

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF  
THE YEAR: SUPERVISOR MONICA  
BROWN

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Solano County Supervisor Monica Brown as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Monica is a lifelong public servant with unwavering dedication to bettering her community. For 39 years, Monica worked as a public-school teacher at Green Valley Middle School, Armijo High School, and Benicia Middle School. She has demonstrated a tireless commitment to public education through her work, involvement with the California Teachers Association, and her tenure on the Solano Community College Governing Board. Since 2017, Monica has served on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. Currently serving as Vice Chair, she has fought for improved workforce development, increased support for community colleges, flood prevention, bolstered mental health services, increased affordable housing, and other measures to effectively address homelessness in Solano County. In her more than six years of service on the Board of Supervisors, Monica has devoted her unrivaled energy and commitment to solving the county's most pressing issues. The positive impact of her more than 45 years of service to her community cannot be overstated. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Monica Brown for her positive contributions to our community.

LORI HERNDON

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to an exceptional healthcare executive, Ms. Lori Herndon, on her recent retirement as President and CEO of AtlantiCare. Throughout her exceptional forty-year career, which began as a critical care nurse on the healthcare frontlines, Ms. Herndon, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to strategic growth, operations, and development. Since 2016, Ms. Herndon, has led a team of over 6,000 AtlantiCare staff, providers, and volunteers serving the community in more than 100 locations in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, and Ocean counties of southern New Jersey. Ms. Herndon's focus on listening to patients, a critical aspect of her role as a bedside nurse, has become a hallmark of her leadership. Under Ms. Her-

ndon's visionary leadership, ARMC received Magnet designation for the fifth time, one of only thirty-five Magnet-designated organizations to do so out of 608. In 2022, US News & World Report recognized ARMC as the sixth best hospital in New Jersey. Her work at AtlantiCare has garnered state-wide and national recognition, with Ms. Herndon, recently named one of Modern Healthcare's 100 most influential leaders. The year prior, Herndon, was named one of NJBIZ's Best fifty Women in Business. In January 2022, Ms. Herndon was appointed as chair of the New Jersey Hospital Association, where she has worked to protect healthcare workers, redesign care delivery and develop the workforce. I extend my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Ms. Lori Herndon, on her retirement after an outstanding career spanning more than four decades. God Bless Lori Herndon, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING ERALDI'S MEN'S WEAR  
& SHOES

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Eraldi's Men's Wear & Shoes as they celebrate 100 years of business. The longevity of this great establishment is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the Eraldi family's creativity, tenacity, and dedication to great customer service.

In October of 1923, David Eraldi opened Eraldi's Men's Wear & Shoes on East Napa Street. Originally called 'The Toggery' and located in the Castex Building, David meant for it to be a temporary spot. A few years and a name change later, it moved to 492 First Street East in the Duhring Building. After David's death in 1936, his wife Annie took over the store and ran the business with their two sons Dave and Don.

Annie Eraldi built the current store at 475 First Street West on a vacant lot that once housed a blacksmith shop, opening it on January 2, 1960. The store passed on to her sons after her death in 1969.

In the late 1960's, Dan Eraldi, Don's son, started working at his family's store when he was in middle school. At the time, self-proclaimed "old-timers" would head into the back stock room with cups of coffee and tell him stories about old Sonoma. Dan cherished these opportunities to learn about the history of his beloved community.

Dan Eraldi officially took over the store in the mid-1980s after graduating from Sacramento State University. Dan continued to work with his father, Don, who ran the store alongside Dave for decades, until he retired in 2013 at the age of 86. Don recently died at the age of 96—just 10 years after he stepped back from the store. The pair worked together

for decades and helped the store change to meet the shifting demands of its clientele. Dan remembers Don fighting him on some of the ideas or brands he wanted to introduce, but overall, they worked well together. Since then, Dan has been chief haberdasher, continuing the family legacy of keeping generations of Sonomans in Levis and Red Wing Boots.

