

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING HEADREST STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Headrest, New Hampshire's 9–8–8 Lifeline Center operator, and their dedication for undertaking this mental health initiative. The 9–8–8 Lifeline Centers in New Hampshire offer free, confidential, and professional support to those in crisis. I applaud the operators fielding these challenging calls, working to save lives, and bettering the wellbeing of our communities. We are grateful to Headrest and their staff who demonstrate sincere passion for their work in mental health care and suicide prevention.

Over five decades, Headrest has expanded to provide crisis intervention services by telephone, online chat, and text to several states including New Hampshire. Through the height of COVID–19, when isolation and quarantine took its toll on our mental health, Headrest was there to support those in crisis. Through the power of community care, Headrest strives to establish a supportive community and further a vision where there are no barriers to getting the help you need. Headrest's 9–8–8 Veterans Crisis Line provides our Nation's heroes with 24/7 counseling informed in military culture. No matter the issue, there is always a kind voice to assist you; and it is through that ethos Headrest achieves their mission to never turn anyone away.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Headrest for its devotion to our community and applaud the staff who pick up the phone each day to shoulder the emotional burden with callers. Their great work fosters immeasurable impact and is of high value to the Granite State.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MILDRED McMILLAN GARRETT

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mrs. Mildred McMillan Garrett. Mrs. Garrett enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in the Second World War as a cook.

A native of Emory, Texas, Mrs. Garrett was born on September 5, 1923, and was 1 of 7 children in a military family. Despite the challenges posed by segregated schooling and living through the hardships of the Great Depression, she excelled in her studies at the historic Rosenwald Schools at Sand Flat and Richland. Her lengthy public service career

began as a soldier in the Women's Army Corps. She was 1 of only 2 women from Rains County to join. After the war, Mrs. Garrett attended Texas College and received a certificate in cosmetology. She married David Garrett on December 24, 1945, and raised many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Garrett was a longtime member of the Prairie Grove Baptist Church, where she often cooked for attendees and assisted in fundraising events. She was appointed to the Hope Well Cemetery Committee and served on the Board of Directors for the A.C. McMillan African American Museum. Furthermore, Mrs. Garrett was the first black woman to serve in numerous leadership positions across Rains County as a city councilmember and mayor pro tempore. Under her management, Emory experienced increased infrastructure development. At the same time, she continued to participate in volunteering and outreach efforts in her community. For her work and service, the Mildred McMillan Garrett Memorial Bridge is dedicated in her honor.

Her passion and love of God, family, and country will always be remembered. I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital to recognize Mrs. Garrett's extraordinary life and service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANDREA GUTIERREZ-CORTEZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Andrea Gutierrez-Cortez for her service to my office and to thank her for her dedication to the people of California's 22nd Congressional District.

Born in 1998, Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez has spent most of her life in the Central Valley. Growing up in Tulare, she attended Mission Oak High School and graduated in 2016. She would go on to attend the University of California, San Diego, where she became a sister of the Phi Sigma Rho Sorority and was a student-athlete on the club lacrosse team. In 2020, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology. Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez has been a member of my team since 2020, first as a volunteer on my campaign and then as a Constituent Services Representative in my Hanford office.

In her role, she has been critical in helping my constituents navigate complex federal agencies. She has assisted over 500 constituents in resolving problems with federal agencies including the Department of State, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Internal Revenue Service, and Social Security Administration. Throughout her time in my office, Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez has completed an impressive 810 cases—helping to return nearly \$5 million

in tax refunds, Small Business Administration loans, farm loans, and federal grants to constituents of California's 22 Congressional District.

Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez's extensive knowledge of the complex immigration system has made her an invaluable member of my team. She has managed all immigration cases that have come into my office over the past two and a half years. Her dedication to solving these difficult cases is a true testament to her compassion and character, and she has been vital in securing nearly 100 immigrant visas for families across the Central Valley.

