

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MARYVILLE ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it was my pleasure to visit the Maryville Addiction Treatment Center in Vineland, South Jersey, and to congratulate them on 75 years of service in New Jersey. Founded in Williamstown, Maryville has been serving the community since 1949 when Father Bennett Conway established the institute to help alcoholic men achieve sobriety. Over the years, it has evolved into a comprehensive organization with four separate campuses across New Jersey, providing assistance to individuals and families struggling with addiction. Maryville opened its first outpatient clinic in 1979, followed by the Vineland office. Just recently, they also acquired the Burlington County 54-bed residential facility, now known as the Post House at Maryville. They offer a variety of services, including withdrawal management, residential treatment, medication-assisted treatment, and outpatient care. Maryville also has a treatment continuum for individuals dealing with multiple mental health conditions, provided by licensed counselors and Advanced Practice Nurses. Maryville's commitment to healing is a true asset to South Jersey, and I am proud to support their work. God bless Maryville Integrated Care, and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING NANCY NEVERS

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional public servant, Nancy Nevers, who has dedicated twenty years of service to Macomb Township as an elected trustee. Born on September 17, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, Nancy's journey has been one marked by a deep commitment to her community and a passion for public service. She attended Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in Detroit before her family relocated to Dearborn Heights, where she completed her high school education. Nancy went on to further her education at Central Michigan University where she studied business administration. She also received further education from Michigan State University through the citizen planner program.

In 1962, Nancy married Larry Nevers, and together they raised a daughter, Kelly. Today, Nancy is the exceptionally proud and devoted grandmother to Madeleine Bingham, a role that brings her immense joy and fulfillment.

A resident of Macomb Township for the past twenty-four years, Nancy has been an elected

member of the Macomb Township Board of Trustees since 2004. Over the years, she has shown an unwavering dedication to the welfare of her community, contributing her time and talents to a variety of causes and initiatives. Nancy has served as an active member of both the Friends of Macomb Township Foundation and the Kiwanis Club, where she helped raise funds to support scholarships for deserving youth, assisted foster children, and contributed to many other charitable endeavors.

Among her many contributions, one of the most significant is Nancy's leadership in the creation and dedication of a public memorial to first responders and military veterans on the grounds of the Macomb Township Hall. This memorial stands as a tribute to the brave individuals who serve our nation and our community.

Throughout her tenure, Trustee Nevers has been instrumental in guiding Macomb Township through both internal and external challenges with grace, wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to progress. She has played a key role in the expansion of the Township's recreation amenities, roadways, and sidewalks, ensuring that Macomb Township remains a vibrant, accessible, and safe community. Additionally, her work in enhancing public safety resources has been vital to improving the quality of life for all residents.

Beyond her public service, Nancy is a big Elvis Presley fan and enjoys gardening, interior decorating, and design. These personal interests reflect her creative spirit and love for making her surroundings beautiful.

Trustee Nevers' contributions to Macomb Township and her dedication to improving the lives of those around her have made a lasting impact. Her legacy of service, compassion, and leadership will undoubtedly continue to inspire the community for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Nancy Nevers for her remarkable achievements and expressing our gratitude for her unwavering service to Macomb Township.

RECOGNIZING JOHN DEFOORE, SR. FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John DeFoore, Sr. At 105 years old, Mr. DeFoore is one of the oldest living graduates of Mississippi College. Born on June 12, 1919, Mr. DeFoore left his home at 17 years old to work with a construction crew. When he finished high school, Mr. DeFoore hitchhiked to Clinton, Mississippi, to enroll at Mississippi College. Mr. DeFoore knew the importance of gaining a good education and thought the best place would be Mississippi College. While at Mississippi College, Mr.

DeFoore milked cows to pay for his room and tuition. Mr. DeFoore was an atheist when he entered Mississippi College, but he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior while a student and became an ordained Baptist minister in 1941.

