

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAMES PAPARIELLO

#### HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of James Papariello, who sadly passed away on June 12, 2023, at the age of 84.

In 1969, the Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, native built his own business, Jim Papariello Studios, that served the Greater Pittsburgh community for over 50 years. Throughout his career in commercial industrial photography, James captured many of Pittsburgh's important figures and organizations, including Mario Lemieux, Dr. Earl Starzl, U.S. Steel and Heinz corporations. Pittsburgher Magazine featured several of his works on their cover in recognition of their quality and significance to southwestern Pennsylvania. These covers and photographs are currently on display in the Heinz History Center for all to enjoy.

Apart from his life's work, James also devoted himself to his family. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Linda, and his beloved children and grandchildren. His family will fondly remember James as a man whose greatest happiness came from spending time together.

Mr. Speaker, James Papariello's love of his community and dedication to his family is an example to us all. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I wish his family comfort and healing during this difficult time.

### HONORING DESIRÉE S. MATTHEWS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIB- BEAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Desirée S. Matthews has been with the city manager's office since 2001—previously serving as the assistant to the city manager and assistant city manager. She was promoted to deputy city manager in August of 2011.

As deputy city manager, Desirée is responsible for assisting the city manager with the day-to-day operations of the organization, including overseeing Parks & Recreation, Public Works & Engineering, Information Technology, and the city's various social service programs and special initiatives.

Desirée received her Bachelor of Science from Florida Atlantic University and her master's in public administration from the University of Central Florida.

She is the proud daughter of Jamaican-born parents and is especially proud of her mother, Ivett Spence Brown, the first Black female firefighter for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Desirée's Jamaican roots are evident in her values, good vibes, love of diverse cultures, and her spirit of resolve and resilience commonly found in Caribbean people. Jamaica's motto, "Out of Many, One People," shows that Jamaicans are, indeed one. No matter what race, class, religion, age, or gender.

This culture of unity is why Desirée considers Kissimmee home. No matter where we are from, we can be a united people, live in harmony, and make our community better.

### HONORING DR. MALCOLM WOODLAND

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Dr. Malcolm Woodland, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue his mission.

A Washington, D.C. native, Dr. Woodland came to my office ready to positively impact the African-American community. While in my office, he has pushed my civil rights agenda to great lengths—from coordinating events for the Caucus on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to conducting research, to uniting people of color impacted by racial disadvantages.

In our time together, I have recognized that Dr. Woodland is a force in civil rights policy. His passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged young men of color. His commitment to equality has led him to serve as the deputy director of juvenile probation in the District of Columbia, and he was also the chief psychologist of the Child Guidance Clinic at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In addition to his work in the government, Woodland is the founder and director of the Young Doctors Project, a nonprofit organization for boys and young men of color interested in careers in health and medicine.

Dr. Woodland has and will continue to make a difference and leave his mark on education, health, and juvenile justice policy as he continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Malcolm Woodland for his exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

### RECOGNIZING THE ABOLITION ROW PARK AND HISTORICAL DIS- TRICT

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the ribbon cutting ceremony for

the new Abolition Row Park and Historical District in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The park will sit across from three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places—the Nathan and Mary Johnson properties and the Friends Meeting House. Each of these buildings, and the people who lived and met in them, played a significant role in New Bedford's abolition movement. The park was developed through a partnership between the New Bedford Historical Society, the City of New Bedford, and local organizations to reclaim and preserve the 19th century neighborhood that was once home to key members of the Underground Railroad and the city's anti-slavery movement, including Frederick Douglass.

Nathan and Mary Johnson's house was the first home that Frederick Douglass lived in after escaping slavery in Maryland in 1838. It was at this house that Douglass changed his name from Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey to Frederick Douglass, and it was in New Bedford where Frederick Douglass and his wife, Anna, started their family and Douglass earned his first wages as a freeman.

On June 23, 2023, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to celebrate the opening of Abolition Row Park and to commemorate the new local Abolition Row Historical District, which includes four blocks of historic buildings, many of which were the homes of critical anti-slavery advocates leading up to the civil war. The Abolition Row Park will also include a seven-foot statue of Frederick Douglass, who spent his first years of freedom right across the street from that very park.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the opening of the Abolition Row Park and Historical District, and I ask that my colleagues join me in acknowledging and honoring the crucial role that the City of New Bedford played in our country's abolition movement.

### HONORING WILLIAM LAWSON AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CEN- TRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, William Lawson, a proud half-Puerto Rican, has emerged as a prominent community leader and advocate for working families in Central Florida. Born and raised in Miami, Florida to William Lawson and Elise Del Rio, William's diverse heritage, with roots tracing back to the Bahamas and Puerto Rico, has influenced his unwavering commitment to empowering underrepresented communities.

William's passion for politics and social justice was ignited during his college years, where he pursued studies in anthropology. It was through grassroots movements and protests that he discovered the transformative

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power of collective action. Motivated by a desire to effect meaningful change, he immersed himself in electoral and issue-based campaigns, channeling his energy into making a difference.

