

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING OSCAR ROBERTSON,  
NBA ALL-STAR LEGEND AND SO-  
CIAL ACTIVIST

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Oscar Robertson, who will be honored in Indianapolis for the 2024 National Basketball Association All-Star Game.

Basketball legend Oscar Robertson, affectionately known as the “Big O,” is well-known for his unparalleled athletic skills, versatility, and impressive career. He is equally respected as a trailblazer who helped pave the way for Americans facing racism, unfair institutions, and mistreatment in a segregated world, as he boldly revolutionized the sport of basketball.

Born in Tennessee but nurtured in Indianapolis, the achievements of his high school career at Crispus Attucks marked the beginning of a successful athletic journey. His NBA career spanned 14 years as a point guard. He was the first to win National College Player of the Year three times and was an Olympian at the 1960 Summer Olympics as co-captain of the U.S. Gold Medal team. He also received the NBA All-Star Most Valuable Player award three times, was an All-Star Player for 12 consecutive years, and was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1980. During his career, he was the first to average a triple double for an entire season.

Mr. Robertson’s leadership had a lasting impact on and off the court, making his way in the world as an advocate and a humanitarian. An antitrust settlement while he was President of the NBA Players Association helped reform the free agency of NBA athletes through the Oscar Robertson Rule. He continues to be a force for change in policies that positively affect minorities and all Americans. If basketball is synonymous with Indiana, then Mr. Robertson has an undeniable place in our state’s history. Mr. Robertson is recognized as a gentleman of his day, one who achieved great things with strategic actions and diplomacy.

Today, as we celebrate Black History Month, and as Hoosiers celebrate the NBA All-Star Game in Indianapolis, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Oscar Robertson for his athleticism and advocacy. His legacy endures in the NBA and Indianapolis, both forever changed because of his contributions, and his enduring fight for civil rights for all.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM HENRY  
HAMILTON

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of

Mr. William Henry Hamilton, a member of the Missionary Generation (born between 1860 and 1882) and a true American hero. A proud African-American soldier, he fought for this country a generation post-enslavement, and the signing of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation.

William Henry Hamilton was born in Trenton, Tennessee on October 25, 1875. Later, and while living in Little Rock, Arkansas, he enlisted in the United States Army on February 20, 1895. Mr. Hamilton was a revered Buffalo Soldier and a member of the esteemed Troop D, 10th Cavalry, one of only four (9th Cavalry, 10th Cavalry, 24th Infantry, and the 25th Infantry) African-American troops that served during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Under the overall command of General John J. Pershing and direct command of Captain John Bigelow, Jr., First Sergeant Hamilton—a “Rough Rider”—fought alongside Colonel Teddy Roosevelt (before he became Vice President and President of the United States) and other “Rough Riders” in the Battle of San Juan Hill, in Santiago, Cuba.

Following The Treaty of Paris, which ended the Spanish-American War in December of 1898, First Sergeant Hamilton, along with his 10th Cavalry comrades, were sent to The Philippines in 1900 as reinforcements against the Filipino nationalists who were attacking soldiers of the 24th and 25th Infantry regiments.

In March of 1916, President Woodrow Wilson ordered troops—including the 10th Cavalry—to Mexico. Led by General John J. Pershing, First Sergeant Hamilton and other members of the cavalry’s goal was to capture Pancho Villa. Unfortunately, Villa alluded capture; after two years of pursuing him throughout Mexico, the troops returned to the United States.

Mr. Hamilton distinguished himself as an expert sharpshooter; he was recognized for his skills with the following medals: Distinguished Pistol Shot (1908); Expert Rifleman (1911–1915); Sharpshooter (1913–1914); and Pistol Expert (1915). In addition to his sharpshooting skills, First Sergeant Hamilton received medals and recognition for his unwavering service in the following wars: Army Occupation Military Government of Cuba (1898–1902); Spanish-American War (1898); and Mexican War Service (1911–1917).

