

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MURRAY VISER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF BARKSDALE FORWARD

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise and stand to honor the career and service of Mr. Murray Viser, President Emeritus of Barksdale Forward.

Throughout his impressive career, Murray has made countless contributions to his community and country. In appreciation of and to honor his service, I, on behalf of all the people and organizations he has aided, the greater Barksdale community, the State of Louisiana, and this great nation, offer my sincerest gratitude for his 30 years of service.

Murray was a pioneer in his profession. In 1993, he founded Barksdale Forward, an organization that advocates for Barksdale Air Force Base and its surrounding community at the local, state, and federal level. Barksdale Forward was the state's first organized defense community, and with Murray's vision and assistance, he inspired others to form defense communities inside Louisiana and across the country. Murray's work has greatly contributed to making Barksdale Air Force Base and the community around it the wonderful place it is today.

Murray's contributions extend past his work with Barksdale Forward. In 1999, after serving as the President of STARBASE Louisiana, Murray brought the program to Barksdale Air Force Base. At the national level, Murray was a leading advocate for the creation of the Long-Range Strike Caucus and has acted as a Civic Leader for the Air Force Global Strike Command since its creation in 2009. It was in this role that he received his honorary call sign, "BUFF," in recognition of his long support of the B-52 bomber and Barksdale Air Force Base.

I applaud Murray for all of the impacts he has had over the years and for his continued service as a member of the Louisiana Military Affairs Committee, a post he has held since 1993. Murray has brought faithful, virtuous, and steadfast leadership to each organization he has been a part of, including St. Mark's Cathedral School, the Boeing Bomber Coalition, and the Air Combat Commander's Group.

I thank his wife, Patricia, and his daughter, Mary-Elizabeth, for sharing him with us and supporting him in his great career. There is no doubt that his work and impact will continue to be felt after he has stepped away from this chapter of his life. I urge my colleagues in this chamber to join me in congratulating Mr. Murray Viser on a distinguished career and well-deserved retirement from Barksdale Forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECOVER ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Reducing the Effects of the Cyberattack on OPM Victims Emergency Response Act of 2024, or the RECOVER Act, which would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to make permanent the free identity protection coverage that Congress required OPM to provide at that point for 10 years to individuals whose Social Security Numbers were potentially compromised during the OPM data breaches. In 2015, OPM reported that the personally identifiable information of as many as 25.7 million current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors was stolen in two data breaches. I appreciate that Representative C.A. DUTCH RUPERSBERGER is co-leading this bill.

After OPM announced that it would offer identity protection coverage of limited duration and value, Senator BEN CARDIN and I introduced the RECOVER Act in July 2015, which would have provided affected individuals lifetime identity protection coverage and at least \$5 million in identity theft insurance. Congress subsequently passed a version of our bill as part of an appropriations bill, but limited the duration of the protection. Under current law, OPM is only required to provide identity protection coverage through fiscal year 2026. Under the bill I am introducing today, OPM would be required to provide coverage for the remainder of the lives of affected individuals.

The current coverage duration is inadequate, given that there is no limit to when the stolen data may be exploited. Therefore, there should be no limit on the duration of the coverage provided to affected individuals. This bill would give current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors who were affected both some peace of mind and protection. OPM failed to protect these people. It follows that the government must make up for its mistake.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING FORT MARTIN SCOTT

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fort Martin Scott, one of the early United States Army forts established in the State of Texas.

I have the privilege of representing the historic town of Fredericksburg in the scenic Texas Hill Country. When the German immigrants arrived in Fredericksburg in the 1840s,

they faced hardships including rocky soil, wild animals, disease, and skirmishes with Indians. John O. Meusebach, a leader of the settlers, secured a treaty with the Comanche Indians in 1847. A tenuous peace ensued, with occasional clashes between Indians and settlers. After Texas officially joined the United States of America as the twenty-eighth state in the union, she became eligible for military aid from the United States Army.

In March 1848, the Second Texas Legislature adopted a resolution in favor of establishing a line of Army posts between the Red River and the Rio Grande, in addition to measures that would preserve friendly relations between the Indian tribes and the people of Texas. Captain Seth Eastman, commander of Companies D and H, First Regiment of U.S. Infantry, arrived two miles below Fredericksburg on the bank of Barons Creek later that year. Captain Eastman named the location "Camp Houston near Fredericksburgh." On December 28, 1849, Camp Houston was officially designated as "Fort Martin Scott."

The U.S. 8th Infantry Regiment was headquartered at Fort Martin Scott until December 1853. The Fort remained on official Army maps throughout the American Civil War. The Texas Rangers also utilized this site throughout our great State's history. Today, Fort Martin Scott adjoins the Texas Rangers Heritage Center on U.S. Highway 290.

HONORING MAYOR JAMES BOULEY

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 26 years of dedicated service of Concord's recently retired mayor and my dear friend, James Bouley.

Over the course of his decades of public service, Jim led with the vision and commitment necessary to transform New Hampshire's Capital City into the thriving and energetic community we enjoy today.

Over thousands of meetings, events, and hours of hard work, Jim effectively created meaningful change throughout the city. Under Jim's leadership, extensive improvements were made to Concord's Main Street. He revitalized downtown Concord and spearheaded renovations that made Main Street accessible for all, true to the spirit of New Hampshire. He worked to improve city facilities and oversaw the rebuilding of numerous community landmarks, such as the public library and Horse-shoe Pond area.

Mayor Bouley is the definition of a true public servant. Known as a consensus-builder, Jim strove to ensure that all residents of Concord felt their views and values were heard and honored. On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Jim for his years of dedicated service and tireless commitment to

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making Concord, the Capital Area, and New Hampshire a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Jim's leadership, dedication, and professionalism have left a lasting legacy.

