

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF TRACIE ALEXANDER GOLDEN

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Tracie Alexander Golden, a mother, wife, tireless community advocate, healthcare provider, and fearless SEIU Union leader from Michigan's 12th District Strong as our community mourns her recent passing.

Tracie was a respiratory therapist who dedicated her life to helping people with severe health issues. As she spent countless hours at the hospital, working long shifts and saving lives, Tracie never once complained about the toll it took on her own health. She truly believed that her calling was to serve others, and she did so with a heart full of love and empathy. She was a selfless and compassionate woman who always put the needs of her patients and her family before her own.

Tracie's advocacy, impact and care for others was profound not only amongst her family and loved ones but also towards her patients and community. Tracie's acts of service were boundless, and she never shied away from showing up for others. Her passionate and caring spirit will no doubt live on through her family and those that she served and those that she cared for at Sinai Grace Hospital.

Tracie's sudden and tragic passing is truly a loss to our district and community. Her memory will forever be preserved in the work she led for others and the commitment she showed in service.

Please join me in honoring the life of Ms. Tracie Alexander Golden and extending our deepest condolences to the Golden family on her tragic loss. The 12th Congressional District honors her life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING MRS. SHAWNA CRIST AS THE OKALOOSA COUNTY EDUCATION SUPPORT EM- PLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Shawna Crist as the Okaloosa County Education Support Employee of the Year. Plew Elementary School is lucky to have someone like Mrs. Crist who serves the school with passion and an unwavering commitment to its success.

Mrs. Crist spent 13 years as an excellent teacher before working in education support. Her accomplishments include being selected as the Baker School Teacher of the Year in 1990 and the Teacher of the Year for Bluewater Elementary and Okaloosa County in 1994. After her teaching career, she became

a full-time volunteer at Plew Elementary where she received the 2012 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award.

Mrs. Crist is currently the Media Assistant for Plew Elementary, where she enjoys working to share ideas with others throughout Okaloosa County that promote the school and its students. She constantly strives to be the best and provide the best as well. I applaud her for her unwavering commitment to serving the students of Okaloosa County.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mrs. Crist for her many accomplishments and her commitment to excellence and professionalism in the Okaloosa County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for her continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 85, and NAY on Roll Call No. 62.

OPPOSING CONSERVATIVE CENSORSHIP

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep concerns regarding big technology companies' ongoing efforts to silence conservatives on media platforms. In the wake of the 2020 New York Post's Hunter Biden Laptop story censored by social media platforms and news stations, Americans saw firsthand the government and media collaborating to silence the truth to influence a presidential election. As a pillar of the U.S. Constitution, free speech is critical to our civil discourse, and denying viewers access to a wide array of news opinions and stories is a dangerous precedent.

Further, I am deeply troubled on February 22, 2021, some Democrat members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee used their power to push for censorship of television networks like Newsmax, Fox News, and One America News Network. This was a blatant attempt by Democrats to silence conservatives and push their thumb to influence free speech and the upcoming midterm election.

I believe all voices and political views should be fairly represented and accessible so my constituents can access a wide variety of content. That is why, on January 20, 2023, I wrote to DirecTV's Chief Executive Officer, Mr.

William Morrow, regarding their contract negotiations with Newsmax to ensure both parties come to a solution. Sadly, last week, the contract between Newsmax and DirecTV expired. I urge both parties to return to the negotiating table, so Pennsylvanians do not lose access to this vital cable news channel.

Mr. Speaker, this dangerous trend and bias towards conservatives can no longer last in the public sphere. Television providers like DirecTV are uniquely positioned to ensure fair consideration in programming distributions regardless of political affiliations.

HONORING MR. BARRY FISHER'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVA- TION EFFORTS

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend and this year's Certified Crop Adviser Conservationist of the Year award recipient, Barry Fisher. A French Lick, Indiana native, Barry's love for agriculture began at a young age on his family's farm. Upon graduation from Western Kentucky University in 1983, Barry began his Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) career serving in locales across Indiana where he acted as a soil conservationist in Southeast Indiana, an area agronomist for West Central Indiana, and a State Soil Health Specialist.

In 2015, Barry was one of the original members of the NRCS National Soil Health Division and was instrumental in delivering soil health training to the agency's staff across the nation. As the first Central Region leader of the newly formed Soil Health Division, he carried out one of the most successful training and outreach campaigns the United States Department of Agriculture has ever known, hosting events with tens of thousands in attendance and driving millions to web-based resources.

Since his retirement from NRCS in 2020, Fisher established Fisher Soil Health, a consulting service that provides training on advanced soil health management systems. He also continues to serve as an expert speaker and trainer, promoting the adoption of soil health practices to farmers and conservation staff.

Based on the 2022 Conservation Transect data, over two-thirds of Indiana's row crop acres are undisturbed through fall and winter months, and 1,600,000 of those acres are seeded to green living cover during those months—only 12.5 percent of those cover crop acres were seeded with financial program assistance. When the transect began measuring green living cover in 2011, there were about 184,000 acres. The increase in those covered acres can be attributed, in part, to Fisher's tireless efforts to promote and educate about cover crops and soil health.

