

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
DONALD ALBERT SCHROEDER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable individual whose legacy will forever resonate in the annals of California agriculture and community service. Donald Albert Schroeder, known affectionately as Don, departed this life on October 24, 2023, at the age of 96 in Orange Cove, California. Born on November 29, 1926, in Santa Ana, California, to Albert and Louise Schroeder, Don's journey was one of enduring commitment and profound contributions.

Don's academic journey began at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned his bachelor's degree with honors in Agriculture in 1949. He furthered his education at the University of California, Davis, obtaining a master's degree. Stepping into the agricultural realm, Don, alongside his father A.F. Schroeder, cultivated the fertile lands of Orange County before making a significant move to the Central Valley in 1958. For six fruitful decades, Don played a pivotal role in shaping the agricultural landscape of the San Joaquin Valley, establishing ranches, and contributing significantly to the citrus industry in California.

In 1983, after the loss of his first wife, Marian Olsen Picher, Don remarried Sharon Burkdoll Carey. Together, they embarked on a new chapter, developing a ranch in Orange Cove dedicated to citrus and olives. Don's leadership extended beyond the groves; he was a foundational member of the California Farm Bureau Federation, serving as Chairman of the Board from 1955 to 1956. His impact on the citrus industry was immeasurable, co-founding California Citrus Mutual in 1977 and serving as Chairman from 1981 to 1984.

Don's commitment to community service was equally profound. A devoted member of the Orange Cove Lions Club and the American Legion, he gave generously to the betterment of his community. His benevolence reached beyond borders, as he and Sharon provided assistance to the Hopi Tribe in Second Mesa, Arizona, imparting knowledge on irrigation systems and modern farming techniques.

Beyond the orchards and boardrooms, Don found solace in the great outdoors. A passionate hiker and skier, he, along with close friends, traversed the California Sierras for over 50 years. Even into his 70s, Don embraced the thrill of operating snowcats at China Peak, showcasing a zest for life that inspired all who knew him.

In the tapestry of his life, Don leaves a legacy of agricultural innovation, community service, and a love for the land. His impact will endure in the hearts of family, friends, and the agricultural community he so deeply loved. He is survived by three children, Julia Picher,

Robert Carey, and Renee Aitelli (Peter); his grandchildren, Marcel Mendes (Erin), Alex Aitelli (Haley), and Audrey Aitelli; three great-granddaughters; and his niece and nephew, Joanne Riedel and Ed Riedel (Melanie).

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Donald Albert Schroeder, a pioneer and steward of California agriculture. May his legacy continue to inspire future generations.

RECOGNIZING JOSE LUIS "JOE"
LUCCIONI

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jose Luis "Joe" Luccioni's dedication to our community and outstanding achievements. Originally from Puerto Rico, Joe eventually moved to North Texas, settling in Grapevine. Joe has become a pillar for our community, contributing significantly to the civic and cultural life for 31 years.

In 2007, Joe joined the Grapevine Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program, where he has served with distinction for the past 17 years. His dedication is reflected in an extraordinary 8,697 lifetime volunteer hours, a testament to his unwavering commitment to the safety and welfare of Grapevine residents. From 2017 to 2020, Joe served as the Director of VIPS, leading with passion and integrity. His exemplary service was recognized in 2018 when he was honored with the prestigious Presidential Achievement Award for volunteerism, in acknowledgment of his remarkable 4,000 hours of service. Joe's commitment to Grapevine also extends far beyond his work with the Volunteers in Police Service. He played a pivotal role in the construction of the 9/11 Flight Crew Memorial in Grapevine, a project completed in 2008 to honor the brave flight crew heroes of September 11, 2001. Joe's leadership in this initiative was critical to its successful completion, creating a lasting tribute that continues to unite and inspire the community.

In addition to his work on the memorial, Joe has served the community in various capacities. He was a member of the Grapevine Parks and Recreation Board from 2017 to 2021, where he contributed to the enhancement of local parks and community spaces. Since 2014, Joe has also been an active member of the Shield Foundation Board, reflecting his deep commitment to the well-being and development of his community. His involvement in the Grapevine Runners and Walkers since 1997 emphasizes his passion for promoting health and fitness within the community. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his relentless dedication, humility, and leadership. His selfless contributions have left an indelible impact on the City of Grapevine, the Latino commu-

nity, and North Texas as a whole. Joe embodies the true spirit of community service and leadership, demonstrating what can be achieved when one devotes themselves to the greater good.

