

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARY LECLAIR AND THE GROUNDBREAKING OF LECLAIR VILLAGE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mary LeClair and the groundbreaking of LeClair Village.

Born in Ogdensburg, New York LeClair first came to Cape Cod in the late 1950s, after her husband was stationed at Otis Air Force Base. Soon after moving to the Cape, she began working at the Barnstable County National Bank as a teller in the Hyannis office. In 1966, LeClair moved over to the newly opened New Seabury branch, and a few years later, she was named 1 of the bank's first female branch managers.

Using her experience in the banking industry, LeClair was named Barnstable County Treasurer in 1978. She served in this for 18 years, before being elected as a county commissioner in 1996. LeClair was elected for 3 4-year terms, stepping down from the role in 2008. She additionally served as an aide to former Congressman Bill Delahunt for 2 years and worked in the Cape Cod Housing Assistance Corporation's resource development department for 5 years.

Throughout her career, LeClair has always been deeply involved in the Cape Cod community. She has served on the board of Gosnold Inc. for nearly 3 decades and has worked closely with the women at Emerson House, Gosnold's all-female facility. LeClair has also worked with the Children's Cove—the Cape and Islands Child Advocacy Center—for close to 25 years, after playing a pivotal role in creating the organization. She has additionally been a board member and volunteer with the Housing Assistance Corporation, as well as several other organizations for many years.

LeClair's efforts across Cape Cod have not gone unnoticed, as she has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2007 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award and the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands 2019 Outstanding Volunteer Award. She has established herself as a pillar of the Cape Cod community, and through her work, she has inspired many others to get involved in local government and the community.

Over the years, LeClair has remained an active advocate for increasing affordable housing. This is why when the Housing Assistance Corporation and Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. partnered to build a new affordable housing complex in Mashpee, Massachusetts, there was no question as to who they would name the complex after. Built on town land, LeClair Village will house 39 families, offering affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households. After an 8-year effort between the Town of Mashpee, the Housing Assistance Corporation, Preservation of

Affordable Housing, Inc., and many other local non-profits and stakeholders, the project broke ground on May 31, 2023. LeClair Village is expected to complete construction in the summer of 2024. LeClair looks forward to all the children who will soon be able to go to school and say that they live in LeClair Village.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mary LeClair. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mary LeClair and all the work that she has done for the Cape Cod community.

IN MEMORY OF RONALD "KARTOON" ARTWINE

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Cartoon was a special human being. He could have been another unfortunate statistic in Watts but Cartoon was determined that his life could, and would, be better. He was also determined to be a change agent in his community, making the lives of others better as well. He helped negotiate the crucial gang truce between Bloods and Crips and would assist local residents find housing and get into rehab, changing their lives forever.

I first met Cartoon through his friend Greg Brown at Project Build, an important social services organization I helped found many years ago. Cartoon was a larger-than-life, grassroots community activist who always had a positive outlook, a contagious laugh and could "spit a poem" better than most. With the right assistance, he got his life together and became both a substance abuse counselor, a successful Hollywood location scout and a supportive father who dearly loved his entire family.

Kartoon left a lasting impression on everyone who met him. When attending an important community meeting or rally and blessing us with a poem, you knew Cartoon was in the room, and we were glad he was there.

Kartoon blessed us with poetry. Here is my poem to Cartoon:

To the family & friends
Of my friend Cartoon
I join with you today
To honor and remember
The very special one
Known to everyone as Cartoon
Kartoon our dear friend
And loved one who has left us way too soon.
Kartoon the Poet with
The great big smile
It seems Cartoon was
Only with us for a short while
Our Cartoon was well known
By so many in Watts,
And all over Los Angeles and many more
He has left us to grieve and
Wonder as he closed the door
I suppose the heavenly one up above knows
best
But now its time to let Cartoon rest.
Kartoon lived a life of

Fun, woes, and uncertainty
He experienced both the good and the bad times

But he sure loved life and people of all kinds
Oh Cartoon and how he laughed
He was full of jokes, he bluffed and he played
But he always stayed

I have been wondering and thinking,
Now how is Cartoon going to conduct himself up yonder

But we really don't have to worry, speculate or ponder

One thing we know for sure
Kartoon will be the center of attention with his rhymes so pure

Kartoon always showed up
Whenever we called

And he never missed he helped us all
There is much more that I could say
But I think Cartoon would say let's leave all of that for another day

Goodbye goodbye, my dear Cartoon,
Now it is your time to soar, to lift your wings

It is your time to fly
You go on and, on in your glory,
And don't you look back
I've told you why.
You've got it! You are the man!
You, go on up there,
And give God a hand.

RECOGNIZING THE AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today we take a moment to recognize 100 years of the Amherst Police Department's steadfast commitment to community service and public safety. As Chief Scott Chamberlain notes, their success is a consequence of their commitment to go above and beyond for the residents of Amherst, New York.

In 1819, the first supervisor in the Town of Amherst, Timothy Hopkins, was elected to office. Following his election, he would appoint two constables tasked with patrolling the present boundaries of Amherst. By 1924, The Town of Amherst Police and the Village of Williamsville Police merged, and as the years continued, the number of officers grew. Today, the Amherst Police Department currently consists of 169 sworn officers and 54 civilian employees.

