

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TED DREWES, JR.

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with the people of St. Louis, rise to celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Theodore Raymond Drewes, Jr. The name Ted Drewes is synonymous with summer in St. Louis. For generations, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard has brought joy and sweet memories to Missouri's First District.

In 1930, tennis star Ted Drewes, Sr. debuted his first St. Louis Frozen Custard stand on Natural Bridge Road, later opening two locations that still serve St. Louisans and visitors alike on South Grand Boulevard and Chippewa Street. As a child, Ted Drewes Jr. often appeared in the family's custard stands advertisements with the tagline "It really is good guys, and gals!" Ted Drewes, Jr. fully embraced the family business working 80 hours a week between stands and making it the beloved St. Louis institution we crave. Like many across St. Louis, on a hot summer day, I have cooled down with my two favorite Ted Drewes staples: The Christy or a Strawberry Concrete.

Ted not only loved frozen custard, but he was also an accomplished rifleman, speed roller skater, and table tennis player. He valued using philanthropy to further customer service and community service, particularly through supporting his church, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Soulard, and the St. Louis Area Foodbank.

I offer my deepest condolences on behalf of Missouri's First District to his wife Dorothy Jane Drewes, daughters Christy Dillon and Cynthia Verseman, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the many people and community members who loved him.

RECOGNIZING THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT REGINA COELI NO. 1521 OF ST. ANNE'S PARISH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli No. 1521 of St. Anne's Parish on their 75-year anniversary and to thank them for their significant contributions to the Porterville community. Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli No. 1521 of St. Anne's Parish, a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, was established on October 30, 1949. Since their founding, the Catholic Daughters have played a vital role in supporting the parish and the broader community through their volunteer work. Guided by a mission of faith and charity,

the Catholic Daughters have made a profound impact on the Tulare County community. Today, the organization has 70 members and are active in non-profit and faith-based organizations. The Catholic Daughters participate in and host numerous events each year to raise funds for parish initiatives. The Christmas Bazaar is one of their signature events, and features auction items and homemade baked goods. They also host an annual Spring Tea, yard sales, bake sales and a Bunco game night. The Catholic Daughters support several charities in the community, including the St. Anne's Food Pantry, Tulare-Kings Right to Life, and the Homeless Alliance. Each year, the organization awards academic scholarships to support recent high school graduates from the parish. For 75 years, the Catholic Daughters have remained steadfast in their dedication to the well-being of St. Anne's Parish and the Porterville Community. The members of the Catholic Daughters have always been committed to uplifting each other through their faith, long-standing friendships, and shared commitment to the betterment of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli No. 1521 of St. Anne's Parish on their 75-year anniversary. Their work to enrich the community of Porterville will be felt for generations to come.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY BEAN OF WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Deputy Charles Hugh Bean as he retires after 11 years of service with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Bean's career has been one of dedication, sacrifice and honor to his community and residents of Worcester County. As Deputy Bean embarks on this new chapter in his life. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for his service.

On behalf of the residents of Maryland's First Congressional District, I wish Deputy Bean a happy, healthy and exciting retirement spent around family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, on September 25, 2024, I missed the following

vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 449.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR CHARLES DAVIS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Superintendent Charles Davis of College Hill Church of God in Christ (COGIC). Pastor Davis was a pillar in the Tampa Bay community and beloved by all who knew him or had the opportunity to join him in prayer. He leaves behind a legacy of servant leadership that should inspire neighbors across the Tampa Bay area for decades to come.

Charles Davis was born in St. Petersburg, FL as the ninth of ten children to Willie and Dorothea Davis. The family moved to Tampa in 1949. Pastor Davis graduated from H.W. Blake High School in 1959 and from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Superintendent Davis met Deloris Longworth, and they were married in December 1966. He embarked on a career of public service, education and as a faith leader.

The Church of God in Christ has been a part of the Tampa community for over 100 years. From the years of 1964 to 1997, COGIC was pastored by Bishop W.E. Davis, Superintendent Charles Davis's father. At age twenty-five, Charles decided to dedicate himself to God and lead a life as a leader in the church. In 1997, the membership requested that Elder Charles Davis be appointed as The Pastor of COGIC. Under the leadership of Superintendent Davis, COGIC has continued to thrive.

Superintendent Davis served COGIC in almost every level of ordination, including Deacon and Elder. He served as Pastor, Sunday School teacher, chairman of the Administrative Board and Chairman of the Elders Council of the Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida. His most beloved role was serving in the youth department as Jurisdictions Young People Willing Workers (YPWW) President.

Outside of COGIC, Superintendent Davis was bigger than life and very active in the Tampa civic community. He was the Coordinator of Childcare and Head Start in Hillsborough County, a Hillsborough County Community Action Agency Director and Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund Board Member, a member of the Tampa NAACP and Tampa Urban League. Superintendent Davis also held many special appointments, including the Mayor's Community Awareness Task Force, Florida Bar Grievance Committee and the Thirteenth Judicial and State Board Member of One Church One Child, appointed by the Governor.

Pastor Davis loved his family more than anything, and is survived by his wife, Deloris

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Longworth Davis, and their four daughters, Charlotte, LaTonia and her husband Brian, Karin and her husband Ron, and Amber and her husband William. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, Trimonte, LaRon, Jordan, Charles, Avery, Ja'lyn, Jayden, Charli and six great-grandchildren. His memory will also live on through his godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the College Hill COGIC community.

Pastor Davis always had a twinkle in his eye, a kind word and made our community more gracious. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my Tampa Bay area neighbors and all Floridians, I am proud to honor Superintendent Charles Davis for his lifelong dedication to others, and his kind, loving service to all. We are eternally grateful for his immense contributions.

