

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO E.J. BORAH—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, E.J. Borah of Santa Barbara, California. Born in Arlington, California in the 1930's, E.J. Borah possesses an unwavering commitment to education, advocacy, and civic engagement.

Since graduating with her teaching credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, E.J. has left a lasting impact on countless students. In 1968, she earned her masters in education and became a highly regarded reading specialist, helping several students throughout her career in Ventura County, Seattle, Washington, and Orange County.

E.J. is not only passionate as an educator, but has dedicated her time and talents to bring change through social justice. As a woman of color, E.J. has experienced firsthand the need for equal representation and has been a vocal advocate for underrepresented communities.

E.J. has also taken action by serving as a parks commissioner for the City of Fullerton in the 1970s and continues to be involved by participating in voter registration and get-out-and-vote initiatives for over 15 years.

Wherever there is a public event or festival, you can almost always find E.J. with her voter registration materials, avidly advocating for individual participation. E.J. is a passionate leader in the community, and is involved in several organizations. She recognizes the importance of representation and takes an active leadership role in local civic organizations and activities to advance the interest of women, particularly women of color.

E.J.'s contributions to society have been recognized with several accolades. She was named the Woman of the Year by the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara in 2012 and honored as the Annual Suffrage Day Honoree by Women for Orange County in 1998. E.J. is a shining example of a strong, proud, and dedicated woman of color who has tirelessly worked to make a positive difference in her community and beyond.

I am honored to recognize E.J. for her continued commitment to educate, advocate, and take a leadership role to engage others in her community to bring impactful changes for all. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, E.J. Borah, for her incredible service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SETH MAGAZINER**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 245 and YEA on Roll Call No. 246.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community First Foundation for earning the Rotary Club of Golden Ethics in Business Award.

The Community First Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations in the community, having raised over \$53 million to support projects and businesses throughout Jefferson County. In addition to caring about the well-being of our community, they are also dedicated to creating a supportive and collaborative environment for their employees. As they focus on individual career development and team-building, the Community First Foundation has demonstrated their commitment to doing good both in Jefferson County and in their own organization.

It is my honor to congratulate the Community First Foundation on achieving the Ethics in Business Award and thank them for their excellent work in the community.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA SELKEN—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Laura Selken of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Laura Selken, has dedicated her time, talents, and skills to several community organizations. Laura has taken leadership positions at all the organizations she is a volunteer for and is always one to take the initiative when a task needs to be completed.

Laura is passionate about advancing and promoting women's education and women's rights. She understands the power of social

media and puts her ideas into action by creating eye-catching social media publicity and e-newsletters for all the groups she's involved in. In addition to planning and organizing thoughtful programs and events that help to educate the Santa Maria Valley community at large on the status and experiences of women locally, nationally, and globally.

You can always quietly see Laura involved in organizing events such as the hybrid, online and in-person, event on women in Iran for International Women's Day 2023 to Chairing the American Association of University Women (AAUW)—Santa Maria's 2023 Tech Trek program, to sponsor five rising eighth grade students who reside in North Santa Barbara County and identify as girls to spend a week taking STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) courses at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Laura Selken is dedicated to making it possible for historically excluded voices of the Santa Maria Valley, particularly the voices of young women of color, to be heard. In fact, whether online, in person, or both, Laura is often the one making sure that the audio and video technology are functioning optimally so that everyone at an event feels seen and heard. She is never one to shy away from learning or teaching others new technology, or anything new and innovative, and thus inspires those of us who work with her to do the same.

Laura Selken often does not receive the recognition she deserves for all of the time and energy she gives to ensuring the progress and success of women's organizations in the Santa Maria Valley. The commitment and passion she invests in the community is invaluable.

I am honored to recognize Laura Selken for her continued commitment to volunteerism education, social justice, and advocacy throughout the Santa Maria Valley. Her contributions have provided opportunities for young girls throughout the Santa Maria community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Laura Selken, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Farm Bureau, which is celebrating one hundred years of advocacy for agriculture and providing youth education and career opportunities in Lake County.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves both rural and urban individuals who are interested in the production of a plentiful and safe food

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supply. They provide continued support for agriculture in Lake County which includes farmers, ranchers, and agriculture-based companies. The Bureau also helps young people pursue agricultural education and careers, as well as community education in local agriculture industry and practices. To best advocate for agricultural interests, the Bureau collaborates with local, state, and federal political leaders, government officials, news media, and other organizations.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves on state and local advisory groups including the Lake County Cannabis Task Force for Ordinance, the Lake County Advisory Committee, the Big Valley GSPAC Committee for Sigma Compliance, the Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Committee, and the FWS Clear Lake Hitch Conservation Strategy Committee.

