

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CLOVIS UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPER-  
INTENDENT EIMEAR O'BRIEN

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eimear O'Brien on her retirement as Superintendent of the Clovis Unified School District. Throughout her 39-year career in the education field, Eimear has demonstrated servant leadership, professionalism, and integrity. Her passion for improving the lives of our youth through education is emblematic of Clovis.

Before serving as the Superintendent of the Clovis Unified School District, Eimear spent nearly 20 years in the classroom from 1983 to 2003. Born and raised in Ireland, Eimear earned her bachelor's degree from the Carysfort College of Education at the National University of Ireland in 1983. After earning her teaching credential in Ireland, she taught for 10 years in Dublin before accepting a teaching opportunity in the United States. She moved to Fresno, California in 1993 and became a first-grade teacher at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School before joining Clovis Unified as a third grade teacher at Maple Creek Elementary School in 1996. In 2010, Eimear graduated with her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno. Eimear's pursuit of academic excellence serves as a role model for the students, teachers, staff, and administrators to inspire excellence within Clovis Unified.

Following her two decades as an elementary school teacher in both Ireland and the United States, Eimear served in numerous leadership capacities at Clovis Unified, which speaks volumes about the trust placed in her. She began her pathway in educational leadership as the Guidance Instructional Specialist (GIS) at Valley Oak Elementary School in 2003. From there, she quickly advanced to Learning Director at Clovis West High School, Principal of Valley Oak Elementary School in 2007, Deputy Principal of Clovis West High School in 2009, and Principal of Clovis West High School in 2012. From 2014 to 2017, she served as Assistant Superintendent for the Clovis West Area before her appointment by the Clovis Unified Board of Trustees to the position of Superintendent in 2017.

During her tenure, Clovis Unified earned numerous awards, including, but not limited to, three National Blue Ribbon Awards, 13 California Distinguished School Awards, one Model Continuation School Award, five National Schools to Watch Awards, 28 California Pivotal Practice Awards, 54 Honor Roll School Recognitions, 43 Bonner Character Awards, 51 Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Awards, and 41 Statewide Civil Learning Awards.

While Eimear has an impressive list of accomplishments throughout her career, her

greatest legacy is the lasting, positive impact on the lives of students over her nearly four decades of educational service. I know that Eimear is looking forward to this next chapter of her life and spending more time with her two daughters, Sarah and Emma. On behalf of the 20th Congressional District of California, I would like to congratulate Dr. Eimear O'Brien on a well-deserved retirement, a successful career in education, and for her many contributions to our community.

HONORING PRESIDENT ELLEN  
JUNN'S SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA  
STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

**HON. JOSH HARDER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the history-making career of Ellen Junn, the President of California State University Stanislaus, and to thank her for her endless contributions to student success. Upon her appointment in 2016, President Junn made history as the first Korean-American woman to be appointed President of a four-year public institution in the United States. President Junn is now retiring after tirelessly leading CSU Stanislaus for 7 years, following her 30 years of service across five other California State University campuses.

During her tenure, President Junn championed and invested in student success, ensuring students from all backgrounds could succeed on campus. She launched the President's Central Valley First-Generation Scholars Initiative, the first in the CSU system to support first-generation college students from a specific geographic area. President Junn also forged a path for students from local community colleges to successfully transfer into Stanislaus State by creating the Warriors on the Way program. The institution's academic success also thrived under President Junn's leadership: MONEY Magazine names Stanislaus State among California's Top 10 colleges.

President Junn's investment in students transcends her role on campus. Throughout her career, President Junn has published peer-reviewed research and journal articles focusing on the needs of underserved students and the role of community engagement at universities. She leads several community organizations, including being the President of the Central Higher Education Consortium and the Board of Directors for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. President Junn is also a member of the Stanislaus Community Foundation's Cradle to Career Leadership Team, ITHAKA Higher Education Insights, California Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Association for Psychological Science.

I am honored to recognize President Ellen Junn's significant contributions to the Cali-

fornia State University community, and I congratulate her on a long, successful career dedicated to the lives of students.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM GOULD IV

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the remarks of my constituent, William B. Gould IV, Professor Emeritus at Stanford Law School, at the unveiling of a statue of his great-grandfather who escaped slavery to serve in the Navy during the Civil War.

UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF WILLIAM B. GOULD [1837-1923]: THE FLAME KEPT ALIVE  
DELIVERED BY WILLIAM B. GOULD IV, GOULD PARK—DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 28, 2023

On behalf of the entire Gould Family on this 100th commemoration of William B. Gould's death here in Dedham, today I express our thanks to Dedham's citizens who made this day possible. Specifically, Joe Castiglione, Voice of the Boston Red Sox and my friend for nearly forty years, for his kindness in accepting this position as Master of Ceremonies of this event.

And I thank Father Wayne L. Belschner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church which William B. Gould helped construct in the 1880s. I shall never forget your eloquent and vivid speech 18 months ago here in Dedham about him and his work and I thank you for it.

And thank you Father Chitral De Mel, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepard here, where we attended the Eucharist this morning and where the first four of the six William Benjamin Goulds were baptized.

Penultimately, thank you Pablo Eduardo for your fine artistry in sculpting this statue of my great-grandfather.

Finally, I thank Brian Keaney, who along with Dan Hart, and so many others here in Dedham discovered William B. Gould three years ago and set in motion a chain of events which have led to this day.

"Bring the good old bugle, boys, we'll sing another song" writes Henry C. Work when he wrote Marching Through Georgia which my father sang to us so often in our New Jersey household.

"Sing it with a spirit that will start the world along—Sing it as we used to sing it, fifty thousand strong. While we were marching through Georgia."

These words, sung with gusto by my father, along with the Battle Hymn of the Republic, have been with me since childhood and throughout my three decade long search for my great grandfather, gone from this world thirteen years before my birth.

As we arrived in Boston a few days ago after a visit to Savannah, Georgia, I thought anew about those days, reflecting upon General Sherman's great "march to the sea" when "treason fled before us" as the United States marched through Georgia and presented a Christmas present of Savannah to President Lincoln.

Two decades ago, when some of the Gould Family traveled to Wilmington, North Carolina, William B. Gould's birthplace and the

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site of his audacious escape from slavery to join the United States Navy in the War of the Rebellion, we noted the absence of any statues for the Black veterans of that conflict. Contrarily, we noted the many Confederate statues throughout the country, a phenomenon made graphic today as some have been pulled down, relocated or destroyed. In Wilmington in 2003 I said:

"... There is little or no mention or acknowledgment of the black military involvement in this effort, the 'holiest of all causes' as William B. Gould called it, to obtain the New World's central political and legal achievement."

Statues cannot be viewed as neutral and they do not exist in a vacuum. They project the memories of the past and the values associated with them. Their oldest confirmed examples of stone and portrait are said to be before recorded history, 35,000 to 45,000 years ago. When the time capsules contained within this statue are opened, one hundred and two hundred years from now, it may be that William B. Gould's values, expressed in war and in peace here in Dedham, will in some way shape or promote the discussions of future generations.

Of course, it was my father, William B. Gould III, raised here on the Boston-Dedham boundary line, who truly lit the spark for this day. It was he who bequeathed the cadence of the Civil War, its' principles, music, literature and knowledge of its military battles as part of our upbringing. It was he who found the diary itself here in Dedham. It was he who manifested an ever courteous reverence toward my great uncles who had fought in France in World War I. It was he who kept the name alive.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the first William B. Gould's service to the United States and his well-written words at sea in 1865. "We were born under the Flag of the Union and we never will know no other," he said in response to ideas which abounded before and during the War about Black colonization in Africa, while pursuing Confederate vessels near Southampton, Great Britain. "My sentiment is the sentiment of the people of the states", he said. And for my great grandfather, this flag was the "Flag of Right" and "the Flag of Equality."

This day marks honor for that commitment and for those previously forgotten. For until my father discovered the diary and the citizens of Dedham took notice of it three years ago, William B. Gould had been forgotten. To be forgotten was illustrative of what I described a number of years ago, i.e., "... the old order against which my parents had struggled. In their day the struggle was against hopeless odds—hopeless because all who possessed African blood were isolated, ridiculed, despised—and thus regarded as unfit for occupations and work that the white man was willing to perform." It was the forgotten who, in the words of the Book of Common Prayer, "travail" and are "heavy laden." This is what William B. Gould had in mind when, in his diary, he railed against the tearing of "benighted Africans" from their "loved homes on the free plains of Africa's shores" to be "transferred to the Wilderness of America so that they would become "... the Hewers of the Wood and Drawers of Water to clear their Land, to Build their Citys and feed their Mouths?"

I cannot speak for what William B. Gould would say about the current discussion and debate on recompense or reparations and what form, if any, they should take. But today we can experience firsthand the exhilaration of victory at sea as well as on land, the conclusion of what, in his Second Inaugural Address President Lincoln called "the bondman's two hundred and fifty years

of unrequited toil" and "every drop of blood drawn with the lash."

