

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 3, 2023

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, due to the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations Markup, I missed the vote on the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 3564. Roll Call No. 288. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 288.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDING GENERAL RESIDENCY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Commanding General Residency Act, which would require the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard to reside in D.C. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

D.C. has no control over the D.C. National Guard. Instead, the president controls the D.C. National Guard, which many Americans first learned either during the January 6, 2021, attack on the United States Capitol, when the Trump administration delayed deploying the D.C. National Guard to the Capitol for several hours, or during the June 2020 attack by federal law enforcement on largely peaceful protestors outside the White House, in which the D.C. National Guard was used by the Trump administration as part of the attack. In contrast, governors of the states and the three territories that have National Guards each control their National Guards.

I have long introduced a bill, the D.C. National Guard Home Rule Act, that would give the D.C. mayor control over the D.C. National Guard. Last Congress, the House's fiscal year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act included the D.C. National Guard Home Rule Act, but it was stripped out of the final versions of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 NDAA because Republicans threatened to vote against the must-pass NDAA if it included the D.C. National Guard Home Rule Act.

The Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is the top official in the D.C. National Guard, is appointed by the president and is a federal employee. There are residency requirements for government officials in federal law, D.C. law and the laws of jurisdictions throughout the country. In fact, several states have laws that require the top official in their National Guard to reside in their state, and it is highly likely that every state and territory only appoints residents as the top official

in their National Guard. The primary reason residency requirements exist is so that government officials have a connection to the residents they serve and in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges faced by residents.

Congress has justifiably required that certain federal officials reside in the jurisdiction to which they are appointed, including U.S. district court judges, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Attorneys. Similarly, Congress, which controls the local D.C. court system, has justifiably required local D.C. judges and members of the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission and the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure to reside in D.C.

There is no reason that the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, a federal entity that serves only D.C. residents and that has both a military and law enforcement role, should not be required to reside in D.C. A D.C. residency requirement for the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard will lead to a better relationship between the D.C. National Guard and D.C. residents and is a matter of fairness for D.C. residents.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING DR. CHARLES CRUTCHFIELD III

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a renowned Minnesota doctor who was taken from us much too soon. Dr. Charles Crutchfield III was just 62 years old when he passed, following a 2½ year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. His death is a deep and profound loss for his family, Minnesota's Black community, and our entire State.

Charles was born in Minneapolis to a notable family of doctors. He attended Minnehaha Academy, graduated with honors in 1978, and attended Carleton College where he studied biology. He completed his medical education at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota, and his dermatology residence at the University of Minnesota.

A board-certified dermatologist for over 20 years, Charles was the first African-American dermatologist in Minnesota. He was selected as one of the top 10 dermatologists in the United States by Black Enterprise magazine and recognized by Minnesota Medicine as one of the 100 Most Influential Healthcare leaders in Minnesota. He founded his own dermatology practice, Crutchfield Dermatology, in 2002. He served as President of the Minnesota Association of Black Physicians and was the team dermatologist for Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Wild, and Minnesota Vikings. But his pioneering work didn't stop with his own career, as he wrote regular articles for the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder focusing on health topics specifically pertinent to the

Black community and recruited other Black physicians to contribute their own writing.

Dr. Crutchfield's work to advance medical knowledge continued as a part-time teacher, holding positions of Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the University of Minnesota Medical School and Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor of Biology at Carleton College. Additionally, his Crutchfield Dermatology Foundation created a lectureship focused on ethnic skin to educate medical residents about treating skin of color. Charles also mentored students of color to help them gain admission to medical school and become doctors, with the goal of increasing future diversity among medical providers. Even from his hospital bed, Charles continued to teach his Cutaneous Biology course remotely.

During the COVID pandemic, Dr. Crutchfield used his "Doctor's Advice" column and significant community standing to educate the public about the disease, provide updates about the latest developments, and fight fear and misinformation about masks, social distancing and vaccinations. Charles employed his gift for communicating complex ideas in clear, concise language to save lives during a time of great challenge for our country.

Charles had an impact on so many. He fought to save lives during his time on earth and will be greatly missed by his patients, friends, and family. Minnesota has lost a pioneering medical professional and a dedicated family man. A public Celebration of Life is currently being planned for later this summer. I extend my deepest condolences to Charles' family and my gratitude for all he has done to make our communities healthier.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Deputy William Hollingsworth for his selfless and heroic acts on Friday, June 16, 2023. Deputy Hollingsworth was helping stranded drivers amid the rapidly rising water early that Friday morning when he saw a motorist disappear beneath Highway 98. Deputy Hollingsworth rushed toward the motorist to provide aid without regard for his safety. He and the motorist were then swept into a flooded storm drain and traveled nearly 100 feet under the four-lane highway. Despite this traumatic turn of events, Deputy Hollingsworth emerged on the other side, spotted the motorist, and continued to wade toward him to continue his rescue attempt. His courageous actions cannot be overstated.

I, along with the entire Northwest Florida community, thank Deputy Hollingsworth for his devotion to duty and commitment to excellence. His valiant actions exemplify the very best of Northwest Florida's law enforcement. I

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am proud to have him serving in Florida's First Congressional District.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am privileged to recognize Deputy William Hollingsworth for his unwavering commitment to upholding the values of our local law enforcement agencies. I thank him for his service and offer my warmest regards and best wishes to him and his family.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT
CHRIS EVANS OF THE NATOMAS
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honor of Superintendent Chris Evans of the Natomas Unified School

District Board of Trustees. With over 30 years of dedication to academia and consistent investment to close the achievement gap, Mr. Evans' contribution to Sacramento is indelible.

Mr. Evans has been in public education since his graduation from Sacramento State University in 1993. He spent years as a social studies teacher, coach, and an athletic director before his work in administration. As principal of Valley High School where he was recognized as leading one of Newsweek's Best High Schools in America, Mr. Evans soon became the Assistant Superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District—the fourth largest district in California.

During Mr. Evans' twelve-year contribution with Natomas Unified School District, he has transitioned students to virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and maneuvered a rising student population of over 5000 since his initiation. With IB programs available for students in grades TK-12, Natomas Unified is mauculating passionate learners that are built

for intercultural awareness and respect for all. I recognize Mr. Evans' commendable diligence through the expansion of the Career Technical Programs, increasing high school graduation rates, and student acceptances to University of California schools and California State University schools. The Natomas Unified School District has been integral for Mr. Evans' collaboration and perseverance to growing independent learners and instilling a comprehensive and engaging curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate the retirement of Chris Evans, for enriching the Sacramento Area with academic success in the public sector. We wish Mr. Evans prosperity as a founder for Action-Oriented Leaders and look forward to witnessing his future successes as a torchbearer in the Sacramento Area. I thank all those involved with supporting our youth with the tools they deserve to thrive in life. Mr. Evans' investment in our community and public service is not unnoticed.