In late 2015, William found his calling when he joined the Florida AFL–CIO, a formidable force representing over 70,000 unionized workers in the region, as a field representative. In this role, he has tirelessly fought for the rights of working-class individuals, championing their cause in the political arena. Working closely with unions and grassroots organizations, William has dedicated himself to developing strategic campaign plans, aiming to elect pro-union candidates who prioritize the well-being of working families at every level of public office.

William has made his presence felt in Tallahassee, annually lobbying against legislation that threatens the rights and livelihoods of workers that often favor corporate interests. These efforts have been instrumental in safeguarding the well-being of countless individuals and ensuring a fair and just work environment.

Beyond his political endeavors, William has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to immigrant communities. Through his involvement in an immigration program, he has assisted hundreds of legal permanent residents in Central Florida to navigate the path to citizenship in the United States, providing them with opportunities for a better future.

In collaboration with numerous unions in the area, William has spearheaded various organizing projects, representing the voices of teachers, custodians, electricians, painters, cooks, housekeepers, and many other vital workers. Through these initiatives, he has been instrumental in promoting fair wages, safe working conditions, and equitable treatment for those who form the backbone of our communities.

#### RE-INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF EID AL-ADHA AND WISH MUSLIM AMERICANS AND MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD A PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize Eid Al-Adha and wish Muslims around the world an Eid Mubarak.

I am honored to partner with my colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB, Rep. ILHAN OMAR, and Rep. DEBBIE DINGELL to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.8 million Muslims globally. This resolution helps highlight the significance of this Islamic holiday and to recognize the contributions of Muslims across the world. American Muslims are part of every industry and space in the United States since the founding of our country.

Eid Al-Adha commemorates Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as ref-

erenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament. The holiday is a three-day celebration filled with prayers, charity, and the annual pilgrimage, for those who are able. I congratulate the 1 million Muslims that are participating in the annual pilgrimage, Hajj, this year. May God bless them always.

I thank the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), Islamic Relief USA, Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS), and the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) for their support on this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the religious significance of Eid al-Adha and wishing Muslim Americans and Muslims around the world a prosperous holiday by signing on to this important legislation.

#### HONORING OLIVIA MORALES

##### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Olivia Morales, my fellow who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission.

A Florida native, Olivia came to my office ready to change the American educational system. While in my office, Olivia has pushed my education agenda to great lengths—from drafting legislation, to conducting research, to writing education policy pieces.

In our time together, I have recognized that Olivia is a force in education policy. Her passion has been powerful over the last year as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to educational equality has led Olivia to complete her undergraduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University and spend a year working as a College Adviser with the Duke College Advising Corps. After her service with the Corps, she began her doctoral studies in the University of Florida's Higher Education Administration and Policy program. Her research uses critical quantitative methods to evaluate higher education policies and student outcomes. Olivia has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on education policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Olivia Morales for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

#### HONORING STEPHANIE BECHARA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Stephanie Bechara calls Osceola County home and is proud to work for the City of Kissimmee as their communications and public affairs officer. Stephanie serves as a liaison between the city, the community, and the media.

Before working for the City of Kissimmee, Stephanie was a multimedia journalist and worked in television news for more than a decade. As a former reporter, she's enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and put herself in the shoes of others daily. "For it is storytelling that moves people," she says.

Stephanie received her master's degree from the University of Florida. Having grown up in a Hispanic household, Stephanie is fluent in both English and Spanish. Stephanie's exposure to diverse people with unique backdrops is what ignites her spark for communicating.

Stephanie usually wears multiple hats while working with cross-functional teams including marketing and social media. But what she looks forward to every single day is the community engagement aspect of it all. Stephanie serves as a two way street fostering goodwill among residents, businesses, and non-profits, all in hopes of making Kissimmee thrive.

Stephanie is resourceful and creative when it comes to planning, enterprising, and delivering storytelling. She has received several awards from the Florida Associated Press, one of them highlighting her as Best Mobile Journalist. Stephanie was also nominated for an Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the Suncoast Chapter. Additionally, Stephanie was recognized for her work on immigrant-related stories by the Central Florida chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Stephanie has fallen in love with Osceola County and is honored to work in the place she calls home. Stephanie lives in Poinciana with her husband Ray and is the proud mother of their baby, Zion, and little girl, Starlett.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF PAT FRISCH

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

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the service of Pat Frisch, Program Director and Director of Content for Central Montana Radio Stations in Great Falls, Montana.

Pat has a broadcasting career that has lasted over 40 years and has taken him from Cary, Illinois to Great Falls, Montana with stops in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, Prescott, Arizona, Lake Tahoe, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pat holds a spot in the Nevada Broadcaster Hall of Fame.

Pat has announced his retirement from broadcasting due to health issues. He will be missed for his early morning humor and his ability to get to the bottom line of a story. Pat is a go to resource for breaking news for Great Falls and the many Agricultural communities that 560 KMON serves. Pat's passion for his family, friends, and especially his three dogs (Chica, Lucky, and Feefs) is evident when he shares his stories.

Community members and listeners have often said they appreciate the questions and interviews Pat does with the elected official representing the state of Montana. Regardless of their political affiliation, Pat is always open and welcoming to politicians and remains fair and balanced in his questioning during interviews. This type of reporting has become lost