

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY HOWARD

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable unsung hero, the late Evangelist Dorothy Howard.

Dorothy Howard was born on March 13, 1959, to the late Eugene and Marie Perry of Scott, MS. She departed this life on Monday, August 7, 2023, peacefully at her home.

Evangelist Howard confessed Christ at the age of eleven. She later became a member of Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, MS under the leadership of Pastor Willie Harris. She has served as an assistant pastor, choir member, and a prayer intercessor. She was an active member until she took her final rest.

She attended Greenville Public Schools and graduated from Greenville High prestigious class of 1978. Then, she matriculated at Mississippi Valley State University. She also was a graduate from Nina Taylor Biblical Schools Institute, where she was ordained as an Apostle and served on the board.

Evangelist Howard was known in the Christian community as a prolific vessel of God known for her charismatic preaching and singing that God gifted her with. She was a well-known Good News Sharer and Encourager of the Faith. She made history and broke glass ceilings in ministry. She was also a gifted educator serving in the education and childcare system for more than three decades. Students all over the world have her to thank for a great head start.

Evangelist Howard had an immense amount of love for God. Her hobbies include but are not limited to; spending time with her family/friends, singing, shopping, and reading. She also had a passion for assisting others and praying for them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Evangelist Dorothy Howard, for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be a light that shines even in her dark times.

### HONORING THE HEROIC MILITARY SERVICE OF SERGEANT PETER GLASSER

#### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Peter Glasser of Flag Pond in Unicoi County for his courageous military service during the Vietnam War. Sergeant Glasser served as an infantryman in E Company, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines regiment, then transferred to M Company, 3rd Battalion

1st Marine Regiment, and finally transferred again to C Company, 1st Battalion 27th Marine Regiment. Upon completing boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and advanced infantry training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina in 1966, Private Glasser was assigned his first tour of duty in Vietnam with the 5th Marine Regiment from California.

Upon their arrival, his company was tasked with helping guard a United States military airstrip in Chu Lai, but he was transferred to the 1st Marine Regiment, with which he participated in multiple operations between Chu Lai and Danang. In 1967, then Lance Corporal Glasser returned stateside and served in the Military Police at Parris Island until being transferred to the 27th Marine Regiment in Hawaii. However, his homecoming was short-lived, and he soon received another assignment to Vietnam.

During his second tour of duty, Corporal Glasser would fight in the historic Tet Offensive, one of the deadliest battles throughout the conflict. During a "Search and Destroy" operation on May 4, 1968, he suffered an injury from friendly fire, but returned to duty after just two weeks. He would finally return stateside in July of 1968 and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Sergeant Glasser was discharged with an Honorable Discharge on April 18, 1969.

Please join me in celebrating the courage and bravery of Sergeant Glasser and his valiant service to our great Nation.

### RECOGNIZING JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, OAKLAND COUNTY

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Jack and Jill of America's Oakland County Michigan Chapter. For 45 years, they brought leadership and mentorship programming to African-American young people across Oakland County.

Founded in 1978, the Oakland County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America was the realization of a dream of two mothers, Robbie Johnson and Bobbye Wilhite, who were looking for more opportunities for their young children. The 39 charter members were united in seeking social, cultural, educational, recreational, and community service opportunities for their children. The Oakland County Chapter is 1 of 262 chapters nationwide.

Education, civic service, health, cultural awareness, and recreation are the keystones of Jack and Jill of America's programming. Their goal is to give children of color opportunities to develop as leaders and have access to opportunities that will allow growth, development, and a better quality of life. Jack and Jill members work on service projects that are aligned with its five values and are hands-on opportunities for young people to become involved with their communities.

Please join me in recognition of Jack and Jill of America's Oakland County Chapter, as they celebrate 45 years of service, education, and excellence.

### HONORING THE LATE NATHAN HARRIS, SR.

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late pastor, correctional officer and self-motivated community leader, Nathan Harris, Sr. Nathan enjoyed an extensive career of correctional officer, safety officer, teaching and serving.