While in college, Mr. DeFoore joined a National Guard band to keep up his musical skills and gain a school scholarship. Shortly after, the band was inducted into the federal service, and Mr. DeFoore was sent for one-year training at Camp Landing, Florida. What started out as a one-year training turned into seven years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Mr. DeFoore was promoted from Private-First Class to Second Lieutenant during his service and received the Bronze Cross for service "above and beyond" during an amphibious landing on Morotai Island, Indonesia.

After his service, Mr. DeFoore returned to Mississippi College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1947. Mr. DeFoore went on to earn his Master of Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since graduating, Mr. DeFoore has continued to invest both in his alma mater, Mississippi College, and in Mississippi. His family still lives in the state, but Mr. DeFoore has retired to Texas.

I am proud to recognize Mr. John DeFoore, Sr. and his service to our country. Stories like Mr. DeFoore's remind us of the value of the American Dream, the significance of living a life of one's calling, and leaving a legacy of service.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HORNSTEIN

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend and a force in Minnesota government—Representative Frank Hornstein. After an impressive 22-year tenure in the Minnesota House, Representative Hornstein is wrapping up his service in the Legislature. I ask you all to join me in recognizing the contributions of this accomplished legislator, devoted organizer, and dear friend.

Representative Hornstein first came to Minnesota to attend Macalester College, majoring in environmental studies. After graduate school, he worked as a community organizer and advocate for environmental issues. He was then appointed to the Metropolitan Council, beginning what would be a long and impressive tenure driving forward an equitable transportation system, environmental justice, and human rights in the Twin Cities and across the state.

Throughout his time in the Minnesota Legislature, Representative Hornstein has been a force for progressive transportation and transit policy. He moved forward major investments in light rail, bus rapid transit, and commuter

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rail, expanding our transit network to serve thousands of new riders. He advanced legislation to limit speed limits in residential areas, reduce distracted driving, and expand the use of electric buses and vehicles. He also secured major investments in bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Our transportation system is ultimately a reflection of our values and Representative Hornstein has devoted his career to making a transportation system that has a place for all Minnesotans, regardless of their income, zip code, or immigration status. His leadership and movement-building culminated in a "transformative transportation bill that was 20 years in the making," as he wrote about his departure from the Minnesota House.

Beyond his work on transportation and transit, Representative Hornstein has been a leader on broader environmental justice initiatives—advancing work to reduce food waste and its corresponding climate impacts, mitigating greenhouse gas emissions across the economy, and moving toward a zero-waste society. He has also been a steadfast advocate for human rights for all, leading work to address hate crimes and requiring Holocaust curriculum in all public K–12 schools.

Wherever Representative Hornstein's future leads him, I know that he will be making the world a better place for every single one of us. His tenure in the House will be remembered for years to come, and I am proud that future generations of Minnesotans will grow up with the benefits of his hard work. Please help me congratulate Representative Frank Hornstein on his retirement from the Minnesota House.

RECOGNIZING OMICRON KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AND HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. for its Achievement Week and Honorees.

Since 1925, Achievement Week has been an annual, internationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Omega Psi Phi's Achievement Week is observed in November of each year and is designed to seek out and give due recognition to those individuals at the local and international levels who have made a noteworthy contribution toward improving the quality of life for Black Americans. Chapters celebrate their communities and engage the public through exhibits, activities, meetings and forums in schools, churches, and public halls.

The fraternity's 2024 International Achievement Week is from November 10, 2024, to November 17, 2024. This year's Achievement Week theme is "Omega Men Building a Better Society with Friendship as the Foundation."

The Omicron Kappa Kappa (OKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. received its graduate chapter charter on December 14, 1996, and serves primarily the Fairfax, Herndon, and Reston, VA areas.

The fraternity's Annual Achievement Week Awards Luncheon serves as an opportunity to

recognize our youth and members of the community for their contributions to the chapter and the community over the past year. This year's Achievement Week Awards Luncheon serves as a fundraiser in support of OKK Chapter's charitable and community outreach.

OKK awards recipients include:

OKK Founders' Trailblazer Award: Dr. Gregory Washington, President, George Mason University

OKK Basileus Award for Excellence in Media: Curtis Symonds, President and Co-Founder, HBCU Go

OKK Young Man of the Year Award: Heman Bekele, TIME Magazine Kid of the Year Annual High School Essay Contest Winners: Solomon Broiles, Battlefield HS; Gabrielle Jackson, John Champe HS; Gordon "LJ" Person, Centerville HS; David Ransom, South County HS.

