

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING 62ND BIRTHDAY OF KIMBERLY COLLINS-JONES

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Kimberly Collins-Jones on the occasion of her 62nd birthday. Born on October 11, 1964, in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Collins-Jones is a cherished wife to Ulysses Jones and a devoted mother of two. She enriches the lives of her loved ones, ensuring that every gathering is filled with laughter, love, and delectable food.

In addition to her culinary talents, Mrs. Collins-Jones is a dedicated member of True Bethel Baptist Church, where she has devoted two decades of service. She also plays an important role in the Paramount Order of Eastern Stars, exemplifying her commitment to community service.

As the proud owner of Phat Katz in the heart of the University District, Mrs. Collins-Jones has transformed her dream into a vibrant reality. Since opening in May 2016, her restaurant has become a beloved institution in Buffalo, renowned for its soul food that nourishes both body and spirit. It is a place where families gather, friendships blossom, and memories are created over delicious meals.

Mrs. Collins-Jones' culinary journey is deeply rooted in her upbringing in Buffalo, where growing up in a large family of nine instilled in her the understanding that cooking is about more than sustenance; it is about love, tradition, and togetherness. Inspired by her mother's ability to create feasts that brought joy to their home, her passion for cooking continues to shine through every dish she serves.

Today, we celebrate Mrs. Kimberly Collins-Jones for her remarkable achievements, her generous spirit, and the countless lives she has touched. Here's to 62 wonderful years and many more to come.

### COMMEMORATING THE CENTEN- NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE CREEK VA MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battle Creek VA Medical Center for 100 years of service to our Nation's veterans.

Completed in 1924, the Battle Creek VA Medical Center was the 100th VA hospital in the United States. When it first opened, staff and patients from the hospital farmed about 200 acres of the 675-acre property. This activity served as therapy for the patients and allowed the hospital to be more self-sufficient.

Today, the Battle Creek VA Medical Center has a wonderful campus that includes 30 buildings that are used for patient care and administrative offices. At its peak, the Medical Center had over 1,400 beds while today the focus is primarily on outpatient care.

As the son of a disabled WWII veteran, who received care in Battle Creek, I have experienced firsthand the critical need for ensuring that the men and women who have served our Nation receive the respect and care they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the staff and care teams at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center who have prioritized caring for our veterans as well as our community for the past 100 years.

### IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN RONALD W. FORRESTER

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of U.S. Marine Corps Captain Ronald W. Forrester. CAPT Forrester was reported missing in action during a combat mission during the Vietnam War. His remains were identified and accounted for on December 4, 2023, and he was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on October 7, 2024. His answered call to service and dedication to our Nation left a legacy that has impacted multiple generations.

CAPT Forrester was raised in Odessa, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1969. At Texas A&M University, he was a member of the Corps of Cadets before being commissioned as an officer into the Marine Corps.

Within the Marine Corps, CAPT Forrester was a member of the Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 533, Marine Air Group 15, 1st Marine Air Wing. On December 27, 1972, Forrester was assigned as the bombardier/navigator aboard an A-6A Intruder along with the pilot, Captain Jim Chipman. During a nighttime combat mission over North Vietnam, radio contact with the aircraft was lost, and subsequent aerial search teams were unable to locate the missing plane or its crew. After several months, the Marine Corps changed the crew's initial Missing In Action status to Killed In Action.

On December 4, 2023, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified the remains of Captain Ronald W. Forrester as well as those of his fellow crewmember, Captain Jim Chipman. CAPT Forrester was officially welcomed home in a moving memorial celebration held on February 2, 2024, at Lake Travis United Methodist Church and attended by hundreds of his family, friends, Texas A&M classmates, and fellow veterans from across the country.

At the time of his death, CAPT Forrester was 25 years old and married to Jana Bland

Jenkins with a two-year-old daughter Karoni. She has dedicated much of her life to the POW/MIA cause, advocating for families who have dealt with the painful uncertainty surrounding their missing loved ones.

The impact of CAPT Forrester's life has influenced more than just those who knew him. His nephew, Craig Forrester, followed his path to Texas A&M, the Corps of Cadets, and the Marine Corps. Craig Forrester credits his uncle's memory and legacy with inspiring his own military service. Forrester's granddaughter, Lilian Gonzales, believes she would not be the person she is without the love and support that has surrounded her because of her grandfather's absence and sacrifice.

Captain Ronald W. Forrester lost his life in service to our Nation, and we are grateful that his family has been provided closure and allowed to bring him home to his final resting place.

### HONORING CC YIN'S 88TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my colleagues, Congressmen TED LIEU and MIKE THOMPSON to honor CC Yin as he celebrates his 88th birthday. Mr. Yin is a remarkable entrepreneur, community leader, and philanthropist whose impact is felt far and wide.

Mr. Yin immigrated to the United States in the 1960s with only \$100 in his pocket. He earned a mechanical engineering degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and later purchased a struggling McDonald's in Oakland, California. Together with his wife, he grew that single location into 30 successful franchises across Northern California. Their business achievements enabled them to focus on philanthropy and community leadership, particularly within the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

In 2001, Mr. Yin founded the Asian Pacific American Public Affairs (APAPA) organization, which promotes civic engagement, leadership, and education within the AAPI community. APAPA's mission has expanded nationwide, with multiple chapters across the United States. The organization provides scholarships and leadership training to empower the next generation of AAPI leaders.

Mr. Yin's vision and dedication are an inspiration to our community and have earned him numerous awards and recognition from both state and national organizations. His leadership has made a lasting difference, and our communities are stronger because of his contributions. We thank him for being a beacon of light in our community.