In 2023, these wounds still exist in our country today more than one hundred and sixty years after William B. Gould's service. For his generation of family and war comrades, who were ever devoted to full freedom and equality, surely today he would want us to repair the inequality in our country, as he did through his work, with great care and honesty. As St. Mary's parishioners know today, he was a smart, capable and practical craftsman who worked with his mind as well as his hands. He would be, as he was then, promoting that which is compatible with Lincoln's overriding goal to "bind up the nation's wounds" so that we may live with equity in dignity with respect for one another.

Thank you, Dedham, Massachusetts, for this honor to William B. Gould. God bless you in your efforts to reflect upon the past and affect the future.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address my vote for H. Res. 311.

This resolution will encourage the State of Israel to continue its diplomatic efforts within the Middle East and North African (MENA) region and beyond. In recent years, Israel has succeeded in establishing diplomatic relations with several nations around it. I continue to be supportive of the efforts by the State of Israel to work toward normalization of relations with its neighbors and improve the stability of the region. The resolution also describes several aspects of U.S.-Israel policy, which I continue to support, including the 10-year Memorandum of Understanding and maintenance of our bilateral relationship. It is for these reasons that I voted in favor of this resolution.

However, I am disappointed that the resolution did not include an explicit affirmation of a two-state solution nor the eventual goal of peace with the Palestinians. A similar bipartisan resolution marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of Israel included these affirmations. These statements are long-standing aspects of U.S. policy, including the Biden Administration's current policy, and are core principles for a successful peace process.

I will continue to support a two-state solution and the peace process needed to achieve that goal.

## REMEMBERING THE SIKH GENOCIDE OF 1984

### HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and mourn the thousands of innocent Sikh lives that were stolen over the course of the Sikh Genocide. Thirty-nine years after the onset of the Indian government's military operation to decimate the holy city of Amritsar, the scars of genocide remain ever present in the Sikh community across the

globe. Yet, even in the face of numerous tribulations and outright hate, the Sikh community continues to rise above and uphold their principles of humility, compassion, and generosity.

The Sikh Genocide began in June of 1984 with Operation Blue Star, a military operation targeting the Harmandir Sahib, also known as The Golden Temple Complex, lasting ten days. For days, innocent worshippers that were celebrating a Sikh religious holiday were trapped inside the gurdwara. Deprived of food and water, deprived of their right to worship, and deprived of their basic human rights. Thousands of innocent Sikh worshippers were murdered in Operation Blue Star. Today, the bullet holes scarring the Golden Temple Complex serve as a heart wrenching visual, forever reminding all who visit of the atrocities that occurred.

Tragically, Operation Blue Star wasn't the end of this genocide, but only the beginning. The horrendous military operation was immediately followed by a sharp uptick in human rights violations targeting innocent Sikhs across India. Over 40 other gurdwaras were attacked across the Punjab province. And the attacks on innocent Sikhs persisted for seven years.

We cannot forget the thousands of innocent people who were persecuted. We follow the lead of the Sikh community, who now commemorate these 10 days by holding special prayer services in honor of the innocent lives which were lost. I offer a moment of silence to honor the innocent people harmed over the course of the Sikh Genocide. May we never forget the atrocities that occurred.

## HONORING THE CREW OF UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CUTTER "JOSEPH DOYLE" (WPC 1133) COURAGE DANS LA TEMPETE

### HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2023*

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the crew of the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Joseph Doyle* (WPC 1133), on its 4th year of commissioned service in Puerto Rico.

Commissioned in a patriotic ceremony on June 8, 2019, in San Juan Puerto Rico, Cutter *Joseph Doyle* is the 33rd Fast Response cutter in the USCG's fleet and joined a fleet of seven fast response cutters under the operational control of U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico. Immediately it began to conduct Coast Guard missions including Counter-Drug, Alien-Migrant Interdiction Operations, and Search and Rescue throughout a 1.2 million square mile area of responsibility spanning Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and much of the Eastern Caribbean.

Cutter WPC 1133 is named after Joseph O. Doyle who started serving as the Keeper of the Charlotte, New York Life Saving Station, in 1878, and became one of the most admired and courageous keepers of the United States Lifesaving Service recognized by awarding him the Gold Life Saving Medal. Inspired by his example and guided by the ship's motto "Courage Dans La Tempete" or "Courage in the Storm" the crew of the cutter *Joseph Doyle* endeavors to ensure that local and federal laws are upheld on the high seas and all