

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF LEMONT

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Village of Lemont's Incorporation. Since 1873, the Village of Lemont has built a culturally diverse and hardworking community, contributing to the rich transportation history of Illinois as the epicenter of the Illinois and Michigan Canal which linked the Illinois River and Lake Michigan.

With land in DuPage, Will, and Cook Counties, Lemont currently has over 16,000 residents, many of them descendants of laborers who dug the I & M Canal and later, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. They immigrated from Germany, Ireland, Scandinavian, as well as from French and English Canada, all looking for a better life. While digging the I & M Canal, an exceptionally fine grade of dolomite limestone was discovered, called "Athens Marble" for the original name of Lemont, leading to decades of stone quarry development. This distinctive limestone is seen in landmarks throughout Illinois and prominently in Lemont and neighboring communities. The quarry industry attracted immigrants from Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Italy. Labor history was made during sometimes violent struggles for fair wages and safer working conditions between quarry workers and owners.

Home to The Lemont Heritage Quarries Recreation Area, Lithuanian World Center, the Heritage Corridor Business Alliance, and numerous vital community organizations, residents of Lemont have much to celebrate. With pride, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this milestone for the Village of Lemont, a vibrant community ready to optimistically face its next one hundred and 50 years.

RECOGNIZING VERY REVEREND DENNIS R. WEEZORAK

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Very Reverend Dennis R. Weezorak on his retirement as pastor of St. Mary Church in South Amboy, New Jersey. Father Weezorak has dedicated over 25 years of service to St. Mary's parish and his leadership and commitment are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Weezorak is devoted to his faith and community. Prior to his installation as pastor of St. Mary's, he served as associate pastor at several parishes in New York and New Jer-

sey, director of ministry to the separated/divorced in the Diocese of Ogdensburg; New York, and chaplain for the United States Air Force and Wilford Medical Center. In January 2021 Bishop James F. Checchio named him Dean of the Raritan Bay Deanery, bestowing the title of Very Reverend. Throughout his 37 years of priesthood, Father Weezorak has provided outstanding spiritual guidance and fellowship and encouraged faith in action.

In addition to his pastoral service, Father Weezorak is an active member of his community. He serves on the board of the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library and volunteers with the Sayreville/South Amboy Chapter of Rotary International.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Very Reverend Dennis Weezorak on his retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to St. Mary Church and the greater community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL TERRILL KAY "T.K." MOFFETT

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Major General Terrill Kay "T.K." Moffett. Major General Moffett passed away on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the age of 73. T.K. Moffett was born on a small farm near Becker, Mississippi, on July 11, 1949. He was the youngest of nine children born to Elmer Carlos Moffett and Mary Ethel Meek Moffett.

As a young man, he gave his life to Christ at Becker Baptist Church, where he also helped lead musical worship in his teenage years. He was an honor's graduate from Amory High School and received nominations to all three United States Service Academies. T.K. chose the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. After the Academy, he served as an Airborne Infantry Officer and Armor Officer, and graduated from both the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He would go on to earn a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi. He is also an honor graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; and he completed United States Army War College as a fellow at Harvard University, where he also studied Municipal Policing.

While pursuing a career in the military, T.K. also practiced law for almost 45 years, earning bar admittance in Mississippi and Alabama. He was the owner of Moffett Law Firm, PLLC, with offices in both Tupelo and Amory. He served as Tupelo City Prosecutor from 1989 through 1999. In 2015, Governor Phil Bryant

appointed T.K. as Chancery Judge in Northeast Mississippi's First Judicial District.

Major General Moffett's military career spanned 40 years in the Army, Army Reserve, and the Mississippi Army National Guard. He commanded at every level from Platoon Leader to Tank Battalion Commander to Division Commander, having served in the 155th Armored Brigade, the 25th Infantry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, the 91st Division, and the 104th Division. He mobilized with the 155th Armored Brigade for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and with the 91st Division for Operation Enduring Freedom. T.K. was promoted to Brigadier General in 1999 and Major General in 2003. He was the Commanding General of the Troop Command Mississippi National Guard, the Deputy Commanding General of the 91st Division in California, and the Commanding General of the 104th Division in Vancouver, Washington. He retired from the military in 2007. His awards and decorations include the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the Mississippi Magnolia Medal, and the Mississippi Commendation Medal.

Major General Moffett was also the founder and owner of Moffett Leadership Institute and conducted leadership and ethics training with numerous military forums throughout the United States, Nigeria, and Rwanda. Though all these accomplishments are incredible, his foremost joy was his family. He was married to his wife, Loreta Millsaps Moffett, for 51 years. He was always proud of his daughter, Tara, and he found great joy in his grandchildren.

Major General Moffett is survived by his wife, Loreta Millsaps Moffett; daughter, Tara Leigh Moffett Dowden, and her husband, Dr. Landon Gene Dowden; four grandchildren, Arabella Leigh Dowden, Adalaide Mary Meek Dowden, Adoniram Landon Dowden, and Alastair Millsaps Moffett Dowden. He was preceded in death by his parents and his other siblings: Howard Donald Moffett, Jerry Kenneth Moffett, E.C. (Elmer Carlos) Moffett, Jr., and Walter Eldon Moffett. After serving with T.K. for many years in the 155th brigade combat team, I consider him a close friend and mentor.

CONGRATULATING GABRIELLA NAHMIA

**HON. ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gabriella Nahmias on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. This is an important milestone in Judaism, and Gabriella has worked hard on this achievement.

A proud resident of Hewlett, she continues to make her family and friends proud each

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day. I join her parents, Samuel and Monica, her family, and friends in congratulating her on this occasion.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District, Mazel Tov to Gabriella.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP WILLIAM J.  
BARBER II

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true man of faith, Bishop William J. Barber II, who is stepping down from his ministry at North Carolina's Greenleaf Christian Church after serving his congregation and community for 30 years with love and devotion.

