

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING HELEN BUYCE'S
104TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helen Buyce, a remarkable constituent from my district celebrating her 104th birthday. Helen was born February 2, 1920, in Wells, New York, but now resides in Newtown, Pennsylvania to be closer to family.

Helen Dampier graduated from Wells Central School in 1938. She first started working as a housekeeper and then moved on to a job at General Electric during World War II working alongside Rosie the Riveter. During this time, she began to date Roy Buyce, who joined the United States Army while Helen waited patiently for her true love to return. On February 26, 1946, they finally were married and made their home in Wells, New York, where she lived until moving to Bucks County. While living in Wells, Helen worked for the United States Postal Service.

Helen and Roy spent many of their winters in Florida. She and Roy had their own vegetable garden, and she was well known for the pickles she made. Helen lost Roy in 1998 but stayed in Wells until she was 99. She kept active in the Wells community and enjoyed baking and cooking, especially for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She spent her time relaxing by reading her favorite novels. Helen's nightly ritual included watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, reading the newspaper, and doing crossword puzzles.

Since Helen first arrived at Buckingham Valley Rehabilitation Center, she has never missed a BINGO game. She loves getting her hair done weekly and never misses an appointment. She comes to all entertainment and makes sure to sit upfront. Helen relishes conversation with staff and always leaves you smiling.

Helen could not be prouder of her growing family in Bucks County, PA. Joan, her only child and her son-in-law, Jim, live in Yardley, PA. Her two granddaughters, Jenny, and Katie, having families of their own, live only short distances away. Helen is well known to be a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and aunt. She is affectionately known as "Granny" to 5 great-grandchildren.

To Helen, family is everything. Her daughter Joan calls her every evening and comes to see her regularly. On special occasions, Joan will help her FaceTime other members of the family so she can enjoy and participate in life celebrations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and all of God's Blessings to Helen Buyce on the celebration of her 104th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 8, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

RECOGNIZING OFFICER CAMERON
FLINN

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Officer Cameron Flinn on earning the status of the 2023 Springettsbury Township "Officer of the Year."

Officer Flinn began his service with the Department in February 2022. After several years' experience in two other agencies, their loss clearly was Springettsbury's gain. In his short time serving Springettsbury thus far, Officer Flinn is a Department leader in calls handled, criminal investigations, and traffic enforcement. In 2023 alone, he handled 587 incidents, had 277 traffic contacts, investigated 58 motor vehicle crashes, and executed 136 criminal arrests. He frequently welcomes new challenges, and assumes as much responsibility as possible to serve our community—all while soliciting additional training that resulted in his recent selection as a member of the York County Forensics Team.

In one of many notable incidents, Officer Flinn was dispatched to Hollywood Casino at the York Galleria Mall for a subject in cardiac arrest. While attending to the individual, responding officers were alerted to a second individual also in cardiac arrest on the casino floor. Officer Flinn administered lifesaving Naxalone and CPR to both individuals, who regained consciousness and were up and talking within a half hour.

While maintaining his high productivity and professional standards of conduct, Officer Flinn also excels in the area of community engagement. The Department receives myriad Citizen calls commending him and his performance of duty(ies), as well as testifying to his friendly interactions with them. He's also earned various praise from numerous colleagues for his outstanding work. During the holiday season, Officer Flinn took the initiative outside of his official duties to organize a "Shop With a Cop" event at a local store; he took note of the families that received gifts at the event, and then raised additional funds to purchase gifts for those children. His impact on the community both in and out of official duty status is exceptional.

Mr. Speaker, I'm truly grateful, privileged, and honored to recognize and commend Offi-

cer Cameron Flinn for earning the Springettsbury Township Police Department 2023 "Officer of the Year" award. His tireless, loyal, and dedicated service is the standard by which all others should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MR. PORTER FRIERSON

HON. ANDREW OGLES

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Mr. Porter Frierson, who served in the 42nd Regiment of the Union Army during the Civil War.

A native Tennessean, Mr. Frierson was born in 1849 in Macadonia. Joining the Union Army at a young age, Mr. Frierson served as a drummer in Company A of the 42nd. Formed in both Chattanooga and Nashville, the 42nd performed valuable service as a garrison regiment; providing for the protection of territory held by the Union Army before being disbanded in 1866. Mr. Frierson is buried today in Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, Tennessee.

The son of an enslaved woman with two brothers and a sister, Mr. Frierson would go on to raise a family of his own after serving his Nation. He is remembered today by his descendants, who are rightly proud of his service. I invite all my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of this great American hero.

RECOGNIZING DOROTHY
YELENCHIC'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Yelenchic, an amazing constituent from my district about to celebrate her 101st birthday. Dorothy was born in Broughton, Pennsylvania on February 7, 1923. Dorothy had three brothers and one sister.

Dorothy attended school in Pennsylvania and worked at a drugstore afterwards. Following this, Dorothy worked in a bakery, which she loved, and still enjoys a sweet treat every now and then.

Dorothy met and married her husband, Stephen, in 1947 after the pair met at a dance. Together, they moved to Levittown, Pennsylvania for Stephen's job at United States Steel Corporation and were among Levittown's original homeowners.

They raised three children, Gary, David, and Carole in the Blue Ridge Section. Dorothy was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family at Penn Warner Club, as well as shopping in Levittown Shopping Center with

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her daughter and son. Dorothy was an excellent homemaker and an especially good cook, known for her soup.