By effectively advocating for our agriculture community and furthering education on agricultural issues, the Lake County Farm Bureau has greatly strengthened our district. The Bureau aids locals by advising on business practices and teaching educational courses, Lake County Farm Bureau has consistently represented an important perspective on matters affecting the agriculture industry at local, regional, state, and federal levels.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Farm Bureau is deeply appreciated for their 100 years of service and commitment to our agriculture community. Their advocacy has helped California grow by supporting those feeding our communities.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2023

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2023. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the local D.C. trial court, the D.C. Superior Court, based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, this bill would clarify that the term sex, which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

D.C. has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. does not have the authority to amend the non-discrimination law that applies to D.C. jurors. Therefore, until D.C. is given control over its local courts, an act of Congress is required to clarify that LGBTQ+ jurors are protected from discrimination.

As the Supreme Court said in *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Company*, "discrimination within the courtroom raises serious questions as to the fairness of the proceedings conducted there. [B]ias mars the integrity of the judicial system and prevents the idea of demo-

cratic government from becoming a reality." Similarly, the Court, in *Batson v. Kentucky*, which was a juror discrimination case based on race, said, "The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community. Selection procedures that purposefully exclude black persons from juries undermine public confidence in the fairness of our system of justice."

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMENS ARMED SERVICES ACT AND TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF WOMEN VETERANS

#### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Act, and the long tradition of the woman veterans who have honorably and courageously served this great Nation.

Since the founding of our Nation, women have always played a pivotal role in our country's military. It wasn't until the Women's Armed Services Act was signed into law by President Harry Truman on June 12, 1948 that women were allowed to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

So today, on the 75th anniversary, I am proud to stand here to thank all past and present women who have served and sacrificed as military members and veterans.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Big Flats American Legion Skinner Ernest Memorial Post 1612 in Big Flats, Chemung County, New York, hosted the second annual Chemung County Women Veterans Recognition Day to honor and remember the sacrifice and service of women veterans. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Big Flats Legion and all those involved in coordinating the event and their dedication to celebrate and honor their fellow female veterans and service women.

It is my humble honor to ask my colleagues to join me in remembering these brave, dedicated, and courageous women who previously served, currently serve, and those seeking future service to our country.

#### HONORING ABIGAIL DAUS

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abigail Daus for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Abigail is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and has achieved great things there and throughout her life, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Stu-

dents like Abigail—who strive to make the most of their education develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Abigail's hard work, determination, and perseverance and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Abigail Daus on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### TRIBUTE TO CASIE KILLGORE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Casie Killgore of Santa Barbara, California.

Raised in Santa Barbara, Casie Killgore has always been committed and involved in her community. As an educator, Casie has dedicated her career in making a difference and leaving an impact in her student's lives. She started her career as a sixth-grade teacher in the early 2000s and has been the Principal at Franklin Elementary School for nearly 15 years.

Casie is a leader who cares about providing the best support for her students, parents, and staff. She is always thinking of innovative ways to support her students and how to bring programs on campus to support what is best for her students and for the families.

Her leadership has helped to create resources like the Franklin Neighborhood Center. Always thinking of her students, Casie has also partnered with organizations throughout the community to provide the support required to assist her students accomplish their future goals and inspire them to continue their education.

Having her community interest in mind, Casie has stepped up to provide resources on campus for students to learn essential life skills and create options for her students. Casie is committed to motivating her students and prepare them for success by providing programs such as Language Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, STEAM programs and so many more.

Her campus has become a trusted resource for so many families that continue to return to the school for its programs, even after the students have graduated and moved on to other schools.

Casie believes in investing in the students, the school, but also in the entire Eastside neighborhood. Casie's dedication extends beyond the school, bringing resources to support the community and the families who call the Eastside their home. She has nurtured trust with the families who know their children will get the education they deserve and will have access to the opportunities to reach their future goals.

Her service goes beyond her work in education, as she serves as a board member on