Under Rev. Dr. Barber's remarkable leadership, Greenleaf Church blossomed into a vibrant parish proclaiming the gospel in all aspects of community life. He secured investments to provide the community with a childcare center, computer literacy job training, affordable housing for families, a low-income senior living facility, a celebrated after-school program, a restaurant, a free community garden, a gang-prevention program, and an HIV/AIDS ministry. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he kept services going and grew a massive online ministry. During Rev. Dr. Barber's tenure, seven individuals have received a call to ministry from Greenleaf and have gone on to complete Master of Divinity and doctoral degrees, and three of them now pastor other congregations.

As an active community leader, Rev. Dr. Barber famously built a powerful grassroots coalition to advocate for moral public policy in the North Carolina General Assembly, leading the way to expand ballot access, increase the state minimum wage and pass the Racial Justice Acts challenging the racist application of the death penalty. This coalition, which grew into the Forward Together movement, also helped secure the freedom of several innocent Black men who had been awaiting execution on death row. In 2013, the coalition's "Moral Monday" demonstrations mobilized tens of thousands of people to protest voter suppression and other acts of what Rev. Dr. Barber calls "policy violence."

In 2015, Rev. Dr. Barber founded Repairers of the Breach, a nonpartisan, interfaith movement that advances moral and constitutional values to combat policies affecting the most vulnerable communities. After a 26-state "moral revival" tour in partnership with the Kairos Center for Religion, Rights & Social Justice, Rev. Dr. Barber and Repairers of the Breach re-launched the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival in 2018. This powerful movement is continuing the work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders who first launched the Poor People's Campaign in 1968 to build a broad, interracial movement for economic justice. Under Rev. Dr. Barber's leadership, the revived Poor People's Campaign has built a national community of hundreds of organizations committed to addressing the interlocking injustices of poverty, racism, ecological devastation, militarism and religious nationalism.

Rev. Dr. Barber's extraordinary eloquence and moral passion have uplifted the fortunes

of countless Americans. He previously served as president of the North Carolina NAACP and on the National NAACP Board of Directors. He has published four books and hundreds of articles, and inspired the introduction of a Third Reconstruction Resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 117th Congress. Rev. Dr. Barber earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and a doctorate from Drew University with a concentration in Public Policy and Pastoral Care. He has had ten honorary degrees conferred upon him.

Yale Divinity School recently honored Rev. Dr. Barber by naming him as Founding Director of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy.

I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Bishop William J. Barber II for his three decades of selfless service at the Greenleaf Christian Church and for his contributions to our Nation as a moral movement leader. I look forward to continuing to work together for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT AND  
HONORING THE CAREER OF  
LARRY J. SUTTON

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy and celebrate the retirement of Larry J. Sutton.

A native of upstate New York, Mr. Sutton received his Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Mechanical Technology from SUNY Canton in 1977. Following his graduation, he began his career working for Corning Incorporated, an American multinational company specializing in specialty glass, ceramics, and advanced optics. During his first years with the company, Mr. Sutton continued his education, receiving his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Business and Managerial Economics from SUNY Empire State College in 1985.

During Mr. Sutton's 45 year career with Corning Incorporated, he achieved the position of Director of Special Programs and had extensive involvement in several nationally-recognized projects. Mr. Sutton engaged in specialized work for NASA, helping develop the windshields and windows used on United States space shuttles and the International Space Station. Mr. Sutton also participated significantly in the development of the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore Labs and the creation of protective radomes used to house radar antennae. Not only did Mr. Sutton have a notable impact on the success of Corning Incorporated, but he was also responsible for significant advancements in the fields of advanced optics, space exploration, and national defense.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sutton received numerous honors in recognition of both his impact on his field and his influence on the success of Corning Incorporated. In 1998, he was honored with one of the highest awards presented by NASA, the Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award, acknowledging the extraordinary quality of his work and its direct impact on the human space flight program. Mr. Sutton

also received the 2002 Corning Specialty Materials Deborah J. Samelson Award for People Development, which recognized his exceptional leadership skills, as well as the 2015 Corning Distinguished Associate Award celebrating his outsized impact on the company.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the exceptional achievements of Larry J. Sutton and remember his enduring contributions to New York, the United States, and the world.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANTHONY CHEN

**HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and colleague Dr. Anthony Chen, who will retire at the end of the month as the Director of Health at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department after serving Washington's communities with care, competence, and compassion for thirty years.

After graduating from Duke University's School of Medicine and completing his residency at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Chen came to Washington in 1993 to serve as a faculty member of the Swedish Family Medicine Residency Program before transitioning into his role as Director of Health at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

For fifteen years, Dr. Chen has promoted positive public health outcomes in Pierce County. He has elevated the conversation and outcomes associated with quality of care, intentionally coordinated with community leaders to improve care delivery to all residents, and advanced cultural competency in public health and medicine.

Through the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Chen worked tirelessly to maintain the Department's structure while facing opposition from misinformation campaigns, continuing the ethos of care in his work that helped set the standard in Washington State. Under Dr. Chen's leadership, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department won the VISSION 2050 Award in 2022 for their innovative, equity-minded approach to integrating health into Pierce County's long-term plans and guidance for growth.

I thank my friend and colleague, Dr. Chen, for his service to the Pierce County community and the state of Washington, as well as congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING STAFF MEMBER  
JACKLYN ROGERS

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacklyn Rogers, a dedicated member of my team for the last three years. Since March 2020, Jackie has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District with passion and commitment.

Jackie was born and raised in her beloved Santa Rosa, California. She was born a triplet and has shown throughout her life a remarkable aptitude for whatever challenge she takes