Dan has seen countless trends come and go—Hawaiian shirts have had their moment—but the store has always kept its local touch. Eraldi's have third and fourth-generation families shopping at the store. People like the service; it is a personal touch you do not get unless you are in a small store like this one.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, Eraldi's Men's Wear & Shoes is an independent, family run business that is a staple of our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor its 100th year of service here today.

HONORING DR. LAWRENCE AND  
GILLIAN GERATY

**HON. MARK TAKANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize Dr. Lawrence "Larry" T. Geraty and his esteemed wife, Gillian, for their unwavering commitment to Seventh-Day Adventist higher education. Their dedication has fostered growth and allowed the communities they have touched not only in California's 39th Congressional District, but across the globe, to flourish.

Larry and Gillian epitomize the essence of servant-leadership, serving as beacons of inspiration for all of us who aspire to elevate the quality, impact, reach, and visibility of our educational institutions. Their unwavering efforts have left an indelible mark on our schools, by raising the bar for education and cultivating an environment where students can genuinely flourish.

Larry and Gillian met while abroad in Beirut, Lebanon, where their families served in missionaries, and have been inseparable ever since. After returning to the States and marrying, Gillian advocated for and established the first Kindergarten program at Andrews University in Boston, Massachusetts, while Larry joined the faculty and founded the university's Institute of Archaeology.

In 1993, Larry and Gillian relocated to Riverside, California, when Larry assumed the presidency of La Sierra University. Under his leadership, La Sierra University remained true to its commitment to authenticity, embracing diversity among its student body, faculty, and staff, and resulting in its recognition as the most diverse campus in the United States. Larry tirelessly worked to enhance the university's visibility in the community, ensuring support for its developmental endeavors. These initiatives transformed the campus and its surroundings, establishing a substantial funding

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source for La Sierra. Larry served as president until 2007 when he transitioned into retirement—and a fundraising role for the university's Office of Advancement.

I'd like to honor this remarkable couple on receiving the Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business Lifetime Achievement Award, a recognition they truly deserve. Larry and Gillian's efforts have not only touched the lives of countless students, but have also shaped the trajectory of our educational institutions. May their journey inspire generations to come, and may their legacy continue to shape the future of education for all.

NATHAN AMEY

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this Month, I had the honor of attending Nathan Amey's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nathan first joined the Scouts as a Tiger Cub in the first grade and immediately embraced the true tenets of scouting. He quickly emerged as a natural leader to all and embodied the characteristics of the Scout Law. Nathan is someone his troop can count on and is constantly thinking of ways to improve the scouting experience for his troop. Whenever the Senior Patrol Leader is unable to attend, Nathan is the first person the scouts turn to for guidance. His Eagle Scout Project was based on his reverence for the American flag as he built a flag retirement pit area for the American Legion Post 524. Outside of scouting, he participates in countless activities such as playing the cello and piano, participating on his school's tennis team, is an active member in Model United Nations and French club and so much more; all while maintaining his academic standing of Distinguished honors. Nathan is now a sophomore at Ocean City High School and continues to excel in all facets of his life. Nathan should be proud of his achievements in the Scouts, and I wish him all the best in his promising future. God Bless Nathan, and God Bless the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND  
LEGACY OF MAYOR KOKA BOOTH

### HON. WILEY NICKEL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it's with great reverence that I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mayor Koka Booth, Jr., a cherished leader who dedicated his life to the town of Cary, North Carolina. Koka Booth's enduring impact on our community is immeasurable, and I'm honored to pay tribute to his memory.

Koka Booth was born on August 12, 1932, in Kenova, West Virginia. His journey through life was filled with remarkable achievements and selfless service to others. After graduating from Kenova High School in 1950, Koka's path led him to Rocky Mount where he met his beloved wife, Blanche W. Booth. The two were wed in 1954, embarking on a lifelong journey together.

