

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING TERRY E.
SHLIMBAUM, MD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Terry Shlimbaum as he retires after 40 years as a family physician, most recently serving as Chief Medical Officer for the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center. His dedication, contributions, and accomplishments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Joining the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) Community Health Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Shlimbaum brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the provider at a critical time. His leadership and approach helped guide the YNACJ Community Health Center and the community through the pandemic. His efforts to expand COVID testing and vaccination centers, and to ensure efficient test results and accountability of vaccine doses were essential to the well-being of our communities during an uncertain time. In addition to his COVID-19 measures, Dr. Shlimbaum also continually met the growing needs of the VNACJ Community Health Center, expanding staffing and access to vital services.

Dr. Shlimbaum received his Doctor of Medicine degree from New York Medical College and his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Harvard University. Prior to joining the VNACJ Community Health Center he held leadership roles at ArchCare, Summit Medical Group, and Hunterdon Medical Center, among others. Additionally, he has served on several boards and organizations, including the New Jersey Medical Society, and has been recognized for his contributions to the public health community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Dr. Terry Shlimbaum on his retirement and thanking him for his years of service.

HONORING CAPTAIN JESSE BLACK

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Jesse H. Black for his remarkable achievement of assuming command of the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

Raised in South Florida, Captain Jesse Black's naval career began in 1990 when he enlisted in the Navy as an Electronics Technician. There, he demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill, graduating from the naval nuclear training pipeline in 1992.

Captain Black's pursuit of knowledge and professional development led him to earn a

Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, with a focus on hydrodynamic power design and environmental engineering from the University of Idaho in 2000. He continued to excel academically and obtained a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2007, where he published a thesis on solid state power systems.

As an officer, Captain Black's leadership skills and technical expertise flourished during his four years aboard the USS Cape St. George (CG 71). He demonstrated his versatility by fulfilling various engineering roles and serving as the Combat Information Center Officer after earning his Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) designation. Captain Black then transferred to the Engineering Duty Officer community where he served in multiple engineering and project management roles with the Program Executive Office for Aircraft Carriers, Naval Sea Systems Command, USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) Program Executive Office, and at both the Portsmouth and Norfolk Naval Shipyards.

Notably, Captain Black's exceptional leadership abilities extend beyond engineering. He was specially selected to serve as a Senior Sustainability Officer in the White House, serving under two presidential administrations. His tireless effort and commitment to sustainability initiatives contributed to the nation's broader goals of environmental stewardship and energy conservation.

On June 25, 2021, Captain Black assumed the role of Executive Officer of the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory where he oversaw the laboratory's day-to-day activities, including maintenance and logistics. As he now moves into the role of Commanding Officer, Captain Black's guidance and strategic vision will continue to advance the critical research and development efforts undertaken at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Black has selflessly served our Nation and has displayed an unwavering commitment to excellence. His contributions through his service have upheld the Navy's mission. I congratulate Captain Black and his family on this well-deserved honor, and I look forward to his continued success. I thank him for his selfless service to our country.

RECOGNIZING MOTHER PATRICIA
"PAT" BRAXTON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Mother Patricia "Pat" Braxton, a legacy of our community, as she celebrates 75 years of life.

In all the years I have known Mother Pat, she has been an active public servant and advocate. Her passion for our

local and global community shines through in everything she does. She is known not only as the matriarch of her family, but also as a mentor for many women of color who are in public office. She is one of the key members of the O'Hair Park Community Association. Mother Pat never shies away from a challenge. Her compassion and kindness towards others have had a lasting impact on those around her, including myself. We are grateful for her tireless energy and outstanding example.

Please join me in recognizing Mother Pat Braxton for her advocacy, hard work, and dedication as we celebrate her 75th birthday.

RECOGNIZING DERSTINE'S
FOODSERVICE DISTRIBUTOR

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding company from my district. Derstine's Foodservice Distributor, whose employees' work and dedication has led their company to receive entry into the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administrations (OSHA) prestigious Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

As an independent, family-owned company hailing from Bucks County, Derstine's Foodservice Distributor has a long history of providing exemplary service to customers and the community alike. Since 1983, Derstine's Foodservice Distributor has played a critical role in delivering quality food and products to local restaurants, community organizations, and food banks.

My office values small businesses in our community. I believe that small businesses are integral to supporting the livelihoods and economic prosperity of my constituents. We take pride in businesses like Derstine's Foodservice Distributor that preserve the hardworking, independent spirit of our community. We are honored to have OSHA recognize a local business and urge the company's team to continue their exemplary work, as businesses such as theirs are what make the United States a prominent leader in the business world.

The OSHA SHARP program is an extremely exclusive initiative, with fewer than 1,600 worksites in the country that have received SHARP recognition. SHARP recognizes "small business employers" that "operate exemplary safety and health programs." Derstine's Foodservice Distributor is the fourth business to achieve SHARP recognition in my district, Pennsylvania's First Congressional District. My office recognizes that this business is a trailblazer for other small businesses, and we

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hope that it will continue to inspire future businesses to conduct work with the highest quality and care attended to safety and health.

OSHA has informed me that the entire workforce at Derstine's Foodservice Distributor made a considerable effort to be considered eligible for this achievement. We commend Brendan Triplett, the Vice President, and his team's hard work in ensuring that Derstine's Foodservice has not only met but exceeded OSHA standards.

