

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING EL SEGUNDO'S LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the El Segundo Little League All-Stars, a baseball team from the City of El Segundo, who won the 2023 Little League Baseball World Series on the 27th of August. El Segundo defeated the Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

This year's championship win is the first for a team from Los Angeles County since 1993 and is the first for a team from the City of El Segundo.

The El Segundo Little League All-Stars—Lennon Salazar, Finley Green, Quinn Boehle, Lucas Keldorf, Colby Lee, Max Baker, Brody Brooks, Declan McRoberts, Ollie Parks, Louis Lappe, Crew O'Connor, and Jaxon Kalish—should be proud of their accomplishment, as they have secured the 8th total title for the State of California, the most of any State in the union. The El Segundo Little League team won 5 consecutive elimination games to compete in the championship and took home the win in a 6–5 game. Louis Lappe hit a legendary walk-off home run to win the game in the sixth inning. The team was led by Manager Danny Boehle and Coaches Tim Abrams and Eddie Lee.

I am happy to know that this team had the full support of their city behind them, and residents gathered across the city and Southern California to cheer them on in a wonderful display of community. Their achievements are made all the more special by the hard work and the team effort made by every player, coach and supporter along the way.

On behalf of California's 36th Congressional District, I would like to sincerely congratulate the El Segundo Little League All-Stars team on winning the Little League World Series and wish them best of luck in their future efforts. Their performance was a sight to behold, and they have made us all proud. Go Gundo.

HONORING JOSEPH TRENT SIFF

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today, it is with a heavy but grateful heart that I rise in honor of the late Joseph "Joe" Trent Siff, who was a dedicated, principled political activist with more than 50 years of support and work for local, state, and national leaders. His involvement began in 1968 and lasted through his local precinct work in Houston and his volunteer work for Rep. LIZZIE FLETCHER in 2022.

Joe was born on November 16, 1947, in Akron, Ohio, the son of Alvin Stanley and Iris Gene Siff. The Siff family moved from Akron to Houston, Texas, when Joe and his twin brother Ted were 6 months old.

From the beginning, Joe and Ted were each other's biggest supporters and good-natured competitors—even running against 1 another for president of their sixth-grade class, but losing to a third candidate.

With an impressive list of accomplishments as a child and young adult, Joe was an Eagle Scout as well as a proud member of the first class to attend all 4 years at Memorial High. He was also a multi-year class officer and champion orator and debater. Joe excelled at almost everything he did.

As a huge Houston Colt 45's/Astros fan, Joe worked for many years as a press box runner and assisted sports writers, announcers, and scoreboard keepers during home games. Always 1 to pay it forward, he helped several fellow members of the Memorial High speech and drama teams get summer jobs as tour guides and ushers.

After completing his freshman year at Lafayette College, Joe finished college at Rice University, studying architecture. In 1968, he was part of the campaign team to elect John Hill as Governor of Texas.

In 1970, Joe was elected president of the Associate Student Chapters of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA), where he served on the national board and testified before Congress. Two years later, Joe would return to help John Hill become the Texas Attorney General while also taking part in the campaign for Sissy Farenthold for Governor. He also served on the advance team for Sargent Shriver's Vice-Presidential campaign.

Campaign work inspired Joe and eventually resulted in him becoming an assistant to Boston Mayor Kevin White. Before Joe's health problems arose, he would also serve as a precinct election worker. He was a loyal member of the Texas Democratic Party. His advocacy, like his concern for others, knew no boundaries; his passion knew no limits.

At the completion of his work for Mayor White, Joe returned to Houston where he started his career as a financial advisor. He quickly became a senior vice president at Prudential Bache Securities and then at Lehman Brothers.

In the early 1980s, Joe married Bonnie Hickerson. This marriage was blessed with the births of Iris Trent Siff and then Jordan Benjamin Siff.

Joe's personality was infectious. He maintained relationships, fostered friendships, and often tried to help friends achieve their goals. It was a natural transition in the 1990's when he created his firm, Access Strategies, to connect people and their ideas to the capital and other resources they needed. This talent, matched with his wide-ranging network, resulted in projects involving real estate, art, book and live performance productions, and so much more. His multi-decade representation of artist David Adickes is 1 example of his many skills.