Dorothy now has one grandchild, Candice, and three great-grandchildren, Valerie, Hannah and Dylan. Dorothy loves music, having engaging conversations, and is always happy with a good cup of coffee. To this day, Dorothy still loves polka music.

As we celebrate her 101 years of life, we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact she has made on all who know her.

CONGRATULATING SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SEWA DIWALI

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hindu Community in Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I would like to recognize the successful completion of Sewa Diwali in the Salt River Valley, led by Vaibhav Navghare and the dedicated members of the non-profit Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh. This excellent organization was founded by Kenyan Hindus in the 1940s and is active in 156 countries. They are responsible for putting together Sewa Diwali each year, which is a large food drive to celebrate the spirit of selfless giving during the festival of Diwali. Under Mr. Navghare's leadership, 9,300 pounds of food were collected by over 110 volunteers from 40 different organizations in the Salt River Valley. All of the proceeds directly benefitted the Navajo tribes at Flagstaff.

I am incredibly proud of the hard work that Mr. Navghare and Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh put into helping those in need and I thank them for their service. May their charitable endeavors inspire others to give back as well; they exemplify the best of Arizona.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote series on Monday, February 5, 2024, and the first vote series on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, due to an unexpected medical emergency and corresponding recovery time in the hospital.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 32; YEA on Roll Call No. 33; NAY on Roll Call No. 34; and NAY on Roll Call No. 35.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I missed the votes because of travel complications. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 32, and YEA on Roll Call No. 33.

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, the deceptively titled "Protect Communities from DUIs Act" uses a catchy name to mask the true intent of the bill. This flaw led me and others who care deeply about public safety and the threat of drunk drivers to oppose. There are already existing laws that make someone deportable if they are convicted of a "crime involving moral turpitude," where the crime—including a serious DUI—is punishable by imprisonment of one year or more.

H.R. 6976 would expand current law for individuals who have been convicted of a single misdemeanor. This could include a legal resident who is 50 years old who had a single offense at age 18. Disrupting families and communities in such a case doesn't make sense and public safety would not be served.

TRIBUTE TO TARA VANDERVEER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and praise an extraordinary American, Stanford Women's Basketball Coach, aka 'T Dawg', Tara VanDerveer. On January 21, 2024, she won her 1,203rd game, setting an all-time record for the most coaching wins in the history of college basketball. She achieved this in 45 seasons and has led her team to three N.C.A.A. championship victories.

Tara VanDerveer is the daughter of Dunbar and Rita VanDerveer and was born in Boston in 1953. She didn't play basketball at her first high school, but she played when she transferred to Buffalo Seminary in her junior year. She attended Albany University where she played as a freshman, then transferred to Indiana University, Bloomington where her team reached the AIAW Final Four.

After college, Tara took an unpaid assistant coaching position at Ohio State where she quickly ascended to Assistant Coach and Head JV Coach. She then became Head Coach at the University of Idaho. She returned to Ohio State as Head Coach for the 1980–1981 season and left to become Stanford's Head Coach in 1985. Her record at Stanford was 27–5 by her third year, and her team earned a bid to the N.C.A.A. tournament in 1988 and has done so every year since. In 1989 Stanford won the Pac–10 regular season and in 1990 reached the Final Four. Tara took a one-year leave from Stanford to coach the U.S. Olympic team, winning the Gold at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Tara is loved by her players and is known for her fairness and her moderate temperament. Her rules for leadership success include having a vision for her team, maximizing each player's strengths, and minimizing their weaknesses. She wants her players and staff to complement her, not compliment her, and she always remembers her father's advice that you

'can't win the Kentucky Derby on a donkey.' She is a good listener and a constant learner who credits her parents for teaching her the most about leadership.

Tara VanDerveer and the Stanford Women's Basketball team have brought entertainment and joy to legions of fans. Home game nights are sacrosanct for the team's devotees. They won't miss a game for anything. The fans know how much Tara deserves the almost fifty Coach of the Year awards she has earned.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Stanford Women's Basketball Coach Tara VanDerveer. I'm exceedingly proud to represent her and her teams in the Congress and know that all my constituents join me in a huge college cheer for this amazing champion. She is widely and affectionately known by her well-earned sobriquet, G.O.A.T. Tara VanDerveer is indeed the Greatest Of All Time. She is a national treasure and a jewel in the crown of the 16th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter, I was not able to vote for the first suspension yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 32.

CELEBRATING AVANCE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate AVANCE for their 50 years of service uplifting Latino families to their fullest potential. San Antonio is proud to be home to the headquarters of this leading nonprofit, which is dedicated to improving the lives of Latino communities through high quality and culturally responsible early childhood and parenting education.

In 1973, San Antonio native Dr. Gloria Rodriguez saw a need to address growing systemic racial inequalities in education on our city's Westside. Fifty years later, what started out as a program serving 35 San Antonio families at one housing development project has grown into a national-scale operation. AVANCE now serves more than 13,000 caregivers and children every year throughout Texas and California.

AVANCE believes that parents are their child's first teacher and that home is a child's first classroom, and that thinking guides their core Parent-Child Education Program. They work tirelessly to foster economic mobility for Latino families by opening the door to opportunity for both caregivers and children.

Over the years, hundreds of thousands of families have been impacted by AVANCE's work. By 2030, Latinos will make up nearly 30 percent of the American student population.