

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. JEROME A. VANDEMARK

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Jerome “Jerry” A. Vandemark of Huguenot, N.Y., a devoted husband; beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle; dedicated public servant; and cherished friend, who passed away at home with his family by his side on July 24, 2023.

Jerome Vandemark was born on May 12, 1954, in Middletown, N.Y. to the late Joseph T. Vandemark and the late Eleanor Simon Vandemark. He married the love of his life, Louise Burch, 48 years ago on November 16, 1974, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jerry worked as a Transportation Supervisor for the New York State Department of Transportation in Middletown, N.Y. He also worked in the rubble during the September 11 recovery efforts. He was passionate about his community, serving as a past Chairman of the Deerpark Recreational Committee, New York State Democratic Committee Person, and a member of the Town of Deerpark Democratic Committee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Steven Burch.

He is survived by his wife Louise; children Michael and Stephanie; grandchildren Alexandra, Sophia, Theona, Mikaela and Jacob; brother John and his wife Nancy; sisters JoAnn, Ruth, and Jodie and her husband Dominick; brothers-in-law Joseph Burch and his wife Kanda, and Andrew; sister-in-law JoAnn; good friends Susan Burch and Michael Witt, who was like a son. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of Mr. Jerome A. Vandemark. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his accomplishments and to honor his memory.

RECOGNIZING DEAN A. PRESTON FOR RECEIVING THE FRENCH LEGION D'HONNEUR

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize World War II Veteran, Dean A. Preston for receiving the French Legion d'honneur, which honors World War II Veterans for their service as they fought to secure France's liberation.

The National Order of the Legion of Honour was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and serves as the highest order of merit awarded by the French government for military

and civil honors. The Legion d'honneur has been awarded to Veterans from various countries for their bravery and service during D-Day military operations who assisted in the security of France.

Dean A. Preston graduated from Pekin Community High School and enlisted to serve his country. He attended an advanced radio repair school which equipped him with a skillset to manage wireless radio networks following his completion of basic training. Dean was inducted into the United States Army on March 20, 1943, and served as a member of 927th Signal Battalion, Separate, Tactical Air Command.

Dean earned several distinguished honors throughout his service including the American Campaign Medal, the European African Middle East Campaign Medal with 5 Campaign Stars, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Dean's strong communication, bravery, and commitment to service distinguishes him as a recipient of the French Legion d'honneur.

We live in the greatest country in the world because of men and women like Dean. Dean is proud to have served and contribute to liberty and freedom. I extend my sincere congratulations to Dean A. Preston for receiving the French Legion d'honneur.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND SOLOMON KINLOCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Solomon W. Kinloch, Jr.'s incredible community and pastoral leadership in Michigan's 12th Congressional District.

Reverend Solomon W. Kinloch, Jr. was born to the late Solomon, Sr. and Janie Cousar Kinloch on July 28, 1973. He began his work in ministry under the tutelage of Rev. Robert Smith, Jr. at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. In 1998, Reverend Kinloch accepted his call to pastor at Triumph Church in Detroit, Michigan. At the beginning of his tenure, Triumph Church's membership was less than 50 people. Under Rev. Kinloch's visionary leadership, Triumph Church has since grown into several campuses with thirteen weekly services for more than 40,000 members.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Reverend Kinloch spearheaded the expansion of Triumph Church's outreach with the creation of 'Drive-In Church' at their Southfield location and 6 online worship services, spreading hope and helping the community stay connected when they could not safely gather in person. Reverend Kinloch held prayer calls to help our community and their membership remain grounded in their faith and continuing to spread joy amongst fear. Reverend Kinloch ensured our communities had

access to basic needs for their ability to not just survive the pandemic but thrive, by providing free laptops for members in need and other essentials like food and access to testing. Reverend Kinloch's year-round exemplary leadership will always be a testament to his unwavering faith and his commitment and drive to serve others.

Please join me in recognition of Reverend Kinloch's numerous accomplishments and service to the people of Michigan's 12th District. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

HONORING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MAJOR MIRANDA SUM- MERS LOWE

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Army National Guard, Major Miranda Summers Lowe and her distinguished service and dedication to my office and her work to connect me and my office better with the National Guard.

A native of Muncie, Indiana, Major Summers Lowe enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard and was later commissioned as an intelligence officer. She has served 21 years in Indiana, Virginia, Rhode Island, and Washington D.C. National Guards in a broad range of drill status and Active-Duty assignments, including deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to Djibouti in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, she is excelling as a military personnel liaison for the National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison, where she is working on ways to improve the quality of life for our National Guard Servicemembers and Airmen.

This work builds off of her years of experience in the Legislative Liaison Division as the Congressional Activities Branch Chief and an Army Congressional Fellow in my office. Major Summers Lowe has served Active-Duty tours in the Chief of Staff of the Army's Operation Enduring Study Group and the Office of the Director, Army National Guard. Her attention to detail and responsiveness strengthened the relationship between my office and the National Guard immeasurably. It's my understanding that Major Summers Lowe formulated the congressional engagement plan and prepared National Guard leadership for over 130 meetings and hearings, as well as playing a pivotal role in informing congressional members about the National Guard Bureau's legislative priorities. Her efforts played a pivotal role in developing National Guard healthcare access improvements.

In my office, Major Summers Lowe answered hundreds of congressional inquiries and was an integral part of my office's process in reviewing and making amendments to the

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National Defense Authorization Act. After concluding her current assignment in August, Major Summers Lowe will take on another challenging role as the deputy director of the National Guard History Office.

