

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY LANCE  
CORPORAL LORRAINE DIAMOND

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary service of Marine Corps veteran and Montgomery County District Attorney Lance Corporal Lorraine Diamond.

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1992 to 1994, LCpl Diamond excelled academically, earning Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration and Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from Mount Saint Mary College. LCpl Diamond also attained her Juris Doctorate at the Elisabeth Haub Law School at Pace University, where she was the Editor-in-Chief of the Pace Law Review.

LCpl Diamond began her legal career working for Ernst & Young, LLP as a State and Local Tax Consultant in the Tri-State Area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Her initial work in law earned her the favor and respect of the legal community in the region.

LCpl Diamond relocated to the North Country in 2007 to serve as the Senior Legal Counsel to the Department of Social Services in Fulton County. After 5 years in Fulton County, LCpl Diamond became an Assistant Public Defender in neighboring Montgomery County, later taking the office of Assistant District Attorney in 2017.

In January 2021, LCpl Diamond was sworn in as the District Attorney of Montgomery County following her successful election bid in 2020. Since then, she has served honorably in the position and upheld the law in her duties as DA.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Montgomery County District Attorney Lance Corporal Lorraine Diamond's esteemed career of integrity, courage, and commitment to our country and to the rule of law.

RECOGNIZING BETHANY NURSING  
HOME'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise today to recognize Bethany Nursing Home in Waupaca for the celebration of their 125th anniversary.

Bethany Nursing Home boasts a rich history of care and service dating back to the 1890s. The organization began under the name Bethania Bornerjem, Danish for "Bethany Children's Home", and specialized in providing a home to orphans. In 1954, the organization changed their mission and became a retirement home starting out with 18 residents.

Since then, Bethany Nursing Home has seen impressive growth with the constant additions of staff, as well as consistent improvements and expansions. The home now features 100 skilled nursing home beds, 49 assisted living rooms, 40 assisted living apartments, 41 independent living units, and even a retreat house for family and friends. The nursing home offers a variety of care options including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation. In 2013 the home opened the state of the art "Springs Wellness Center" that features many amenities including computerized strength training machines, an aerobic and dance studio, a walking trail along the beautiful Crystal River, and more.

Bethany Nursing Home works hard to offer numerous services to their residents including cooking demonstrations, support groups, guest speakers, educational and fitness classes, and volunteer opportunities—the engagement and services provided are remarkable and truly provide a great all-around experience. Bethany Nursing Home provides unique care by bringing all the area churches together to work closely to provide expert care for all residents of different faiths and backgrounds.

I want to thank all staff involved for providing such excellent service to the residents and I want to congratulate Bethany Nursing Home on reaching this impressive milestone. I wish them prosperity and continued success for many more years to come.

HONORING DR. ANITA  
OBERHOLSTER, RECIPIENT OF  
THE YOLO AMERICAN DREAM  
AWARD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Anita Oberholster, a renowned member of our community who has been chosen to receive the prestigious Yolo American Dream Award for California's Fourth Congressional District. This award honors immigrants who have excelled professionally, through entrepreneurship and innovation, in the arts and culture, or through community service. Dr. Oberholster's exceptional research and philanthropic activities make her a very deserving recipient of this recognition.

Dr. Oberholster was born in South Africa, where she received a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Chemistry and an honors degree in Chemistry from Stellenbosch University. She then went to Australia to earn a Ph.D. in Wine Science from the University of Adelaide in South Australia in 2008. She moved to the United States in 2011 to work at University of California, Davis as a cooperative extension specialist, professor of extension. There she became a vital member of our community through her research in finding solutions to problems plaguing the wine industry.

Dr. Oberholster has been a board member of the American Society of Viticulture and Enology for 6 years and is currently the 2nd vice-president of the society. Additionally, Dr. Oberholster has also worked as the secretary of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture Foundation (ASEV) which fundraises to give scholarships to viticulture and enology students. Furthermore, she is a member of the LLC Management Committee which works to organize the Unified Grape and Wine Symposium. She is currently the chair of the coordination and extension committee that is responsible for the Department of Viticulture and Enology Extension and Outreach activities. Previously, she was the chair of the Viticulture and Enology graduate group and worked as an advisor to incoming students.

Dr. Oberholster is now the vice-chair of the Department of Viticulture and Enology and is doing important research to benefit the grape and wine communities. She focuses on the challenges the grape and wine industries are dealing with, including Grapevine Red Blotch Disease and the impact of smoke from wildfires on grape and wine quality. Dr. Oberholster prioritizes sustainability and works to help our wine community through methods such as improving the quality of winery wastewater recycling methods.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Oberholster's research and contributions to our wine community, and work to help students has greatly enriched our Yolo community. Her readiness to help others is evident in her impactful work at University of California, Davis and the ASEV Foundation. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today with the Yolo American Dream Award.

HONORING ANAIKA SEIDE

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

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

A Miami native with Haitian origins, Anaika came to my office ready to change the American justice system. While in my office, Anaika has pushed my agendas to great lengths—from assisting in communication, to conducting research, to writing policy pieces.

In our time together, I have recognized that Anaika is a force in policy. Her passion has been powerful over the last semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to justice and equality has led Anaika to graduate Cum Laude in May of 2022 from the historical HBCU Morgan State University with a Bachelor's in Sociology. Anaika actively participates in community service initiatives, advocating for the rights and well-being of underprivileged individuals. Anaika has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark

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on environmental 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 Anaika Seide for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
MARK BROWNELL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service and remarkable career of Air National Guard veteran Lieutenant Colonel Mark Brownell.