It is my pleasure to recognize Jose Luis "Joe" Luccioni for his exemplary contributions and unwavering dedication to North Texas, as well as congratulate him on receiving the 2024 Latino Service Award.

HONORING MRS. ALMA E. RANGEL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend, dedicated wife and loving mother, Mrs. Alma Rangel. She was an extraordinary woman who embodied strength, grace, and unwavering dedication to her family and community.

I was fortunate enough to get to know Alma, laugh with Alma, and share many special moments with her. As a former staffer in the 1970s, I will always remember how Mrs. Rangel welcomed staff into her beautiful home for Sunday brunch after the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. Her warmth and kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she met, and her commitment to public service was evident. She was a founding member and longtime chair of the Congressional Black Spouses, and led fundraisers to provide scholarships to students around the country. Mrs. Rangel worked tirelessly throughout her life to better the lives of those around her.

As a member of Congress, I had the privilege to travel throughout the world with Mrs. Rangel and her loving husband, Congressman Charlie Rangel—and always enjoyed our private times together. Alma was a fierce advocate, and we bonded over our passion for human rights and women's rights efforts around the world. Her work with CBC Spouses, the Ralph J. Rangel Foundations and other organizations have had a significant impact on women and families both in the U.S. and abroad.

Alma's legacy is one of service, resilience, and dedication. My heartfelt condolences go out to Congressman Rangel and all of Alma's family and loved ones. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. May she rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING GRACE NORDHOFF'S
LEGACY

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grace Nordhoff and her service to

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the writers, readers, and creative minds of the Pacific Northwest. Grace grew up in the Seattle area. She attended college and lived in North Carolina for 25 years. During her time in North Carolina, Grace worked on the publishing staff of an alternative newspaper, earned her Master of Social Work and founded a bakery café. Since moving back to Seattle, Grace has been involved in her family's legacy business, the Skinner Corporation. She has also been a dedicated volunteer with the Seattle Public Library where she worked at the Central Library's welcome desk.

Grace has spent decades championing literary causes. She served on the boards of the Durham Library Foundation, The Seattle Public Library Foundation and Hedgebrook. Grace has also served on the board and been a critical leader in ensuring the success of Hedgebrook, a literary nonprofit working to support visionary women writers whose stories and ideas shape our culture now and for generations to come. Hedgebrook, founded by Nancy Nordhoff (Grace's mother), has been the home to a host of storied women writers, offering a space of solace, welcome and nurturing for women to make their voices heard. Over the years, Hedgebrook has welcome a range of women writers, from Gloria Steinem to V Ensler to Naomi Shihab Nye and Sarah Ladipo Manyika.

Hedgebrook benefited immensely from Grace's dedication. Grace served on the Board for 15 years where she offered transformational guidance in organizational development. She played a pivotal role in the strategic planning process and helped to lead the Sustainability Campaign to renew the retreat. During her tenure, Hedgebrook's annual budget increased from \$600,000 to \$1.7 million, transitioned from a private foundation to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created its annual fundraiser "Equivox" and expanded its donor base across the country.

Grace and her family have personified Seattle philanthropy. She has been a dedicated supporter of women's voices in the arts, literature, politics and education. Our region has greatly benefited from Grace's dedication to supporting her community.

On behalf of Washington's 7th Congressional District, I would like to commend Grace Nordhoff's work and her many accomplishments in service to literary causes and the Pacific Northwest.

HONORING IAN LANOFF, A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN RETIREMENT PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Ian Lanoff, who passed away on September 29, 2024. Mr. Lanoff dedicated his career to implementing and upholding principles inherent in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), during his time in both public service and private practice.