She embodies the qualities that our country expects from our officer corps. It's clear she has a promising career ahead in continued service to our Nation. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Major Summers Lowe for her work with my office and her steadfast dedication to National Guard missions. I want to thank her for the work she's done for me, my office, and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 365, and YEA on Roll Call No. 366.

HONORING WORLD HARVEST
UNITED CHURCHES

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of World Harvest United Churches during their 2023 National Holy Gathering in Dumfries, Virginia.

An annual event, the National Holy Gathering brings people together in the spirit of service. This year's theme is "Ignite 2023," and it is guided by Matthew 5:14–16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Guided by Presiding Prelate Bishop Calvin B. Davis, Sr., and hosted by Virginia State Bishop Kenneth W. Jones, Sr., this gathering provides attendees with activities, classes, and worship events. It culminates with a day of volunteerism and outreach in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Women of Worth, and Project-Mend-A-House.

Finally, "Ignite 2023" would not be possible without the hard work of community leaders like Bishop George W. Thigpen, III, Bishop of Outreach, Pastor Kathleen Deane, National Director of Outreach, Elder Daniel M. Deane, Sr., Adjutant General, Bishop Rick Boykin, Co-Adjutor to the State Bishop, and Lady Michelle Thigpen, Director of Women of Worth Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating World Harvest Churches on 11 years of service to the community through their annual National Holy Gathering. Their outreach and community-oriented mindset is invaluable to Virginia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on July 26, 2023, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted:

YES on Roll Call No. 369—On Passage of the Ryan of New York Amendment No. 1.

MARC FOGEL

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart on Marc Fogel's 62nd birthday. Marc, a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania, isn't celebrating with his family today because he's wrongfully detained in Russia.

On August 14, 2021, Marc was returning to Russia for the start of the school year at the Anglo-American School in Moscow, where he teaches. But instead, he was arrested at the airport.

Since his arrest, Marc was sentenced and is currently serving an exorbitant 14-year hard labor sentence. His situation qualifies for a "wrongly detained" status from the U.S. Department of State, yet this determination has not been made despite repeated requests from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, including me.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly support a resolution calling for Marc's immediate release and I urge my colleagues to do the same, today, on his birthday.

I also encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 4388, the Marc Fogel Act, to ensure transparency and accountability at the State Department when wrongful determinations are considered.

Mr. Speaker, we have not forgotten Marc. It is time to bring him home and I implore the President and Secretary of State to do everything they can so he may rejoin his family—his wife, Jane, and sons Sam and Ethan—as soon as possible.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS
RICHARD BARANCIK

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Private First-Class Richard Barancik who passed away on July 14, 2023. He was the final surviving member of the "Monuments Men", the World War II heroes who were responsible for finding and safeguarding the artistic and cultural achievements of western civilization stolen by the Nazis.

Private First-Class Barancik enlisted in the Army and joined the 42nd Division, 232 Infantry in Austria, where he learned of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program, and,

applied for duty. For several weeks, Private First-Class Barancik and his unit assisted in the movement of stolen art treasures to the central repository of Property Control Branch and served as its guards. From his arrival in Salzburg, he was enamored with the dedication of the citizenry to art. After his service, he would go on to attend Cambridge University in London, finish his architecture degree at the University of Illinois, and found an eponymous architecture firm that designed numerous buildings, campuses, and dwellings throughout Illinois. Private First-Class Barancik is remembered as a man of sharp mind and strong conviction, a lover of art, and a devoted father and grandfather.

When I first learned about the Monuments Men and Women, I was struck by their story and wanted to recognize the brave men and women of this unit for their contributions during World War II. In 2014, I had the opportunity to sponsor the Monuments Men Recognition Act which awarded their unit with the Congressional Gold Medal, and I was thrilled when it was signed into law. I was lucky to have the opportunity to meet Richard Barancik, and 4 of the other Monuments Men and Women in 2015 at the presentation ceremony of their Congressional Gold Medal. They fought tirelessly against an unwavering evil to preserve the greater parts of our history and I am immensely proud to say that I have been a supporter of the Monuments Men and Women Foundation from its inception.

The closing of Richard Barancik's final chapter again underscores the reality that our Nation's veterans of World War II have already begun to recede from our present, and into the endless window of our memories. His work, viewed through this lens, has bestowed to younger generations the highest legacy to which any man could aspire. Without the service of his unit, great treasures of history and art would have been irrevocably lost.

Our country, and our world, owes Mr. Barancik the greatest honor, both in memory and in practice. Rest in peace Private First-Class Barancik, an irreplaceable part of our Nation's greatest triumph, and an American hero in his own right.

RECOGNIZING GOODFELLOWS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Goodfellows, a charitable organization, based in the city of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong, as they celebrate 100 years of giving.

Founded in 1923 as the Good Cheer Club, Goodfellows is Dearborn's oldest charitable organization. Local business owners came together to raise money by selling newspapers to ensure "no child without Christmas." That became the organization's motto. Over the years, Goodfellows has grown in its reach and capacity, partnering with local fire and police departments to serve families in need from far beyond its beginnings in Dearborn. Countless families can count on their holiday gift distribution program, an event I happily volunteer my time to each year. And even more families are served by their school supply drives, scholarships and even emergency funding. Dearborn