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Barry and his wife continue to operate their West Central Indiana-based farm where they employ the strategies he developed and perfected, and their farm now acts as a living laboratory to many conservation groups who travel from across the country to learn about soy health. Barry's contributions to our agriculture industry are immeasurable, and I can think of no one more deserving of this well-deserved honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLIN Z. ALLRED

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2023, I was absent during the time of votes due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94, H.R. 500, Financial Exploitation Prevention Act.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENTS HELPING YOUNG STUDENTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Students Helping Young Students Act. This important legislation will invest in college students who support and mentor K–12 students at after-school activities. This legislation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of all Hoosier students, and young Americans across the country, by ensuring that college students can be compensated for the critical work of mentoring and supporting their younger counterparts. I would like to thank my Senate Colleague, Senator CORY BOOKER, for leading the companion of this important legislation.

It is an honor to represent students of all ages in Indiana's Seventh District. I am continually impressed by the many college students in my district and across the country that, in addition to their studies, help mentor and support K–12 students in after-school programs. These college students, by serving as powerful examples and mentors, continue to inspire my colleagues and I about the importance of peer mentorship opportunities. This includes the crucial role of work-study programs in helping students finance their postsecondary education.

Several examples in Indiana underscore the importance of supporting mentorship programs, both to the mentee and the mentor. The influence and investment from a mentor can improve younger student lives and outcomes. Their stories are common: in fact, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to attend college. Moreover, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school and 46 percent less likely to use drugs. Mentoring also increases community engagement, as at-risk students are 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their community and are 130 percent more likely to hold a leadership role in clubs or teams with a mentor in their lives. Men-

toring not only helps students stay away from drugs and violence, but also live healthier lives and improve school performance. Mentees participating in mentorship programs have also performed higher on the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) tests.

Because of these unmistakable benefits, Congress must do more to support these after-school programs and their student mentors. Although after-school mentorship programs often intersect with students' courses of study and benefit the community, after-school activities are not currently considered a community service under the Federal Work-Study program. This means that college students cannot rely on compensation from Federal Work-Study for their participation in after-school activities.

The Federal Work-Study program has helped support undergraduate and graduate students, who have exhibited financial need, find part-time jobs. The Federal Work-Study program employs hundreds of thousands of undergraduate and graduate students. Across all higher education, 7 in 10 college students work at least 15 hours per week to help cover their tuition, and 1 in 4 work more than 35 hours a week. While mentorship's benefits are clear, the absence of after-school activities from consideration as work-study programs causes students with financial need to more often pursue other opportunities. This means that many students are unable to serve in mentorship roles, even if it aligns with their course of study, for financial reasons. This dynamic exacerbates the widening mentoring gap, which includes the over 9 million young people without a mentor outside their family to support their growth and education.

As a result, more work needs to be done to help compensate students who choose to serve their communities by mentoring younger students. That is why the Students Helping Young Students Act is so important. This bill incorporates work at after-school programs into the Federal Work-Study Program under community service by making participation in these programs eligible for federal funds. In short, this bill allows college students to access Federal Work-Study funds for their participation in after-school activities.

Through the Students Helping Young Students Act, after-school mentoring programs will count as community service under the Federal Work-Study program. Students can be compensated for their work, including time spent in training and travel, directly related to the program. This will allow any student who wishes to serve in their community to participate in mentorship activities, regardless of their financial background. As a result, the Students Helping Young Students Act will also help close the mentoring gap and ensure that younger students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have the support they need to succeed and reach their goals.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to ensure that Federal Work-Study students are compensated for their mentorship efforts. It is important that Congress supports these students in their pursuit to serve our communities. I urge the House to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMIE MASSIE III

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and memory of James "Jimmie" Pleasants Massie III, who tragically passed away on January 25, 2023, at age 64. My prayers are with his family and loved ones, especially his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Jimmie, William, Becky, and John.

Jimmie was a caring husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, friend, and so much more. He also had a strong passion for public service and cared deeply for his community. I had the honor of knowing Jimmie throughout his time in public service when he served as the Henrico County Delegate in the Virginia House of Delegates. Jimmie's colleagues and community remember and honor him as a strong leader and passionate advocate for the issues facing his community. I am personally grateful for his leadership in Virginia, and I know that our communities are stronger because of his time in office.

Jimmie was, and is, well-loved and highly respected amongst his family and community, and his memory will not soon be forgotten. I pray that his family and loved ones may be comforted as they mourn his loss. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the life and legacy of Jimmie Massie.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR WILLIAM FRAZIER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished military veteran. Mr. Arthur William Frazier transitioned from this life on January 21, 2023, in Fort Gordon, Georgia. He dedicated his life to serving our great Nation and should be honored and celebrated for his service.

Arthur Frazier was born on July 25, 1953, to the late Hubert Same and Julia Mae "Molly" Frazier in Cope, South Carolina. One of 5 siblings, he developed deep roots to his community, attending school at the George Washington Carver School as well as Edisto High School. He graduated from Edisto High School in 1971, and shortly thereafter embarked on what would become a lifetime of military service.

In 1971, Mr. Frazier joined the United States Army. He was a trailblazer, becoming the first African American 1st Sergeant in the South Carolina National Guard Armory in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He was also the first African American to serve as Surface Maintenance Supervisor at the Field Maintenance Shop No. 14 in Varnville, South Carolina. Mr. Frazier received his Warrant Officer commission in 2003. From 2007 to 2008, he served a tour in Afghanistan, and honorably retired in 2013.

Throughout his 42 years of military service, he was recognized with many awards and accolades. For his domestic service, he received