Dr. Ernest Everett Just Award for Excellence in Microbiology: Shumvobi Mitra, Langley HS

Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, M.D. Award for Excellence in Biomedical and Health Sciences: Sampurna Chakravorty, Chantilly HS

Dr. Edgar A. Love Award for Excellence in Biomedical Engineering: Aneesh Mandapati, South Lakes HS

Professor Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Physics and Astronomy: Emmy Leong, George C. Marshall HS

Charles Vernon Smith Award for Excellence in Computer Science and Mathematics: Manav Gagvani, Thomas Jefferson HS

Brigadier General (Brother) Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Staff Sergeant (Brother) Tres Savage, Virginia National Guard

Citizen of the Year Award: Stacey Seay, Pastoral Assistant, First Baptist Church of Vienna

Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award: Brother LTC (Ret) Earl Smith, Jr.

Superior Service Award: Brother Gerald Hamilton (Co-Awardee) Brother James Daniels (Co-Awardee)

Omega Man of the Year Award: Brother Keith Evans

Service Pins: Brother Eddie L. Colter, 35 Years of Service; Brother Steve Lewis, 40 Years of Service; Brother George Johnson, 65 Years of Service; Brother Luther Williams, 70 years of Service.

Lastly, the OKK Foundation, Inc. will recognize Brother George Johnson, Immediate Past President, for his years of leadership and service as President from 2009 to 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the men of Omega Psi Phi Inc. and the honorees for this year's Achievement Week.

COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the establishment of the Frelinghuysen Township Volunteer Fire Company in Frelinghuysen, NJ.

The establishment of this fire company in 2022 marked the creation of the first all-volunteer company in the State of New Jersey in almost 30 years. As an advocate for local law enforcement in New Jersey, I recognize the Frelinghuysen Volunteer Fire Company as a testament to the hard-working people who tirelessly dedicate themselves to making our communities safer. The volunteers at the Frelinghuysen Fire Company dedicate their time to strengthening community relationships and providing high-quality emergency response services to all of Frelinghuysen Township. As we celebrate and honor this remarkable all-volunteer fire company, I have full confidence and trust that its volunteers will continue to serve with pride and distinction, striving to make a lasting difference in their community.

RECOGNIZING MRS. SYLVIA CHAVEZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Mr. FONG, to honor Mrs. Sylvia Chavez as she is named 2024 Cattlewoman of the Year by the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association.

Mrs. Chavez was born on February 21, 1943, and is a third-generation native of Kern County. From a young age, she has been deeply involved in the livestock industry, spending her youth competing in county fairs and attending brandings with her parents. At just six years old, Mrs. Chavez won her first horse show at the Kern County Fair. After graduating from South High School in 1961, she continued her education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Chavez has used her passion for livestock and cattle for meaningful service to her community. After her family relocated to Rosedale in 1968, she became involved in the 4-H agriculture program, volunteering her time to empower youth to explore their interests in livestock. She was instrumental in introducing the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Horse Show to the Kern County Fair, creating hands-on learning experiences for local youth. In 1978, she began working at a resort in Bear Valley Springs to manage the Equestrian Center and was proud to hire many young Central Valley residents interested in the horse business.

Mrs. Chavez's career has spanned three different ranches. She first joined her husband, Fred in 1978 to work on a large ranch in the panhandle of Idaho. The couple later moved to Oregon where she helped manage a 50,000-acre ranch with 2,000 cattle. They then returned to California to manage Cattani Ranch by Caliente Creek. In addition to ranching, Mrs. Chavez has served her community by working for the California Correctional Institution. Mrs. Chavez is the proud mother of three children—Julie Ann, John, and Megan, and grandmother to five. After her retirement, Mrs. Chavez became deeply involved with the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association, serving on the board and dedicating countless hours to the association's events. She is a longtime member of the Kern Sierra Unit of