By virtue of effective and dedicated law enforcement officials, Amherst developed a reputation as one of the safest communities in the United States. This police department's stature has undoubtedly been a result of its partnerships with school officials, neighborhood organizations, and the residents that it serves. Their objective is to provide safety and be a positive resource to the 129,000 residents of Amherst. It remains vital to the public interest that our police work tirelessly to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe, and I know the success seen with the Amherst Police Department is owed to its collaborative

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and inclusive process with countless members of our own community. As the Amherst Police Department keeps an eye to the future, its residents can look back at the last 100 years of selfless service as a testament to the devoted men and women who serve their neighbors every day.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA ASHJIAN
GARABEDIAN—30TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women during Women's History Month. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian of Glendale, California.

Born in Hollywood, California, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian attended Mekhitarist Fathers Armenian School and later, Providence High School in Burbank, California. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Pacific, completed her post-graduate residency at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, and then began her career at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center as a clinical pharmacist. After several years of practice, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian became a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, a certification held by a small percentage of pharmacists, and became Providence Holy Cross Medical Center's Medication Safety Officer, working with the executives and leadership of the hospital to ensure safe medication practices.

Dr. Ashjian Garabedian's extraordinary efforts extend beyond her career as a pharmacist. From a very young age, she has been passionate about volunteering to make a positive impact in the community and throughout her time in school volunteered at local hospitals, pharmacies, and health fairs.

Over a decade ago, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian began volunteering for the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR), a nonprofit organization which helps individuals survive blood-related illnesses by recruiting and matching donors to those who require bone marrow stem cell transplants. She joined ABMDR's Board of Directors in 2016, became the organization's Walkathon Committee Chair, leading successful walkathons, and is part of the donor recruitment team and outreach committee.

In addition to her selfless dedication to ABMDR, Dr. Ashjian Garabedian strives to make a positive impact on future generations by participating as a judge for local high school science fairs, serving on the Board of Regents at Providence High School, her alma mater, and serving as a member of the Nerouj committee, a program under the leadership of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America.

Dr. Ashjian Garabedian currently resides in Glendale, California with her husband, Hovig

Garabedian. The newlyweds enjoy traveling and hosting family and friends in their new home.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 30th Congressional District, Dr. Christina Ashjian Garabedian.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN
TOM WIMBERLY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of retired Navy veteran and fighter pilot Captain Tommy Charles Wimberly, who passed away on July 1, 2023, at the age of 92. For 31 years, Captain Wimberly dedicated his life to serving our country in the Navy as a fighter pilot, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy of patriotism and duty.

Captain Wimberly was born on November 16, 1930, in Coushatta, Louisiana. In 1951, he earned his degree from Northwestern State College of Louisiana and enlisted in the Navy. His college education allowed him to go to Officer Candidate School and earn a commission as Ensign, USNR. He went to flight training in Pensacola and received his Naval Aviator wings of gold in Kingsville. Tom flew 7 different aircrafts and operated off 10 different aircraft carriers.

Throughout his 31-year career, Tom was held in extremely high regards to everyone who knew him. He was a decorated pilot, earning the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and other awards for his extraordinary efforts. He served our country honorably in the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War. Tom retired in July 1982 with the rank of Navy Captain and finished his active service in DynCorp, a diversified services contractor specializing in aircraft maintenance, in Corpus Christi.

He stayed in Corpus Christi after retiring, living in the same house for the last 45 years. He was extremely active in many non-profit organizations and was a founding member of Landing Force 16, a group of businessmen who brought the USS *Lexington* to Corpus Christi in 1992.

Captain Wimberly was highly decorated and dedicated his life to serving our country, and it is my honor to recognize his remarkable service and dedication to this country. His distinguished service record stands as a testament to his dedication to our country and the legacy he leaves. Our Nation is forever in the debt of his many years of service to our country.

HONORING CATESBY WOODFORD
CLAY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an exceptional man, Catesby

Woodford Clay, of Paris, Kentucky, who today is celebrating his 100th birthday and a lifetime of leadership in the fields of natural resources and Thoroughbred racehorses. A staunch philanthropist, Mr. Clay has devoutly practiced his Catholic faith with his wife, Elizabeth "Biz" Clay, while raising 8 children and shepherding 15 grandchildren into the future.

Although known by friends for his mischievous levity and penchant for boldly-colored clothes, Mr. Clay has been a most serious achiever. For over 73 years, he served Kentucky River Coal Corp, and its successor, Kentucky River Properties, in many roles, including president and board chairman. Kentucky River Properties has risen as a major regional operation with extensive coal reserves and more than 140,000 acres of Appalachian hardwood forests.

Yet it is the welfare of people that has always been a top priority for Mr. Clay. He championed corporate charitable efforts that resulted in millions of dollars in contributions and scholarships for Kentucky colleges and public school systems, in addition to the establishment of an endowment fund for nursing scholarships and funding for drug addiction treatment.

As the scion of a prominent family whose roots extend throughout the annals of Kentucky, he was the third generation to run historic Runnymede Farm, birthplace of 4 Kentucky Derby winners including this year's victor Mage. Mr. Clay bred top racehorses over 7 decades that won major races in Europe and Asia in addition to North America.

Beyond forging an international reputation for elite horses, Mr. Clay served as a member of the Kentucky Racing Commission and as a 45-year stalwart on Churchill Downs' board of directors. He was feted as the 2009 Honored Guest by the Thoroughbred Club of America.

A graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Clay has generously supported Catholic missions from Kentucky to Africa and Asia. His son, Catesby "Chris" Jr., followed his spiritual path to become an ordained priest.

Thus, I am honored to recognize Catesby Woodford Clay on his 100th birthday for his gentlemanly stewardship of a unique family heritage, his devotion to charitable causes, and his lifetime of success while committed to faith and family.

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Born in 1965 in Jalisco, Mexico, Maria moved to the United States in the mid-1990's, settling in the Los Angeles neighborhood of