TRIBUTE TO KABC-TV LOS ANGELES ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to KABC-TV as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of broadcasting.

Launched on September 16, 1949 as KECA-TV on Channel 7, ABC's fifth television outlet and Los Angeles' seventh television station, the 7:00 p.m. premiere featured a program with civic leaders and a variety program, followed by a University of California Los Angeles-Oregon State University football game. On February 1, 1954, the call sign of KECA-TV was changed to KABC-TV. Since then, KABC-TV has established itself as one of the premier local news and information sources in Southern California, flourishing along with the City of Los Angeles as the area's population grew during the post-war years. The station was originally located in the Los Feliz neighborhood of Los Angeles until 2000 when it moved to its current home in Glendale. Since its conception, the station has been instrumental in shaping public discourse, providing a platform for local issues, and celebrating the diverse communities of Los Angeles.

With a team of well-versed and dedicated news anchors and reporters, the station delivers compelling news stories that are relevant and important to Angelenos, communicating complex issues with clarity and empathy. KABC-TV's news anchors have been consistently described as approachable, authentic, and exceptionally skilled in their roles. Throughout challenging times such as the Covid-19 pandemic, turbulent local politics, and devastating wildfires, these award-winning anchors and reporters have served as accurate, reliable stewards of information.

In the era of rapid technological change, KABC-TV has been at the forefront of innovation in digital and social media engagement, embracing the evolving media landscape and adapting its skillful strategies to connect with audiences across the region. This commitment to modernization ensures that Southern California and Los Angeles in particular, receive timely and significant news, through televisions, accessing content via their phones, or through social media platforms.

KABC-TV has garnered numerous accolades, including many Emmy Awards from the

Los Angeles Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

I am proud to recognize this outstanding station for its enduring legacy and immeasurable contributions to the television and news industry in our local communities. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating KABC-TV Los Angeles upon its 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW) from October 7–11 and celebrate the three million plasma donors whose gift saves the lives of more than 120,000 Americans with rare diseases. Plasma protein therapies, including recombinant analogs and plasma-derived therapies, increase life expectancy, improve quality of life, and reduce life-threatening complications for people living with rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases.

Plasma—the straw-colored, liquid portion of blood—contains proteins necessary for carrying out critical functions in the human body. For example, immunoglobulins also known as antibodies defend your body from infections and fight disease, and clotting factors regulate bleeding. If a person has insufficient levels of any one plasma protein, their body cannot carry out these vital functions, causing a variety of chronic and life-threatening medical conditions.

Many people living with rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases, like primary immunodeficiency, neurological disorders, hereditary angioedema, pulmonary disorders, bleeding disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies, rely on plasma-derived treatments. Unlike traditional pharmaceuticals, plasma protein therapies cannot be synthesized in a laboratory. Plasma and its lifesaving proteins can only be obtained via human plasma from a donor.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Rare Disease Caucus, I understand how critical plasma donors and donation centers are in saving the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans with rare diseases. This is why in 2020, I introduced the Continuing Access to In-Home IVIG Act which extends and expands access to Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) treatment administered in the home for Medicare patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases. This was subsequently included in the 2021 government funding package and enacted into law. More recently, I introduced the PI Post Acute Access Act, which would expand IVIG treatment access to Medicare beneficiaries with primary immunodeficiencies living in skilled nursing facilities.

Without plasma donors who make more than 47 million plasma donations annually at over 1,100 International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certified plasma collection centers, countless patients would be unable to access these lifesaving therapies. That's why International Plasma Awareness Week is held annually each October to raise global awareness about source plasma collection, recognize the valued contributions of donors, and

increase understanding about plasma protein therapies and the rare diseases they treat.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW) and recognizing plasma donors and donation centers for their heroic and lifesaving contributions.

HONORING FIRE LIEUTENANT BRIAN PEEK

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and humbled to posthumously honor Fire Lieutenant (Lt.) Brian Peek, who tragically passed away in the Line of Duty while serving as a member of the Goldsboro Fire Company.

Lt. Peek was a gift and blessing to our community throughout his more than 50 years of service as a Firefighter, who was dedicated to mentoring new members, and was tirelessly committed to the Station and to the Citizens it serves. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him or were blessed to share his life even in a small way.

Lt. Peek served as Fire Lt. 68–3, Fire Police Lt. 68, and Fire Police 28–4 in his myriad years of service. Lt. Peek leaves behind his beloved family—two sons, two stepsons, his brother, and 18 grandchildren—who will carry his legacy.

Mr. Speaker I'm saddened, honored, and humbled to recognize Fire Lieutenant Brian Peek on his tireless, selfless, and unwavering service to our communities, Commonwealth, and United States of America. He set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING KERN ENERGY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Kern Energy on their 90-year anniversary and to thank them for their significant contributions to the Central Valley. Kern Energy, established in 1934, is an independent, family-owned and operated transportation fuel producer in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. For nine decades, Kern Energy has been critical to the success of Central Valley agriculture, providing the region with the fuel necessary to help transport goods across California and the Nation. To date, Kern Energy has produced over 58 million gallons of renewable diesel and blended over 74 million gallons of biodiesel into its finished fuels. Throughout their history, Kern Energy has been a leader of energy innovation, consistently overcoming California's operational challenges. Kern Energy is dedicated to advancing cleaner transportation fuels by investing in innovative solutions for future generations. The company's unwavering commitment to meeting the ever-changing energy needs of California has guided their mission for nearly a century. Kern Energy has adopted the motto of "small but mighty" to reflect their significant impact on the community. Kern Energy has