Nathan's formal education was in the public-school systems in Quitman County. After graduating, he attended Northwest Community College, Charles Harrison Mason Bible College and earned a certificate in Theology from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary of Atlanta, GA. Nathan had a long successful career with the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) for 29 years. After retiring from MDOC, he went to work for the Arkansas Department of Corrections where he remained employed until his passing.

In December 2008, Elder Nathan Harris was appointed as Pastor of St. Peter Church in Shaw, MS along with his wife, Missionary Charlestine Scott Harris. Prior to becoming the Pastor, they worked hard and diligently for the Lord and the ministries of the church and community. He served as a faithful example and dedicated leader to St. Peter Church for over 15 years. Elder Harris believed in supporting the members, children, parents and the community. The ministries of teaching, saving, giving and counseling was truly in his heart.

Nathan married Charlestine Harris almost 36 years ago, and they have 5 children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Nathan Harris, Sr. for his dedication to advocacy in correctional rehabilitation, Biblical education, public service and his selfless service to Bolivar County, Coahoma County, the MS Delta Region, and Arkansas.

### RECOGNIZING AURORA, TEXAS' NEW CITY HALL

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Aurora as the residents gather to celebrate the dedication of their new City Hall. This proud Wise County community has a story that has historically overshadowed its population, but I am confident it has only begun to realize its potential.

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Named by William W.O. Stanfield, the name "Aurora" was chosen to represent the settler's perspective that it "was the dawn of something luminous and beautiful in the new land." Looking back in time, Aurora's history reflects his vision. Through a history that includes a thriving western settler community, stories involving alien sightings and a reported crash and burial site, a Marine Air Base and recent challenges that have led to the construction of their new City Hall, Aurora's story is rich and compelling. However, as we look to the future, it is clear that the opportunities, located at the edge of what is currently the fastest-growing region of our country, remain almost as limitless as any that Mr. Stanfield could have imagined.

Endowed with attentive and responsible leaders, served by a top-rated public school system and located at the juncture of a growing traffic flow, Aurora's dawn with the celebration of this new City Hall is bright with opportunity for both current and future residents.

I am encouraged by the resilience of this community and honored to represent this historic Wise County gem as a part of the 26th Congressional District of Texas. I offer these remarks and a commemorative flag in celebration of the City's current leadership and accomplishments. I share their commitment and I am honored to contribute my efforts toward their success in dutifully representing this community I am blessed to serve on behalf of our Nation's Capitol.

HONORING THE TOWN OF PROSPER'S RESILIENCE AND UNITY  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

**HON. KEITH SELF**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, our Nation witnessed a tragic and unprecedented attack that forever changed the course of history.

Under the leadership of Mayor David Bristol, Police Chief Doug Kowalski, and Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame, the town of Prosper commemorates September 11th each year with a solemn and heartfelt Remembrance Ceremony.

Prosper's commitment to honoring the sacrifices made and the lives lost on September 11, 2001, reflects the enduring spirit of the American people and serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of community, compassion, and service in times of adversity.

It is with much appreciation that I honor the town of Prosper's dedication to preserving the memory of 9/11 and foster a sense of unity and resilience within its community.

HONORING KRISTEN WASHINGTON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristen Washington: Jacksonian Baker On 'The Great Chocolate Showdown' of Jackson, Mississippi.

If a dessert could describe Kristen Washington, she said it would be a cinnamon roll because that baked good is brown and round, just like her. The Jackson native grew up watching her grandmother, Maple Washington, throw down in the kitchen, and while those skills skipped a few of Kristen's siblings, Maple passed them down to Kristen.

Some of her favorite recipes she learned from her grandmother are her peach cobbler and tea cakes, which fed her a love for dessert in her youth. "Dessert can be your breakfast, lunch and dinner," Washington told the Mississippi Free Press. "You can have a cinnamon roll for breakfast, and it's still a dessert. And it's comfort food. Dessert is a comfort food."