My best wishes to Jim and his family in all their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING KATELYN
WRIGHT

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Katelyn Wright, of Kearney, Missouri, and congratulate her for winning the "Voice of Democracy" scholarship competition for the State of Missouri hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Katelyn's submission for the Patriotic Audio Essay Competition on the voice of democracy, "My Past, My Present, and My Future" was extremely thought-provoking and discussed the importance of American veterans.

Ms. Wright has demonstrated her capability in multiple ways. She secured second place in last year's scholarship competition, serves as vice-president of the Clay-County Missouri 4-H Council, has earned multiple state 4-H public speaking championships, among many others. Beyond these academic achievements, Ms. Wright is notably involved in her community. She volunteers her time to serve food and deliver groceries with a local organization, serves as a part-time Sunday school teacher, and plays piano for her local church.

I stand here today to congratulate Ms. Katelyn Wright, wish her good luck in the upcoming national competition, extend my support as she continues her academic career, and recognize an extremely bright and talented young woman from the State of Missouri.

CELEBRATING THE GROUND-
BREAKING OF PATHWAY AT
HERITAGE PARK

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the beginning of an innovative project that will address the critical need for affordable homeownership in the Johnson County, Kansas area.

With the support of volunteers, donors, and community partners, Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City (Habitat KC) builds and renovates homes to help families achieve their dream of homeownership. Using American Rescue Plan Act funding, Pathway at Heritage Park will be Habitat KC's first pocket neighborhood development and first time employing the community land trust model. Under this model, Habitat KC ensures the homes built remain affordable, avoiding skyrocketing housing costs that put home ownership out of reach for too many.

The importance of this project to our community cannot be understated. United Commu-

nity Service of Johnson County estimates that 40 percent of renters and 20 percent of homeowners in Johnson County are housing cost-burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing. At Pathway at Heritage Park, mortgages will be capped at 30 percent of monthly income.

Additionally, about 45 percent of the local workforce commutes from other communities due to the lack of affordable housing. This project is especially important as the Panasonic and Walmart beef processing plants are projected to bring more than 4,500 new jobs to the Johnson County area.

I want to thank Habitat KC, Pathway Community Church, and all those that have contributed to making the groundbreaking of Pathway at Heritage Park a success. I look forward to this project making the dream of homeownership a reality for so many.

HONORING MARQUES A. HUDSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Marques A. Hudson. Mr. Hudson, a resident of Piscataway, New Jersey, died in the line of duty on January 26, 2024 after responding to a three-alarm house fire in Plainfield where he served as a firefighter. I know I join with his family and friends in paying tribute to his memory and the ultimate sacrifice he paid in service to our community.

A member of the Plainfield Fire Department since December 2021, Mr. Hudson made an impact on the department and community during his two years of service. His contributions and commitment have been recalled by the City of Plainfield, the department, and his fellow firefighters. Not only was Mr. Hudson a dedicated public servant in Plainfield, he was also an active member of the Piscataway community. As a Little League coach, Mr. Hudson was a role model and mentor to the players and his sons.

Mr. Hudson is survived by his loving family, including his beloved partner D'onnah Jones, sons Kaleb, Josiah, and Isaiah Hudson, mother Vickie Hudson, sister Jacquetta Hudson-Bonus, brothers Allen and Jaquan Hudson, nephew and nieces, and many other relatives and dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Marques A. Hudson for his heroism and sacrifice, and his dedication to his family and community. Mr. Hudson demonstrated character and leadership throughout his life and was deeply committed to each endeavor he undertook. He will be remembered fondly by all those he has inspired and those whose lives he impacted directly.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MIKE BRODERICK

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Philip Mike

Broderick, a firefighter from Des Moines who lost his brave battle with liver cancer on January 14, 2024.

Prior to spending nearly 16 years with the Des Moines Fire Department, Mike spent two decades serving our nation in the United States Army. He was a man who put service over himself for his entire life, and his commitment to ensuring safety for his community and his nation was unwavering. Those who knew him personally shared he was an incredible friend, a devout husband, a loving father, and someone who served his country and community with purpose and care. Mike Broderick leaves behind his wife Emily and daughters Grace, Ireland, Piper, and Campbell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mike Broderick's commitment to our Nation and the entire Des Moines community. I join his family and those closest to him in mourning his loss. May his memory not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE LIMA NOON OPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL YOUTH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive news about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District. Today, I am pleased to commend to the House thirteen high school students who are being honored for their outstanding leadership skills and volunteerism.

On Wednesday, the Noon Optimist Club of Lima will recognize Alexander Arellano, Samuel Burkholder, Leyton Chambers, Devan Foster, Delaney Jones, Keegan Klosterman, Daniel Koh, Brody Roof, Delaney Sawmiller, Brady Shively, Connor Smith, Abby Stechschulte, and Maisie Strawser at its annual youth appreciation luncheon. These students were each nominated by their schools for being good role models for their peers.

I thank the Optimists for their efforts to celebrate the many achievements of these students and am proud to join in the accolades to them. They have my very best wishes for continued success in their lives in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY BASEBALL COACH
MIKE MARTIN, SR.

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Florida State University legend Mike Martin, Sr.

On February 1, 2024, the Seminole community said "goodbye" to a man who encapsulated greatness. Coach Mike Martin spent over 40 years with the Seminole baseball program. He finished his coaching career with his 40th winning season and 17th College World Series appearance. Coach Martin's career record was 2,029 wins, 736 losses, and four