As the only member of my district team who is fluent in Spanish, Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez has also been essential in helping Spanish-speaking constituents in my district feel welcomed and heard. I have entrusted Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez with some of my office's most challenging and complicated cases. No matter how difficult the case, her professionalism, determination, and genuine compassion never wavered. Not only is she an incredible worker, but she has also become a beloved colleague in both my DC and District offices, earning the title "Commander" and even being recognized as the official office holiday decorator.

This July, Ms. Gutierrez-Cortez's time in my office came to an end, as she will begin pursuing a Juris Doctorate at the University of Tennessee College of Law this fall. She intends to begin practicing law after graduation, focusing on constitutional law and pro-bono immigration work. While I am excited for her to begin this new chapter of her life, her compassion for others, work ethic, and dedication to my constituents will be greatly missed. I am confident that Andrea has many accomplishments still ahead of her and will continue having a positive impact on everyone she meets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Andrea Gutierrez-Cortez for her service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing her the very best in this next chapter of her life.

RECOGNIZING DR. ED BREWSTER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ed Brewster for his many years of public service to our community. As the President of Grays Harbor College for a combined 16 years, Dr. Brewster demonstrated unparalleled leadership and advocacy for the Grays Harbor community.

Dr. Brewster assumed the presidency of Grays Harbor College in 2004 and spent the next 12 years fostering a culture of innovation and demonstrating a deep commitment to serving the needs of students, staff, and the broader Grays Harbor County community before first retiring in 2016.

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One does not have to search long to find the positive results of Dr. Brewster's tireless work. His leadership was integral to the successful implementation of Bachelor of Science degree programs in K–8 Teacher Education, Forest Resource Management, and Organizational Management. In accomplishing this, Dr. Brewster made it possible for Grays Harbor College to provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, enter the workforce, and continue their education.

During his tenure at Grays Harbor College, Dr. Brewster utilized his expertise in correctional facility education and made significant contributions to the College's program at Stafford Creek Correctional Center. His diligent work left a lasting impact on 1 of the largest correctional facility education programs in the state of Washington.

In a testament to Dr. Brewster's commitment to Grays Harbor County, Dr. Brewster came out of retirement in 2020 to resume his role as President and guide the College through the challenges of a global pandemic. A 1-year contract quickly turned into nearly 3, and Dr. Brewster re-entered a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I have been encouraged by Dr. Brewster's community leadership and I applaud him for his celebrated tenure. Dr. Brewster's passionate and caring stewardship of the only post-secondary institution in rural Grays Harbor County has forever impacted the future of the community he served. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ed Brewster in the United States Congress.

MIGUEL TRUJILLO—NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATE

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Miguel Trujillo and to celebrate his legacy of service as a tireless advocate for Native Americans in my district and across the country.

Miguel Trujillo is a member of the Pueblo of Isleta tribe of Native Americans. At 10 years old, the government removed Miguel from his home and sent him to a boarding school across the country where they intended to "assimilate" him. Instead, Miguel became an advocate for education in his own community. After graduating from the Haskell Institute in Kansas in 1925, Miguel went on to receive a B.A. from the University of New Mexico, despite Native Americans being ineligible for scholarships during that time.

Miguel used his degrees to bring educational opportunities back to his community. For decades, Miguel worked as an educator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico. He inspired countless students in my district and beyond to graduate and pursue their own educational journeys.

At the outset of World War II, Miguel Trujillo volunteered to serve in the United States Marines, and went on to join the over 25,000 Native Americans who defended our country. Following the war, Miguel received an honorable discharge, and returned to serving as an educator in the Isleta Pueblo. Miguel would go on to receive his M.A., all while remaining active

in the formerly titled All Indian Pueblo Council and veteran organizations.

In 1948, Miguel attempted to register to vote in Valencia County. Despite his record of service as a veteran and an educator, Miguel was denied the right to vote due to a provision in New Mexico law that barred many Native Americans from voting. Miguel sued, claiming that this provision was discriminatory. On August 3, 1948, Miguel won his case when a three-judge panel found that he had a constitutional right to vote. Miguel's case, known as *Trujillo v. Garley*, became a landmark civil rights case for all Native Americans.