As an adult, Washington always baked in her free time for fun, using her grandmother's old recipe books or following Instagram reels for cake ideas and inspiration. She started selling funnel cakes in 2021, and later that year, she made a birthday cake for her sister-in-law. Washington was hesitant, but her sister-in-law encouraged her to step outside her comfort zone.

That affirming moment led Washington to launch PhatKake's, her at-home baking business, where she creates homemade cakes, funnel cakes, tarts, and other desserts. She named the business after her childhood nickname and runs it while balancing her day job as a personal-care aide.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Kristen Washington for her passion, dedication, and tenacity to serving her community.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
MILITARY SERVICE OF SENIOR  
CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PAUL  
HONEA

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam Era Veteran, Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Honea of Chuckey, Tennessee for his distinguished service in the United States Navy.

Senior Chief Honea served in stations across the globe, including Europe, North Africa, South Asia, and the Caribbean. He also protected our Nation's homeland, serving on bases in San Diego (CA), Naples (Italy), Norfolk (VA), Charleston (SC), Louisville (KY), and Raleigh (NC)—to name a few.

Senior Chief Honea began his esteemed military career in 1974, where he found his passion as an Optical Repairman. During his tenure, the Senior Chief repaired not only U.S. Navy ships, but also restored local churches and orphanages while on deployment overseas. In 1994, Senior Chief Honea ended his accomplished military career of 20 years.

Following his retirement, together with his wife, Senior Chief Honea commissioned the inaugural Navy Junior R.O.T.C. Program at Sullivan East High School in Bluff City, where he educated aspiring students for another 3 years.

Please join me in thanking American patriot, Senior Chief Petty Officer Paul Honea, for his commitment and honorable service to our great country.

RECOGNIZING KAZAKHSTAN'S  
LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR NON-  
PROLIFERATION AND DISAR-  
MAMENT

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, as we marked the 14th annual "International Day Against Nuclear Test" on August 29, I rise to commend the Republic of Kazakhstan's role in nuclear disarmament and its work alongside the United States. I commend Kazakhstan's unwavering commitment to preserving international peace and stability.

Upon the dissolution of the former Soviet Union, the Republic of Kazakhstan inherited the fourth largest nuclear arsenal and the Semipalatinsk nuclear weapons test site. In the 4 decades before the fall of the Soviet Union, 456 explosions were carried out at the Semipalatinsk test site, 1 of the largest sites of its kind. These tests caused irreparable damage to human health and the environment, leading to high morbidity and mortality rates among the local population.

Despite global pressure and potential political and strategic advantages that this arsenal would provide for Kazakhstan, the newly formed republic understood the potential political, security, and humanitarian issues that could arise if such a nuclear arsenal were maintained. On August 29, 1991, Kazakhstan made the historic decision to decommission the Semipalatinsk nuclear weapons test site. Shortly after, the Nation voluntarily renounced its nuclear weapons arsenal.

Kazakhstan's decision demonstrated a clear commitment to the goals of nuclear security and nonproliferation, which became 1 of its landmark policies and was the first in a series of vital measures aimed at achieving a more peaceful international community. Since the site was closed, the United States has partnered with Kazakhstan to eliminate the Soviet legacy of nuclear test infrastructure from Kazakhstan's territory.

Kazakhstan and the United States implemented the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program—or the "Nunn-Lugar" program—which resulted in the dismantling of nuclear-weapon infrastructure. The states secured and removed residual weapons of mass destruction-related materials and technology from the former nuclear test site. These actions signaled a major shift in the existing global political paradigm and have led to the closure of other major test sites around the world. The Nunn-Lugar decision propelled a collective momentum for the global ban of nuclear testing, and it paved the way for the adoption of the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Today, when the risk of using nuclear weapons has come under increased scrutiny, it is important to remind the global community of the dangers that weapons of mass destruction pose to our safety and future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reaffirming the United States' commitment to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and working alongside Kazakhstan to strengthen the global regime for the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free future.