

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BEN YOUNG

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, last month, it was my privilege to attend Benjamin Young's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Ben began scouting at the age of eight years old and has since earned thirty merit badges. Throughout his time with the Scouts, he has held several leadership positions such as patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. For his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin constructed and installed purple martin houses, a type of birdhouse that purple martin birds prefer, at Kennedy Park in South Jersey for the Somers Point Green Team. These birdhouses will help control the bug population allowing South Jersey residents to enjoy the park without worrying about biting insects. This fall, Benjamin will be a senior at Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, South Jersey. He is an involved member of the school, holding membership in both the National Honor Society and the National French Honor Society. He will be taking everything he has learned in the scouts and in high school and apply this knowledge to his future studies of political science and urban planning. I am extremely proud of Benjamin, and I know he will do big things. God Bless Ben Young and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF THE YEAR: TIFFANEE DANIELLE JONES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Tiffanee Danielle Jones as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Tiffanee is the District Director for California State Assemblymember Lori Wilson of the 11th assembly district. She is also the owner and operator of Forward Education LLC., an educational consulting and management business. Tiffanee began her career with the State of Georgia Department of Corrections where she was instrumental in developing a cross agency Juvenile Diversion Program with the County Probation, high schools, and the District Attorney's Office in Gainesville. Upon returning home to Solano County in 2009, Tiffanee worked as an outreach consultant for Oakland Unified School District where she assisted multiple school sites in the development and implementation of programs for identified low performing students. She was the founding member of the West Oakland Health and Safety Collaborative, a cross agency collabora-

tion focused on educating the community in the areas of violence prevention, health awareness, and social justice. Tiffanee continues her work serving students and families in the City of Vallejo as the Co-Director for the Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program, a college preparation program focused on increasing African American enrollment in and completion of college. Through her compassionate and generous public service, Tiffanee has touched the lives of thousands of people within our district and beyond.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Tiffanee Jones for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING RAYMOND F. BRUNELLE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today in recognition of the life and legacy of Raymond F. Brunelle, a cherished member of the New Hampshire community and a valiant veteran of the Korean War. A New Hampshire native, Raymond lived a life of service from his time in uniform through his years in civilian life, championing the causes of his fellow veterans and prisoners of war (POWs). Although he was too young to enlist on his own, with his mother's blessing Raymond joined the U.S. Army in 1952. Alongside the 40th Infantry Division, Raymond served in Japan and Korea, earning the rank of Private First Class. After the Chinese Army ambushed his unit in North Korea, Raymond was taken captive until he devised a plan to escape. Two months after his escape, Raymond and members of his unit suffered casualties following the explosion of a ground mine. After sustaining debilitating injuries, Raymond was honorably discharged and ordered home. Upon returning to New Hampshire, Raymond continued a life of service to his country. Raymond's strong sense of duty speaks to his patriotism, bravery, and camaraderie, and we thank him for defending our freedoms and supporting others that share in his mission.

After returning to the Granite State, Raymond served as an active member of the local community. Although he began at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Raymond would continue to work into his retirement, eventually becoming an electrician in his own business. As a lifelong member of the American Legion and the VFW, Raymond committed himself to supporting his fellow veterans. As a Pease Greeter, Raymond welcomed troops to the Pease Air National Guard Base before they were deployed on combat missions around the world. In his later years, Raymond continued to advocate for the military as he led support groups for former POWs and joined in Memorial Day and Veterans' Day tributes. Ray-

mond's commitment to supporting the men and women of our armed forces exemplifies his loyalty and respect to the defense of our Nation.

Nearly 60 years passed by before Raymond's time as a POW was formally recognized. Today, as we remember Raymond's life, we recognize his history of service and sacrifice. I commend Raymond for his lifelong dedication to our state and Nation, and I want to extend my sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. Raymond's legacy will continue to live on in the lives of those he influenced. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Raymond for his unwavering sense of service.

ATLANTICARE CANCER CARE INSTITUTE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is my honor to mark the special occasion of the 10-year celebration of the AtlanticCare Cancer Care Institute in the AtlanticCare Health Park in Cape May Court House, South Jersey. AtlanticCare has cared for patients with cancer since they opened as Atlantic City Hospital, now AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center, nearly 125 years ago. They opened their regional cancer center in 1989, their Egg Harbor Township location in 2009, and the Cancer Care Institute in Cape May Court House in 2013. Through this journey, AtlanticCare has evolved how it approaches cancer and invested in the most advanced technology to predict, detect and treat the disease. By offering a full spectrum of care that includes CyberKnife, Varian TrueBeam linear accelerators and advances in immunotherapy treatments, genetics and oral chemotherapy, AtlanticCare is able to target specific cancers efficiently and with maximum comfort. Paired with a comprehensive suite of support services—including in-house pharmacy and lab, social services, genetics counseling, and lung nodule, surgical oncology, cardio oncology and palliative care clinics—AtlanticCare has spent the last decade ensuring that patients in Cape May County are able to obtain the treatment they need right in their own community. The cancer care team at AtlanticCare is led by some of the most experienced medical and radiation oncologists in the region, known as much for their compassionate care as their skill in taking on even the most complex cancers. The residents of Cape May County deserve cancer care that is as exceptional as the county itself. The comprehensive and state-of-the-art oncological services provided by the Cancer Care Institute in Cape May Court House are commendable and deserve to be recognized. Thank you to all the staff at AtlanticCare Cancer Care Institute for the crucial work they do for our community, and it is