On behalf of the constituents of California's 4th, 8th, and 36th Congressional Districts, we wish Mr. Yin a very happy 88th birthday and

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extend our sincere gratitude for his service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION  
OF SUNY ERIE'S 13TH PRESI-  
DENT DR. ADIAM TSEGAI

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Adiam Tsegai, SUNY Erie's 13th President.

Dr. Adiam Tsegai is an alumnus of SUNY Erie Community College where she earned her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Social Science. Continuing her education at the University of Buffalo, Dr. Tsegai earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and African American Studies. She also received a Master's degree in Education and received her Ph. D. in Education, Leadership Policy, and Social Foundations.

Dr. Tsegai joined SUNY Erie as the Dean of Engineering and Technologies in 2018 and then served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Health Sciences, Engineering, and Technologies. In 2021, she was appointed as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for the College. Dr. Tsegai served as the College's Officer-in-Charge, and on December 5, 2023, was appointed the President of SUNY Erie.

Today, we thank Dr. Adiam Tsegai for her commitment to higher education and serving the community. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Adiam Tsegai on this momentous occasion and for her continued leadership and passion for education.

HONORING ROBERT PEASE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert "Bobby" Pease, from Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Pease is an exemplary teacher at Fleming County High School.

Mr. Pease earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education and a Master of Arts degree in Career and Technical Education. He began his teaching career at Fleming County High School in 2003 and is a national board-certified teacher. He is a welding instructor at Fleming County High School and Director of Education at the Kentucky Welding Institute. In 2023 and again in 2024, Mr. Pease coached welding teams from Fleming County High School who were named the Kentucky FFA State Fair Welding Champions. Mr. Pease was appointed as a Curriculum Specialist by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. He is an AWS Certified Welding Inspector and is certified with OSHA, an NCCER Master Trainer, and an NCCCO Practical Examiner.

Mr. Pease was recently honored as one of 25 instructors nationwide to win the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. This very prestigious and well-deserved award includes a \$50,000 prize, to be

shared with his school's skilled trades program. The award was created to recognize excellence among high school skilled trades teachers. More than 900 applications from all fifty states were submitted for the 2024 prize.

In addition to all his professional honors, Mr. Pease serves as a mentor to his students and encourages them as he prepares them for good careers and a bright future. He is well-respected both at school and in the Flemingsburg community. I am honored to recognize him before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE CITRUS SOUTH  
TULE SCHOOL

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Citrus South Tule School on their 150-year anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Porterville community. Citrus South Tule School, an elementary school located by Lake Success, opened its doors in 1874 as a one-room schoolhouse. For the first 140 years of its history, Citrus South Tule served the students in the immediate area of Lake Success. In 2015, the school became part of the Porterville Unified School District. Since its founding, Citrus South Tule has been committed to the academic success of all students. Today, the Citrus South Tule School offers a range of programs at the forefront of educational innovation. In 2017, the school opened its Future Ready and Qualcomm Thinkabit Labs, providing students with the opportunity to explore their interests in engineering, technology, and robotics. Through their range of STEM opportunities, the Citrus South Tule School helps students become innovative, collaborative, and hardworking members of the Porterville community. The Citrus South Tule School is a leader of educational innovation and attracts more than 2,500 visitors annually who come to explore their unique educational programs and scenic campus. Over the past century, Citrus South Tule has remained committed to their mission of ensuring all students have the education they need to thrive. It is because of the faculty and staff at Citrus South Tule School that students in the Central Valley community flourish, and I want to thank them all for creating a learning environment that helps our youth become the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Citrus South Tule School on their 150-year anniversary. Their work to enrich the lives of students in the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

HONORING MR. PETER JENKS

**HON. BLAKE D. MOORE**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the exceptional accomplishments of Mr. Peter Jenks,

who has recently been selected for the Top of Utah Military Affairs Committee's Western Big Hat Award. This award—first given to Admiral Chester Nimitz—recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to their community. Anyone who knows Peter knows that there is no one more deserving of this award than he.

I know Peter best for his dedicated service to my constituents in Northern Utah, but his influence extends far beyond this narrow snapshot of his career. Peter has served Utah's First Congressional District for three decades, working as district director for three consecutive Members of Congress. In this role, he has been critical to the success of this office and Congressional District, especially in serving the needs of our servicemen and women at Hill Air Force Base.

Beyond work, Peter is consistently generous with his time. He is a current board member and former president of the Utah Defense Alliance where he leads efforts to engage state and local government and military and business leaders on defense and aerospace issues. He also serves Wolf Creek Foundation board, serving and supporting the families of deployed military members.

Peter has twice served as Honorary Commander at Hill Air Force Base, first with the 388th Fighter Wing and later with the 419th Fighter Wing and is universally loved by all who have worked with him. Those lucky enough to know him know there is no more loyal a friend nor selfless a mentor than Peter Jenks.

It is my honor to recognize Peter's accomplishment and service for Utah's First Congressional District and our Nation's service members. Utah and the United States are better because of his work and example. I thank Peter for his service and sacrifice throughout the years. He is a model of courage, selfless service, and altruism from whom we can all learn.

CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF  
DOLORES LORRAINE CLEMONS

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Dolores L. Clemons on her 100th birthday. As she celebrates her 100th birthday, her life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love and resilience.

Born on October 8, 1924, in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Clemons is a devoted mother of nine and embodies the spirit of caring within her family and to everyone she meets.

After 21 years of service, Mrs. Clemons retired from Buffalo General Hospital, where she dedicated her career as a nursery technician caring for newborn and infant children and later as a nurse in the emergency room, touching the lives of countless patients with her compassionate care.

Over the years, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength. Known as the best baker in the family, she has created countless sweet memories, sharing her delicious treats with loved ones.