A great storyteller with an unceasing curiosity about the world around him, Joe loved his family, conversations, politics, architecture and design, and travel. He was a kind and supportive father, brother, and friend, including mine for many decades.

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, our world lost a bright soul, who was committed to making it a better place for everyone. Joe was 75 years old, and is survived by his 2 children, Iris and Jordan, and their mother, Bonnie; his twin brother Ted Siff (Janelle Buchanan) of Austin, Texas, as well as nieces and numerous cousins.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I am pleased to honor the life and legacy of Joe Siff, and I am grateful to share his story with the rest of our Nation. I cherish our memories while admiring his significant, personal contributions.

He worked tirelessly to make our state and the world a better place. May he Rest in Peace.

CELEBRATING HONEYWELL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Honeywell on 100 years of operations and doing business in South Bend, Indiana.

For a full century now, Honeywell has been a staple in the South Bend community as well as a source of stability and economic opportunity for hardworking Hoosiers in our area.

I often say that Hoosier manufacturing is second to none. Honeywell's South Bend facility proves this point every single day. By manufacturing aircraft wheel and brake systems, Honeywell Aerospace helps to keep people in the skies and American aviation safe and constantly on the move.

I had the pleasure of touring their South Bend facility and meeting members of Honeywell's team last month. There, I was able to see firsthand the quality, professional work Honeywell employees do day in and day out and why Honeywell has chosen a home in South Bend for the past 100 years.

Congratulations again on reaching this impressive milestone. I thank them for their many contributions to the city of South Bend and Indiana's Second Congressional District. I wish them continued success and many more years in business and anniversaries to celebrate going forward.

BATTLE CREEK'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor Battle Creek, Nebraska as they celebrate their

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150th birthday. One hundred fifty years ago in August 1873, Battle Creek was founded. Sitting along the Elkhorn River Valley in Madison County, Battle Creek has grown through the years, welcoming new families, businesses, and visitors.

With a population of a few more than 1,000 people, they exhibit the best of what small town Nebraska has to offer: A great quality of life, family-owned businesses, and great recreation. They're one of the first stops on the Cowboy Trail. And Battle Creek is proud of its community members—both new and old. One outstanding example is Rose O'Neill, the cartoonist who imagined the Kewpie Doll, which has gained fame around the world. As Battle Creek reaches this sesquicentennial birthday, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, congratulations on 150 years.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BURGESS OWENS
OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this year, the entire state of Utah celebrates a remarkable milestone in our community's history—the 75th anniversary of Salt Lake Community College. As Utah's largest college with more than 45,000 students across 10 campuses, SLCC has played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of countless individuals and has been a cornerstone of education and progress in the Beehive State.

Over the past seven and a half decades, Salt Lake Community College has been a beacon of opportunity, offering a pathway to success for students from all walks of life. It has embraced the values of collaboration, community, inclusivity, learning, innovation, integrity, and trust, providing a welcoming environment for students of varying backgrounds and aspirations.

As we commemorate this milestone, we must recognize the dedication and hard work of the faculty, staff, and administrators who have tirelessly supported and guided our students throughout their educational journeys. The impact of their commitment extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, touching the hearts and minds of our community members.

The successes achieved by Salt Lake Community College alumni are a testament to the institution's commitment to excellence. Graduates have gone on to become leaders, innovators, and contributors to our society in various fields. Their accomplishments reflect the quality of education and opportunities provided here.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the community in nurturing and sustaining this institution. Salt Lake Community College has thrived because of the unwavering support of the people it serves. Your investment in education has paid dividends in the form of a more skilled and empowered workforce, contributing to the prosperity of our region.

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to support Salt Lake Community College's mission of empowering individuals

through education. Let us rededicate ourselves to the values of learning, growth, and community that have defined this institution for 75 years.

Together, we can ensure that SLCC remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

Congratulations to Salt Lake Community College on this momentous occasion and may the next 75 years be even more fruitful and inspiring. I thank them for their dedication to our community and its future.