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my honor to celebrate the institute's 10th anniversary. God Bless AtlantiCare Cancer Care Institute, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: VIRGIE ROY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Virgie Roy as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Virgie is a dedicated and caring nurse at the David Grant Medical Center on Travis Air Force Base. Her patients and colleagues describe her as a talented nurse who is dedicated to patient care and staff development. Her colleagues describe her as the backbone of her hospital unit and a talented nurse dedicated to patient care and staff development as well as a mentor to others. Virgie has also used her firsthand experience to advocate for solutions to the United States' nurse shortage. When not tending to her patients or advocating for reform, Virgie volunteers with the Red Cross Northern California Coastal Region and Service to Armed Forces. Virgie is a beloved part of her community and has been nominated for numerous local and state awards celebrating her positive impact on the lives of her colleagues, patients, and the community.

On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Virgie Roy for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING TRANSFIGURATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, St. Louis and I rise to commemorate Transfiguration Lutheran Church on 120 years of faith, community, and service.

Transfiguration Lutheran Church was organized on November 8, 1903, and became the first African American Lutheran Congregation west of the Mississippi River. They have committed themselves to improving the lives and wellbeing of their community by providing meals, athletics, dance, music, art classes, and field trips at their TLC Summer Day Camp, established in 2016. Their women's ministry emphasizes the strength and contributions of biblical women, women in history, and the women who currently make up their congregation.

Many lives have been forever changed due to the efforts of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, and a thank you will never feel quite adequate to reflect our immense gratitude as a region for their work. St. Louis honors their dedication and may we all commit to paying their efforts forward.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, as the Congressman from South Jersey, I am proud to celebrate Italian Heritage Month. This month is a time to honor the rich contributions of Italian Americans to our nation's culture, history, and progress. Italian Americans have left an indelible mark on our Nation, from the arts and sciences to public service and community building. Their dedication and resilience have strengthened the fabric of America. In New Jersey, we are fortunate to have a vibrant Italian American community that has enhanced our state's identity and unity. Italian Heritage Month serves as a reminder of the enduring spirit of the Italian American community and of the many heritages that make up our great country. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Italian American community in South Jersey and across the United States. Their enduring legacy of hard work, creativity, and resilience serves as a testament to the limitless opportunities that America offers to those who seek a better life. May Italian Heritage Month inspire us to appreciate the diverse tapestry of our Nation and remind us that, together, we can continue to make America a beacon of hope and opportunity for all. God bless America.

HONORING KIWANIS NEW YORK
DISTRICT GOVERNOR LUCIEN
GIANCURSIO

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor Kiwanis New York District Governor Lucien Giancursio.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members, and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children, one child and one community at a time. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. The organization includes more than 600,000 members from Aktion Clubs, K-Kid Clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs in over 80 countries. Kiwanis members have staged more than 150,000 service projects and have historically devoted more than 6 million hours of service. They have also raised over \$250 million for communities, families, and projects via the Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) program and the Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) project.

The New York District of Kiwanis International, comprised of Kiwanis Clubs throughout New York State, this year marks the 108th anniversary, and the Ontario Division is hosting the 2023–24 District Governor's Official Visit in Syracuse, New York.

New York District Governor Lucien Giancursio joined the Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central on September 1, 2004, and is a Life Member. Serving people and his

community has been a life-long tradition for Governor Lucien. His Governor's Project this year is sending 1000 Kampers to Kamp Kiwanis in Taberg, NY, and his theme for 2023–24 is "Excelsior, a Future of Hope".

On behalf of New York's 22nd Congressional District, I would like to thank Governor Lucien Giancursio for his leadership of the New York District of Kiwanis and recognize the impact and commitment of the New York District's service.

JOHN RUGA

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I highlight the exceptional achievements of John Ruga, the CEO of Northeast Precast, one of the leading precast fabricators in the United States. Mr. Ruga's journey in construction began in 1998 when he founded J. Ruga Contractors in Vineland. He later expanded into precast manufacturing in 2003, leading to the renaming of the company as Northeast Precast in 2008, marking a pivotal moment in its diversification and growth. Headquartered in Cumberland County, NEP is a leader in precast manufacturing with over two decades of experience. They handle a range of construction projects, from residential to public infrastructure, and have received accolades such as the PCI Design Award in 2010 and 2013. Furthermore, NEP contributes significantly to our local economy, providing over 400 jobs in Cumberland County and contributing to South Jersey's prosperity. Mr. Ruga is also recognized for his partnership with sports figures Mike Trout and Tiger Woods to develop Trout National—The Reserve, a significant golf course project in Vineland set to be completed by 2025. Mr. John Ruga's leadership and Northeast Precast's contributions to the construction industry are commendable and I thank him for this dedication to our South Jersey community. God Bless John Ruga and Northeast Precast and God Bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR: VELMA WILSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Velma Wilson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year.

Velma is a dedicated parent and passionate community member who finds every opportunity to help others. Velma currently serves as Executive Vice President of the District Parent Teacher Association for Contra Costa, engaging with parents, teachers, and community members to promote the wellbeing of schoolchildren. For her efforts, Velma was awarded the prestigious National President Award. Velma also serves as Parent Liaison for Antioch Unified School District, ensuring