Since his death, Miguel has been honored for his legacy of service by the New Mexico State House and has received a Meritorious Award from the Department of the Interior. He recently received the Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award for his advocacy for the right to vote. He is also remembered by the Isleta Pueblo, who celebrate an annual Miguel Trujillo Day.

On the 75th anniversary of his landmark legal victory, I would like to celebrate Miguel Trujillo as an educator, a veteran, and a champion for justice in his community. His service has made New Mexico and our Nation a stronger and more equitable place.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I thank Miguel Trujillo for all he has done for our community.

REMEMBERING RICHARD "DICK"
RAVITCH

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize lifelong New Yorker, political power broker, former New York Lieutenant Governor, and dear friend and mentor of mine, Richard Ravitch, on the occasion of his passing on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 89. I am proud to be joined today to remember Richard by Representatives DANIEL GOLDMAN, ERIC SWALWELL, ADAM SCHIFF, PATRICK RYAN, NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, GREGORY MEEKS, GRACE MENG, and JOSEPH MORELLE.

The son of a Russian Jewish immigrant, Richard was born in Manhattan in 1933. He attended Oberlin College and transferred to Columbia College, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1955. Richard continued his education, graduating from the Yale University School of Law in 1958. After graduation, Richard served active duty in the United States Army during the Berlin Wall Crisis in 1962.

Richard took the helm of his family's construction company, HRH Construction Corporation, in the 1960s, developing landmark buildings such as Waterside Plaza and Citicorp Center. An early advocate for integrated, affordable housing, Richard partnered with Bayard Rustin and A. Phillip Randolph on the first de-segregated housing project in Washington, D.C.

A successful businessman, Richard was recruited to help halt the financial collapse of New York's Urban Development Corporation in 1975. Shortly after, Richard chaired the Metropolitan Transportation Authority from 1979 through 1983, advocating for a tax increase to generate greater revenue and cre-

ated a \$8.5 billion financing plan to revive the mass transit system. He also served as the President of the Player Relations Committee for Major League Baseball, working as the chief negotiator for the league.

Richard's innovative solutions in New York earned him an appointment as the state's Lieutenant Governor by David A. Paterson in 2009. In 2011, Richard formed the State Budget Crisis Task Force with former Federal Reserve Chair, Paul Volcker, to draw attention to the financial vulnerabilities that state governments may possess. This work resulted in his selection as an advisor to the Governor of Michigan during Detroit's economic rebound in 2019.

He believed in the power of information and helped create a boot camp for mid-career journalists at the City University of New York's School of Journalism. These are just a few examples of how, for over 40 years, Richard served the public and left a physical and financial imprint on the residents of New York.

Though Richard was never elected to an official position, he played an integral role in maintaining the stability of numerous landmark institutions. He did not believe politics to be a zero-sum game, and saw it as an opportunity to uplift entire communities. He is preceded in death by his son, Steven, and survived by his wife, Kathleen, and children Joe, Michael, Liz, Carrie, and Laura, and 13 grandchildren.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CUONG
"VINCE" PHUNG

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Senior Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Cuong "Vince" H. Phung.

Mr. Phung was born in Saigon, Vietnam, then immigrated to the United States, eventually graduating from Garden Grove High School in June of 2000. He entered the Navy in September of that same year.

In January 2001, he reported to his first command at the Naval Station in San Diego, California. For his first deployment, he was assigned to Air Department V–1 and V–3. From there, he was hand-picked to oversee three work centers, including ten Marines and three Sailors. He then was able to get his Master Training Specialist designation, as well as his associate degree, while working at CNATTU North Island, California.

In June 2009, he reported to a new position in Mugu, California. There, he completed two deployments and advanced to First Class Petty Officer while also holding multiple other positions in the organization. He also found time to volunteer, where he was able to lead nine servicemembers and 60 workers in achieving closure for missing service members in Vietnam. Because of his selfless acts, he became recognized as Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Chief Petty Officer, and a handful of other notable distinctions.

Later in his career, he reported to the Navy Recruiting District in San Diego, California, where he was able to return to his hometown of Garden Grove as an Enlisted Recruiter for