CELEBRATING EUGENE "GENE"
FRANCK

HON. ERIC SWALWELL
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eugene "Gene" E. Franck for his service that went above and beyond the call of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Gene was born in Berkeley, California, growing up in Albany with his family. As a child, Gene had always wanted to be a pilot, following in the footsteps of uncles who had flown for the military.

After he graduated high school, Gene enrolled at San Jose State University where he joined the Air Force ROTC on campus and pursued a degree in Aeronautical Operations to become a pilot. During his sophomore year of college, Gene decided to drop a class, becoming a "part-time" student eligible for the draft. Within a month, he received his draft letter. Remaining committed to his dream of becoming a pilot, Gene joined the United States Army, completing basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and graduating from flight school at the top of his class in June 1968.

On January 31, 1969, Gene was sent overseas as part of the first contingent stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam. With the call sign "Spider Man," Gene served with the "Ghost Riders," a Company 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion. By March 1969, Gene regularly flew UH-1H Huey aircrafts to carry out combat assaults and transport supplies to local infantry units, flying approximately 100 hours a month.

On November 18, 1969, Firebase Fuller, located atop Dong Ha Mountain, received enemy fire, critically injuring 3 men. Due to extreme cloud cover and poor visibility, the requested medevac units could not reach Firebase Fuller. After hearing a desperate call for anyone to evacuate the injured, Gene decided to risk his life and rescue the men. With only 40 feet of visibility and verbal radio directions from a Lieutenant on the ground, Gene safely landed and transported the injured to the USS *Repose* and an Army hospital in Quang Tri.

Gene returned to the U.S. in February of 1970. Just 1 week later, he married his wife, Noreen. They had 2 children, Chad, and Lisa. Gene returned to civilian life in Pleasanton, working at Pacific Bell Telephone Company for 27 years ascending from non-management personnel up to an executive at the time of his retirement in the late 1990s. He lost Noreen to cancer on October 6, 2008, after 39 years of marriage. He later married his current wife, Kay, and together they enjoy golfing, traveling,

and spending time with his 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Gene exemplifies the Army Aviation motto, "above the best." His bravery and courage went above and beyond, saving the lives of injured soldiers and countless others through the vital supplies he transported overseas. May we continue to honor and thank him for his sacrifice for our country.

CELEBRATING JOYCE GARDNER
BAKER ON HER BIRTHDAY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who embodies the spirit of selfless service, dedication, and commitment. Joyce Gardner Baker will be celebrating a milestone birthday on September 16, 2023, and today, I wish to honor her remarkable journey.

Joyce, originally from the Midwest, relocated to St. Petersburg in 1985. There she married her college sweetheart, Rick, and brought with her a fervor to serve and make a difference. From her professional endeavors at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to her influential role as St. Petersburg's First Lady, Joyce's contributions have been invaluable. Joyce's passion for service is evident in her unwavering dedication to both the community and church. Yet, above all, she holds her roles as a loving wife and dedicated mother to Julann and Jacob closest to her heart.

Mr. Speaker, it's individuals like Joyce Gardner Baker who are the pillars of our communities. I wish to convey our deepest appreciation for her years of service, for her unwavering spirit, and for the countless lives she has touched.

May she continue to inspire, serve, and be a beacon of light for many more years to come.

HONORING KEN AND LIZ NOBIS OF
NOBIS DAIRY FARMS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Ken and Liz Nobis of St. Johns, Michigan, a couple who have devoted their lives to the betterment of Michigan's agriculture industry, both on and off the farm. Ken and Liz are first and foremost dairy farmers, but they're also trailblazers, leaders, and advocates. I am fortunate to call them friends, and now we can all call them part of our State's rich history, as their names are added to the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

After proudly serving his Nation in the United States Army, Ken returned to the farm where he was raised. For more than 50 years now, he and his wife, Liz, have co-owned Nobis Dairy Farms, the third generation of the Nobis family to do so. The farm includes about 1,000 dairy cows and 2,500 acres on which they grow various crops, including alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and wheat.