Koka later made his home in Cary, North Carolina, and rejoined Aeroglide Corporation before he devoted his talents to the SAS Institute, until his retirement in 2007. Koka Booth held an unwavering love for the town of Cary, often saying that he may not have been from Cary, but he got there as swiftly as he could.

This love for his community led him to serve on the Cary town council from 1977 to 1987, followed by a distinguished tenure as the town's Mayor until 1999. Koka's visionary leadership played a pivotal role in shaping Cary from a town of 18,000 residents to a thriving, family-friendly community of 94,000 by the 1990's. His groundwork paved the way for Cary to become North Carolina's seventh largest city.

In addition to his political and business accomplishments, Koka Booth was a man of exceptional character and a dedicated mentor. He shared his wealth of experience with the youth of his community as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

In 2001, Cary honored Koka Booth's dedication and passion by naming the iconic Koka Booth Amphitheater in his honor. This gesture encapsulates the town's profound gratitude for his unwavering commitment to its betterment and his profound love for music. Koka Booth saw his life's mission as one of community service, and he fulfilled that mission with an unwavering dedication to the town of Cary and its cherished residents.

As we mourn the loss of a true Cary luminary, we also celebrate a life well-lived and a legacy that will endure for generations to come. Koka Booth's impact on our community is undeniable, and we are fortunate to have been touched by his enthusiastic efforts and innovative leadership.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Koka Booth, Jr. and to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire community of Cary, North Carolina.

May his memory inspire us to continue his work in building and nurturing the wonderful town he loved so dearly.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF  
THE YEAR: MARYANNE PERLMUTTER

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Maryanne Perlmutter as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Maryanne is a born activist and a natural community builder, who works tirelessly to bring people together to fight injustice. Throughout her career, Maryanne has served as a director of medical records at numerous hospitals, coordinator of a program to decrease childhood lead exposure, and healthcare administrator for the California Department of Corrections. Over the past six years, Maryanne has dedicated her energy and talents to strengthening democracy, increasing voter registration and education, combatting climate change, promoting humane treatment for migrants, advancing ra-

cial justice, fighting for dignified care for vulnerable community members, and providing meals to homeless individuals. Her volunteer affiliations have included the Solano County League of Women Voters, the Solano County Climate Action Team, the Bay Area Climate Reality Project, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis's Immigration Justice Committee. Along with her unwavering commitment to volunteer work, Maryanne is also the primary caregiver for her husband's parents, a duty she approaches with care and competence. Maryanne's dedication to public service, community service, and activism is an inspiration to all her peers. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Maryanne Perlmutter for her positive contributions to our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, this May, I had the pleasure of attending the Knights of Columbus ceremony at St. Joseph's Church to honor dedicated members of our community. These individuals have made a profound impact on our South Jersey community through their passion, their resilience, and their unwavering commitment to making our community a better place. I honor Sister Thomas Marie as our Educator of the Year, Flora Morris as our Female Student of the Year, Nicholas Catanoso as our Male Student of the Year, Joseph LaRosa as the recipient of the Shield Award, Thomas Owings as our Senior Citizen of the Year, the Keefer Family as our Family of the Year, Abby Powell as our Citizen of the Year, and Father Perry Cherubini as our Knight of the Year. I express our deepest gratitude to these exceptional individuals for their selfless service and dedication. Let us not only honor them but also draw inspiration from their remarkable examples. Their efforts remind us that each one of us has the power to make a difference and that our collective actions can shape a brighter future for our community. God Bless these outstanding community members, and God Bless our United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TONI COCKERAM

### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable career and retirement of a truly exceptional leader, Toni Cockeram.

After 23 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Golden Isles Association of Realtors, Toni is leaving behind a remarkable legacy of achievement.

With prestigious designations such as Realtor Association Certified Executive, Home with Diversity and e-PRO certifications, Toni's career has been a true example of professional development and education.