We are all incredibly proud of the positive impact Derstine's Foodservice Distributor has had on our community, and we wish the company's hardworking team all the best for the future of their business.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE WILLIAM STEPHENS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Judge William Stephens, who passed away at the age of 88 on May 17, 2023. Judge Stephens was a beloved member of the community and dedicated public servant.

Born in New Orleans in 1935, Judge Stephens moved to Sacramento during World War II. After graduating high school at age 16, he attended San Jose State University, becoming the first in his family to attend college. He worked for the California Water Board for eight years before enrolling in Hastings Law School. After graduating in 1967, Judge Stephens joined the National Labor Relations Board and later became a public defender for Contra Costa County.

In 1969, Judge Stephens moved to Mill Valley and joined Bagley & Bianchi law firm. After three years, he established his own private practice in Sausalito. As an attorney, he served numerous organizations, including as Director of the Marin County Bar Association, President of the Marin County Legal Aid Society, and Chairman of the Marin County Human Rights Commission. Dedicated to supporting disadvantaged groups, Judge Stephens lent his legal counsel to low-income Spanish-speakers, small business owners and entrepreneurs, and the Marin City Community Services District.

For more than 30 years, Judge Stephens also mentored youth enrolled in Marin City's Performing Stars' enrichment program. Beyond Marin County, he volunteered with Village Baptist Church's Better Africa Foundation, supporting educational, medical, and cultural initiatives in Nigeria and the Republic of Benin.

Judge Stephens developed a reputation for his commitment to fairness and restoring public trust in the legal system. Judge Stephens's journey to public office began with his campaign for the Marin County Municipal Court, narrowly losing the election in 1976. He was then appointed to the Court by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979, becoming the Court's first Black judge. After nine years on the Marin Municipal Court, he was easily elected to Marin County Superior Court where he served another eleven years until his retirement.

Judge Stephens leaves behind his sons Stuart, Patrick, and Haynes Stephens, and his

granddaughters Sabrina, Britainy, and Madison Stephens.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Judge Stephens's family and friends, and in expressing deep appreciation for his decades of public service in his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Afghan Adjustment Act. This legislation would establish a pathway to permanent legal status for newly arrived Afghans displaced at the end of the 20-year U.S. mission in Afghanistan.

Without this legislation, the tens of thousands of Afghans who were admitted to the United States under temporary humanitarian parole, including those who supported the U.S. mission in Afghanistan during the past 20 years, face tremendous legal uncertainty. These Afghans can only pursue permanent legal status in the United States through the asylum system or, for those who are eligible, the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program. Both paths have substantial backlogs, long processing times, and logistical obstacles for these individuals.

I became involved in the cause of Afghan allies nearly 15 years ago after being contacted by a social studies class from Portland's Lincoln High School working with the American Legion to help bring an Afghan interpreter to safety in the United States. Those discussions prompted me to work with former Senators John McCain and Ted Kennedy to create the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) programs. Ever since, I have continued to work to strengthen these critical programs and provide a permanent, safe outcome for the brave men and women who risked their lives to help the United States. The personal connections to our Afghan allies have created a powerful coalition working to keep our Nation's promises.

Congress must fulfill our commitment to provide safe, legal refuge to the those who willingly put their lives on the line to support U.S. mission in Afghanistan. Following previous wartime evacuations and humanitarian crises, including the Vietnam War and the rise of Castro in Cuba, Congress provided a legal adjustment process for those evacuated to the United States and should do so once again, without delay.

I look forward to working with Representative MILLER-MEEKS in the House and Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR, LINDSEY GRAHAM, CHRIS COONS, ROGER WICKER, RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, JERRY MORAN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, and LISA MURKOWSKI in the Senate to enact this legislation and finally establish a path forward for Afghans admitted to the United States on humanitarian status.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CALEB CONLEY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Caleb Conley. Mr. Conley served as a Sheriff's Deputy in Scott County, Kentucky. On Monday, May 22, 2023, Conley was shot and killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop. He was 35 years of age.

Deputy Conley served our nation in the United States Army for 8 years. He served in the 478th Engineer Battalion. He served in Iraq and was among a group that executed more than 1,600 combat missions and was credited with locating 164 improvised explosive devices. Following his time in the military, Conley began a career in law enforcement. He won multiple awards for his law enforcement service and was especially known for his enforcement of impaired driving. In 2022, Conley was named Scott County Deputy of the Year. The award has since been renamed in his honor.

Deputy Conley loved serving others and he loved being a law enforcement officer. He was a dedicated family man and a true friend to many. Conley was a dedicated volunteer in many community activities. He is survived by his wife Rachel, their 2 children Riley and Olivia, and his parents William and Jolene Conley.

Caleb Conley was a man of strong character and a true patriot who loved his country. He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep his community safe. He deserves our unending respect and gratitude. May we always remember the life of Caleb Conley. I am humbled to honor him before the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 12, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 292, NAY on Roll Call No. 293, and NAY on Roll Call No. 294.

HONORING MR. FRANCIS ALBERT SMITH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of Mr. Francis Albert Smith of Palm Coast, Florida, who, on July 18, 2023, will celebrate his 100th birthday.

Throughout his life, Mr. Smith has been unwavering and relentless in his service to the United States. Serving in the Pacific during WWII, taking part in the Invasion of Ie Shima during the Okinawa Campaign, and in his role