

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE CHICKAHOMINY INDIAN TRIBE

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 29, 2024

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Chickahominy Indian Tribe in Charles City, Virginia.

In 1607, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe was one of the few tribes to encounter settlers from the first permanent English settlement of Jamestown. The tribe helped the English survive and adapt to local conditions, trading food and teaching them how to grow and preserve crops. The Chickahominy Tribe originally lived in permanent villages along the Chickahominy River.

Eventually, the English displaced the Chickahominy people and set aside land for them in the Pamunkey Neck area of Virginia through the Treaty of 1646. Slowly, the Chickahominy people migrated to the Chickahominy Ridge, an area between Richmond and Williamsburg only a few miles from one of their original 1607 village sites, where they now reside.

In 1924, Virginia's Racial Integrity Act created some of the most severe segregation policies in the nation. This act effectively erased Indians from official records, reclassifying them from Indian to 'Colored.' This erasure made it impossible for many years for Virginian Indian tribes to gain federal recognition, as they could not document ancestral continuity.

In 2018, the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act granted federal recognition to six Indian tribes of Virginia, including the Chickahominy Tribe. This recognition provides the tribe with the legal, economic and cultural tools necessary to maintain their sovereignty and preserve their heritage.

The Chickahominy Tribe is woven into the culture of the Charles City community. As the intersection of centuries of history and culture, the Chickahominy people are pivotal to the identity of the area. Today, the Chickahominy Tribe remains a vibrant and active part of Charles City through their traditions, language and cultural heritage.

The legacy of the Chickahominy Tribe is a vital component of Virginia's past and present. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, I recognize the important history and contributions of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe.

HONORING UPVALLEY FAMILY CENTERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor UpValley Family Centers

for their 25th anniversary and outstanding service in promoting equity and access to social resources throughout Napa County.

Since its founding in 1999, UpValley Family Centers have supported working families in the greater Calistoga and St. Helena area, offering prevention and intervention services at a local level. They serve over 4,000 people annually. Last year, ninety-four percent of those served fell below the median income for Napa County. Sixty percent were women, and fifty-six percent were Spanish speakers. The family center itself provides a variety of programs from assisting residents with accessing health insurance and housing resources to playgroups and family support. UpValley also collaborates with over 40 partner organizations to help engage residents and increase access to services locally.

Over their 25 years of service, UpValley Family Centers' programs have made significant long-term impacts. As a Department of Justice recognized organization, UpValley has helped over 2,000 people become U.S. citizens in tandem with the Napa Citizenship Legal Services. They have increased early literacy, socialization and school readiness skills in over 1,000 young children through weekly bilingual playgroups. Children participating in their youth mentoring services are more likely to meet requirements needed to attend a 4-year college. Thousands of low-income households have benefitted from their free VITA tax filing program, accessing over \$11 million in tax credits and refunds. They distributed over \$2.1 million in emergency funds stemming from the pandemic and LNU Complex wildfire-related hardships, which reached over 800 households.

UpValley Family Centers also participates in broader civic initiatives throughout Napa County. As part of the Drug-Free Communities Initiative, they partnered with local officials and helped pass social host ordinances in Calistoga and St. Helena. And in 2020, they served as trusted messengers alongside other Napa County-based community organizations to increase participation in the 2020 Census. Napa County saw a 2 percent increase in census participation as a result of their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, we thank UpValley Family Centers for their dedicated service to our Napa County community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

HONORING CAPTAIN (RET.) RUSSELL J. SCOTT, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 29, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, military officer, counselor, fraternity brother, friend of longstanding and a

man of deep faith, Captain (Ret.) Russell J. Scott, Sr. Sadly, Russell transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, November 22, 2024, at the age of 91.

Russell J. Scott, Sr. was born in Quitman, Georgia, on December 3, 1932, to the union of Robert J. Scott and Ezell Hollis Scott. He received his primary and secondary education in the public schools of Brooks and Ware Counties in Georgia. After graduating from Central High School in Waycross, Georgia, he matriculated at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Science. He joined the United States Army where he served for 23 years exemplifying the Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity, honor, and personal courage—retiring with the rank of Captain. During his military career, he earned 2 Bronze Stars for exemplary service and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon his retirement from the Army, in pursuit of further knowledge and mastery, Russell earned a master's degree in Foundations of Education and a master's degree in Criminal Justice at Troy State University, Phenix City branch. Armed with his additional academic preparation, Captain Scott embarked upon a second career with the Georgia Department of Corrections as a counselor and later as Assistant Superintendent at Rutledge State Prison in Columbus, Georgia, where he worked with my wife, Vivian Creighton Bishop, who served as Comptroller. He retired from the Georgia Department of Corrections after 17 years of service.