LtCol Mark Brownell began his career as a flight nurse with the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the New York Air National Guard. During his impressive 23-year career in the service, he provided critical care and medical support to countless individuals in need across the United States and numerous combat zones.

LtCol Brownell's first deployment was in 1990, when the 139th AES was deployed during Operation Desert Shield in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In 1991, LtCol Brownell was assigned to Logbase Charlie on the Iraq-Kuwait border as a Medical Airlift Staging Facility (MASF) Nurse, overseeing care and patient movement of over 350 American and international coalition soldiers, along with civilians.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, Mark was recognized for Outstanding Achievement as Flight Nurse, working in the MASF of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. He would assist in the evacuation of over 9,000 casualties from the United States and partner forces from the Multinational Force—Iraq. He also participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007 and served as the Chief Nurse at the Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Center, relocating more than 2,500 injured and wounded soldiers.

In between tours in Iraq, LtCol Brownell was deployed across the United States to assist in rescue and recovery operations during Hurricane Katrina of 2004 and Hurricane Ike of 2007. He provided critical nursing care during aeromedical evacuation flights out of New Orleans and served as the Assistant Officer in Command of the MASF assisting in recovery efforts during Hurricane Ike, resulting in the successful movement of over 300 patients.

Outside of military service, Mark was a volunteer at the Tribes Hill Fire Department. During his 45 years of service to the department, he spent more than a decade as its Chief. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Mark Brownell's utmost dedication to public service and serving our country.

RECOGNIZING  
MUCHMORE'S SERVICE TO OAK-  
LAND UNIVERSITY AND TO THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Muchmore, a member of the Board of Trustees of Oakland University and the Honingman Law Firm in Detroit, Michigan. His contributions to his university, community, and his state are worthy of commendation.

Dennis was born and raised in Charleston, Illinois, and stayed in town after high school to attend Eastern Illinois University. After graduation, he attended graduate school at Michigan State University, where he completed a Master's in Public Administration.

In the 1970s, Dennis began a long career of public service to the state of Michigan and his community. He served as a consultant to the Select Committee on Municipal Finance, an Administrative Assistant to multiple senators, and for four years was the Senior Vice President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Dennis also served as executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the chair of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. His work in government culminated by serving as Governor Rick Snyder's chief of staff from 2010 to 2016.

Though he is no longer working for our state government, Dennis still interacts with government daily as the Co-Leader of Government Relations and Regulatory Practice at Honigman Law Firm. He has been involved in major projects like the purchase and maintenance of the high-speed AMTRAK line between Detroit and Indiana and the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a public bridge connecting the city of Detroit and the Canadian city of Windsor that is currently under construction. These projects have and will greatly increase the ability of commuters, tourists, and commerce to reach our great state.

As a Trustee for Oakland University, Dennis has overseen a period of substantial renovation on campus in order to better serve the faculty and students and bring the university into the 21st century. Renovations to Varner Hall, O'Dowd Hall, and South Foundation Hall, among others, have made campus life more enjoyable for all and made the university more competitive with Michigan's other fantastic institutions. Later this year, construction will begin on a new Visitor Center that will "redefine the visitor experience for everyone who walks through the gates."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Dennis Muchmore has accomplished. Whether in public or in private, Dennis has always taken the time to improve the lives of Michiganders everywhere. We thank him for his continued service, and are excited to see what he will help develop here in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVAL  
RESEARCH LABORATORY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the Naval Research Laboratory's contributions to our Naval Services, the Nation, and the pursuit of scientific discovery and innovation. On July 2, 2023 the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) reached a momentous milestone—its 100th anniversary. Throughout its century of service to the Navy and our Nation, this renowned Laboratory has had a powerful impact on U.S. naval power and national defense.

With scientific and engineering expertise, informed by its understanding of naval and national needs, NRL works in league with industry, academia, and other government organizations as it helps build sea power through mission-related research and development. In this, NRL has been enormously successful and has contributed substantially to the development of game-changing military technologies that secured the United States global technological and military leadership throughout key moments in history. NRL was pivotal in the invention of the first U.S. radar, deployed in time for the Pacific naval battles of World War II. NRL led the way with the launch of the world's first intelligence satellite, *GRAB-I*, a technology that helped keep the Cold War cold. And finally, NRL developed the original concept, prototypes, and first operational satellite of the Global Positioning System, which transformed America's military, economy, society, and the world itself.

NRL's more recent achievements include its scientific role in developing the historic first operational ship-defense laser weapon, a technology that will be vital to defeating hypersonic missiles and asymmetric threats. Another is an instantaneous emergency assessment system for airborne contaminants and weapons of mass destruction that has supported security for Super Bowls, State of the Union events, and the last four presidential inaugurations. To protect U.S. intelligence communications, NRL invented Tor (The onion router) as a way to "peel off" and separate identification from routing for internet connections. Tor's many users include the military, journalists, whistle-blowers, victims of domestic abuse, and dissidents suffering within authoritarian regimes.

These accomplishments are only representative of thousands of technologies and innovations, many of them still classified, that this remarkable Laboratory has produced since opening its gates 100 years ago. Together, they demonstrate the broad and powerful influence NRL has on our Navy and Republic through the work of dedicated Government scientists, engineers, and support personnel who serve the national interest.

The U.S. Congress congratulates NRL on its centennial anniversary and wishes the Laboratory continued success in its mission to strengthen American naval power and develop vital technologies and capabilities for defending the United States, and democracy around the world.