Mr. Lanoff served as head of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, the agency that preceded the Employee Benefits Security Administration, under President Carter and

President Reagan. Mr. Lanoff's contributions in the early years of ERISA laid a solid foundation for the following decades. In 1976 and 1977, before his tenure as the nation's top ERISA administrator, Mr. Lanoff served as counsel to the Senate Labor Committee, the predecessor of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Mr. Lanoff also served on the Board of Directors of the Pension Rights Center, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that helps individuals receive the pension benefits they have earned. Mr. Lanoff's public service was matched by his recognition as a powerhouse in private practice for decades where he advised fiduciaries of both public and private pension plans.

Today we recognize and honor Mr. Lanoff's direct impact on and devotion to millions of pension beneficiaries across the Nation. We express the highest commendation for Mr. Lanoff's dedication to protecting the retirement benefits of American workers.

We also express our condolences to Mr. Lanoff's friends and family, including his wife, Patricia Lanoff, and children, Jennifer Lanoff of Washington, D.C., Julie Lanoff of Oakland, California, Lisa Applegate of Hamilton, New Jersey, and Keith Sprague of Waterville, California.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County as they celebrate 75 years of dedicated service to the youth and families of our community. Founded in early 1949, the Boys' Club in downtown Fresno, provided a safe haven for young boys. Over the decades, thanks to the generosity of donors and community members, more clubs have opened, expanding their reach.

Through challenges and opportunities, the committed board of directors and caring staff have worked tirelessly to create environments that embody their core values: Respect, Integrity, Passion, Fun, and Commitment. Today, over 4,000 children and teens call the club their second home, with programs extending beyond Fresno to communities like Orange Cove, Huron, Firebaugh, and Reedley.

Boys & Girls Clubs give kids opportunities to succeed through impactful programs. Serving 191,000 healthy meals annually, they ensure members receive the nutrition they need to thrive. Remarkably, 92% of Club members expect to graduate from high school, demonstrating the positive academic environment fostered by the Club. Additionally, 96% of members report that staff provide clear expectations and opportunities to better themselves, highlighting the supportive atmosphere that encourages personal growth. Formula for Impact ensures every child is welcomed and supported in areas of Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship.

Programs like Power Hour provide essential homework help, while Project Learn enhances

educational performance through enrichment activities. The My Future initiative builds digital skills and fosters safe online interactions. Financial literacy is promoted through Money Matters, teaching young members about saving and investing.

In health, Triple Play promotes nutrition and physical activity, and programs like SMART Moves and SMART Girls address vital prevention education. For character development, initiatives such as Youth of the Year and Keystone cultivate future leaders.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us recognize the transformative impact the Boys & Girls Clubs have had on the lives of over 1 million young people. Their focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development is vital for shaping future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in celebrating the Boys and Girls Club Fresno County for their continuous commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 JOHN DAWSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLASMA PHYSICS RESEARCH

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2024

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the research team from the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE) in my district that was recently awarded the 2024 John Dawson Award for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research from the American Physical Society. This prestigious honor recognizes outstanding achievements in plasma physics research that stand out for their innovation and impact on the field.

The team received the award for pioneering the development of statistical modeling to predict, design, and analyze implosion experiments on the 30kJ OMEGA Laser. The research validates innovative design and analysis approaches, paving the way for more efficient exploration of target designs and improved understanding of the underlying physics. The expanding use of machine learning models has allowed the researchers to explore an optimal implosion design with high accuracy, minimal computational cost, and improved predictive capability.

These advancements are expected to guide future implosion experiments and accelerate progress in high-yield inertial confinement fusion and inertial fusion energy. The award-winning research involved contributions from various scientists and engineers in diagnostics and code development, target fabrication and cryogenic layering, and laser facility operation. Those involved include Riccardo Betti, Aarne Lees, Varchas Gopalaswamy, Duc M. Cao, Chad J. Forrest, James P. Knauer, Sean P. Regan, Rahul C. Shah, Cliff A. Thomas, Connor Alexander Williams, and Mike Campbell.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the research team for their tremendous work and deserved recognition and couldn't be happier that scientific advances like these occur in Rochester. The study of fusion in the laboratory is critical to our national security and with the continued progress towards record fusion yields, I am increasingly enthusiastic about a future where