Russell was a man of deep faith and was a devoted member of St. James AME Church where he served in many capacities including Vice Chair of the Steward Board, Senior Usher Board, Mass Choir, Sons of Allen, among others. He was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for 72 years and was an active member of the Columbus, Georgia Alumni Chapter. Moreover, he was actively involved in numerous community service and humanitarian organizations such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, NAACP, American Red Cross, and the Urban League. Always striving for excellence, he received several awards for his distinguished community service to include the 2003 Kappa Alpha Psi Columbus Alumni Chapter Man of the Year; 2004 AJ McClung award for meritorious service presented by the men of St. James AME Church; the 2017 Chattahoochee Valley Veterans Association Veteran of the Year Award and in January 2019 the St. James AME Church Sons of Allen Man of the Year Award.

Russell Scott was a family man and was first united in marriage to the late Loris Brooks. Together, they had three children, LaReese Vines, Tina Scott-Morgan and Russell J. Scott, Jr. After Loris's passing in 1999, he found love again with Ruth Glenn Scott, whom he married in 2001 and welcomed bonus children, Regina Stokes and Clifford

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Glenn. Russell loved his blended family and was a doting grandfather to grandchildren Russell J. Scott, III, Marissa D. Morgan and Rysen Jai Scott, along with several bonus grandchildren.

On a personal note, Russell Scott was a dear friend to my wife, Vivian, and me for many years. He was my Brother in the Bond of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and truly exemplified our motto of Phi Nu Pi. During his life, he did so much for so many for so long. Truly, we and the world are better because of him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Captain (Ret.) Russell James Scott, Sr. and in extending our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, fraternity brothers and all who mourn his loss. We pray that all will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

HONORING REBECCA HERMOSILLO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my Senior District Representative, Rebecca Hermosillo, as she embarks on a new chapter of public service. Re-

becca has made history as the first Latina elected to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and I have no doubt she will continue to serve our community with the same tenacity, compassion, and dedication that have defined her career.

Born to Mexican immigrants in the Sonoma Valley, Rebecca was raised on the Leveroni Dairy. As the youngest of seven children, Rebecca learned early on the values of hard work and determination. Her parents, Camilo and Maria, instilled in her a deep respect for her heritage, as well as a sense of responsibility for her community. After becoming a mother at a young age, Rebecca was determined to complete her education. She earned her GED in 1991, becoming the first in her family to graduate from college, achieving a bachelor's degree in public administration from Park University.

Rebecca's commitment to community service then began with her role as Executive Director of the Valley of the Moon Teen Center, where she provided a safe and supportive space for at-risk youth. Under her leadership, the center created innovative programs like "Outdoors to Excellence," "Skills for Life," and "Lovin' Oven," all designed to help teens develop practical skills, foster confidence, and cultivate a sense of belonging. Her dedication to our teens of Sonoma Valley, and her hands-on approach, made a lasting difference in the lives of countless young people.

In 2013, Rebecca joined my team, beginning as a Constituent Services Representative and rising to the role of Senior District Representative. Her service to our district over the

last decade has been defined by her ability to connect with constituents and resolve their issues that have earned her deep respect from both her colleagues and her community. Over the course of her tenure, Rebecca personally handled 2,868 cases for our constituents and helped recoup \$4,734,703.82 for our district. Rebecca's fluency in Spanish and her understanding of Sonoma County's Latino population has made her an invaluable advocate, particularly for constituents navigating complex immigration issues, DACA renewals, and access to government services.

With her recent election to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Rebecca has made history becoming the first Latina to serve on the board. She steps into this role at a pivotal time, representing our First District, which includes a significant portion of Sonoma County's Latino community. Rebecca's priorities include expanding access to county services, offering evening office hours at the new County Services Center, and bridging gaps in representation for residents in unincorporated areas like The Springs.

Mr. Speaker, my staff, and the people of our district are deeply grateful for Rebecca Hermosillo's years of service to our community. It is my honor to recognize her extraordinary achievements and to commend her dedication to public service. We are excited to see all she will accomplish in this new chapter of her career, and we are confident that she will continue to be a voice for positive change and equity in our community.