Oster's dedication to his community in

South Dakota and thank him for his hard work. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING BOB KING FOR IN- DUCTION INTO THE VOLUNTEER IOWA HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob King for his induction into the Volunteer Iowa Hall of Fame.

Bob is known for his willingness to step up and get involved wherever he can. The result of Bob's work can be seen in the growth of Dallas Center's park system, which is focused on expanding the outdoor spaces available for community members to enjoy. This has included the installation of benches and play spaces, the development of trails, the establishment of an athletic complex, and the planting of over eighty trees.

Along with this work, he has served his community through his position as the president and facilitator of the Sustaining Active Independent Living in Dallas Center (SAIL-DC) program. With his help, this program provides a way for homebound residents to stay connected to the world and to continue to live independently.

I thank Bob for his incredible service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation (CFM) and celebrate its 10th anniversary. The CFM Foundation is a non-profit corporation maintained by a network of volunteers that seeks to provide a place of reverence for Coloradans who left to fight for freedom and never returned.

After a visit to the Normandy American Cemetery in France, founder Rick Crandall learned that 88 servicemembers from Colorado were buried there. Curious about how many Coloradans had been lost in all of America's wars, Rick made it his mission to create a space to honor the Colorado servicemembers killed in action. After more than a decade of work, the CFM Foundation erected the Colorado Freedom Memorial in 2013. symbolically bringing Colorado's oncelost men and women back home.

The Colorado Freedom Memorial, located in Aurora, Colorado, holds the names of 5,990 Coloradans killed or missing in action, with an additional 102 names awaiting inscription. The

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names, which span from the Spanish-American War to present day, are organized by conflict, but are intentionally out of alphabetical order to evoke the chaos of war. As long as war is a reality, the lives and names of Coloradans will continue to be added to the memorial to honor the ultimate sacrifice they made in service to our Nation.

In the ten years since the memorial was dedicated, thousands have come to visit, pay their respects, and remember those who served. The Colorado Freedom Memorial is not only a solemn space for memorial services and ceremonies but is a place of grief and healing for families that never had a cemetery to visit the loved ones they lost.

I commend the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation and its volunteers for their ongoing effort to ensure that no Coloradan is forgotten.

CELEBRATING GWINNETT FLAG
DAY 2023

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commemorate Flag Day 2023. Adopted by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, this day celebrates the adoption of the flag of the United States. On the morning of Saturday, June 10th, proud citizens of Lawrenceville and the greater Gwinnett County community will gather at VFW Post 5255 to celebrate Gwinnett County Flag Day 2023.

Since the battle at Brandywine in 1777, the stars and stripes have flown over historic moments in the great American experiment, bearing witness to events such as the bombardment of Fort MCHenry and flying over Ground Zero on September 11th. To citizens of the world, this flag is a symbol of the highest ideals this Nation represents and the promise of untold opportunity. Under this flag, Americans of all colors and creeds have laid down their lives in the struggle against tyranny, the fight against fascism, and the defense against those who would betray the values upon which this Nation was founded.

In the great conflicts of history, it is the American flag that flew above Lexington & Concord. It is the American flag that survived the horrors of Gettysburg. It is the American flag that our Marines raised over Iwo Jima. And, it is the American flag that continues to represent the world's oldest Democracy, that symbolizes the sacrifice of millions of American servicemembers. We must diligently do our part to ensure that we honor their sacrifice by continuing to advance those ideals of freedom, justice, and liberty which the flag represents—ideals which must endure long after we are gone.

Therefore, I call on all residents of Georgia's Seventh Congressional District to observe Flag Day in accordance with the rich traditions that have been established through the years. May our flag continue to wave over this great Nation for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO OWEN BAILY, AN
ENVIRONMENTAL HERO

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memoriam of Owen Bailey. Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), who was a constituent of mine and a champion of our natural environment.

Owen was a compassionate leader of the EDC for over nine years and made an impact on everyone he came in contact with. His relentless passion and determination to tell EDC's story was unmatched and his vision and inspiration made an immense contribution to the strength of the organization.

His love for the environment originated while he was growing up in rural Connecticut, surrounded by a recovering forest with awakening wildlife. He attended the local university, University of Connecticut, where he met his wife, Laurie.

After traveling extensively, the two settled in Los Angeles, where Owen's enthusiasm for the environment turned to advocacy. He started volunteering for the Sierra Club, which quickly evolved into a paid position due to his unique ability to rally people around a cause by telling a story. His work with the Sierra Club culminated with his service in the position of Southwest Advancement Director.

In that position, he worked along the California Central Coast to protect the Oceano Dunes and to preserve the Hearst Ranch. He also worked tirelessly to stop the BHP Billiton liquefied natural gas proposal offshore Oxnard, California. His ability to communicate the threat of these projects to the community caught EDC's attention and a partnership was launched.

Owen's work ethic and humble communication style led EDC to offer him the Executive Director position which he took in 2013.

His work at EDC was critical in giving voice to the concerns and outrage of our community following the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline oil spill at Refugio Beach. He also helped lead the successful 2016 effort to oppose the Phillips 66 proposed rail spur that would have routed oil trains through Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Owen's integrity was unassailable, as his character was above reproach. When Owen spoke, everyone would listen as they knew he spoke the truth. Two of Owen's greatest gifts he has left us are his son Ben and daughter Nicola. Owen's joy and love for his family was always evident and his delight for them was unmistakable.

Although Owen left us too soon, he made an indelible mark on our community through his work and his commitment to many causes. I am honored to have known Owen, who was a testament that through courage and graciousness, you can be effective in achieving positive change.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring Owen Bailey, an exceptional individual and environmental hero from California's 24th Congressional District for his exemplary service to his community.

RECOGNIZING CLIVE FIRE CHIEF
RICK ROE FOR HIS 34 YEARS OF
SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO
THE PEOPLE OF CLIVE, IOWA

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a remarkable individual who has dedicated years of service to our community. Fire Chief Rick Roe will retire today after more than 34 years of service to the Clive area.

Throughout history, heroes have emerged from all walks of life, ordinary people who rise to the occasion when the extraordinary is demanded of them. Chief Roe exemplifies the spirit of those heroes. His leadership and steadfast dedication to public service have undoubtedly impacted the lives of countless individuals, both within the Clive Fire Department and the broader community he has faithfully served.

Firefighters are the epitome of selflessness, rushing into danger when others are fleeing from it, putting their own lives at risk to protect others. They are the guardian angels who provide solace amid chaos and bring hope to those facing unimaginable loss. Chief Roe has embodied these qualities with unmatched grace and resilience, inspiring all who have had the privilege to work alongside him.

Under his guidance, the Clive Fire Department has grown stronger, more efficient, and better equipped to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world. His ability to lead with compassion, intelligence, and integrity has raised the bar for excellence and fostered a sense of camaraderie and unity within the department, ensuring that every firefighter feels valued and supported.

His efforts to prioritize training, modernize equipment, and implement innovative strategies have enhanced the safety of our community, allowing the Clive community to face the most formidable emergencies with confidence and preparedness. Moreover, his commitment to outreach and education has empowered our citizens with the knowledge needed to prevent fires and respond effectively in times of crisis.

I offer Chief Roe my deepest gratitude for his years of service, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication. His impact will continue to shape the future of our fire department for generations to come. I thank him for an extraordinary career marked by courage, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, because of an extended flight delay which disrupted by travel back to Washington, DC on Monday, June 5, 2023, I was unable to attend the legislative session. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 246, and YEA on Roll Call No. 245.