First Sergeant William Henry Hamilton served his country in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years. He returned to private life and retired at the historic Old Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C. to live out his remaining days. He enjoyed being with his former unit friends, rocking on the porch, and sharing war stories. Mr. Hamilton was laid to rest in the historic cemetery on the grounds of the Old Soldiers Home.

I am deeply grateful for Mr. William Henry Hamilton’s lifetime of military service to this country. His dedicated service, as well as the military service of his descendants that continues to this day, will never be forgotten. We, as a Nation, are forever grateful.

RECOGNIZING PETE CARROLL’S  
LEGACY

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pete Carroll’s contributions to the Seattle Seahawks and the people of Seattle during his 14-year tenure as head coach. Throughout his tenure, the Seahawks had a 137–89–1 regular season record, 10 playoff appearances and a Super Bowl XLVIII victory to conclude the unforgettable 2013 season.

Coach Carroll prioritized a positive team culture that he described as “. . . trying to help people find their best, one person at a time.” His exemplary leadership philosophy has been referenced and used to develop mindset training for Air Force cadets and for companies throughout Washington State. I would also like to commend Coach Carroll’s service to the Pacific Northwest through his Amplify Voices initiative and philanthropic efforts.

Coach Carroll is the winningest coach in the history of the Seattle Seahawks and has made a significant impact in our community—both on and off the field—over the past 14 years. On behalf of Washington’s 7th Congressional District, I would like to recognize Pete Carroll’s work as head coach of the Seattle Seahawks and his many accomplishments.

HONORING SENATOR JEAN  
CARNAHAN

**HON. CORI BUSH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with the people of St. Louis, to honor the life and legacy of former First Lady of Missouri and United States Senator Jean Carnahan. Jean Carnahan was an exemplary public servant, wife, and mother who dedicated her life to the people of Missouri.

She was appointed as Missouri’s first female senator in the face of great personal tragedy after the loss of her son, Roger, and husband, Governor Mel Carnahan. Jean Carnahan was a trailblazer who showed courage and fortitude by choosing to step up and serve her community. She worked to hold corporate greed accountable, and as a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, she introduced and won passage of a law requiring corporations to make swift, electronic reporting of insider trading.

As First Lady of Missouri, she was an activist and advocate fighting for on-site daycare centers for working families, promoting childhood immunization, funding domestic abuse centers, and of course, the arts. She was passionate about making government accessible to the people of Missouri, starting with raising

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funds to restore the Governor's mansion, so that everyone could visit and enjoy the beautiful grounds.

Senator Jean Carnahan was an accomplished author of seven published books and co-wrote many of her husband's speeches. She provided guidance and inspiration to so many people throughout Missouri to serve others and be a vehicle for change. I offer my deepest condolences on behalf of Missouri's First District to the entire family and all those who loved her. May her Memory forever be a blessing.

#### HONORING BRIAN McDERMOTT

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize hero, leader, and lifelong resident of New Jersey, Mr. Brian McDermott. Brian is retiring from his position as Fire Chief of the great City of Paterson, bringing his two decades of service as a first responder to a close. It is a pleasure and a privilege to honor Brian and highlight his impressive career.

Brian's story begins in 1994. After deciding that college wasn't for him, Brian was looking for a way to combine his passion for helping others with his love of being on a team. Brian's brothers encouraged him to take the New Jersey Firefighter Exam and he scored exceptionally well. Within a year he was hired by the Paterson Fire Department.

It did not take long for Brian to display exceptional heroism. On March 10, 1997, he and his colleagues in Ladder Company 3 responded to a call, arriving to a building engulfed in flames and smoke. Despite the dangerous conditions, Brian and his fellow firefighter Matthew Ganci entered the building and were able to locate and rescue the people inside. On this call and on countless others, Brian proved his steadfast commitment to serving his community.

Over the years Brian rose through the ranks from Captain, to Deputy Chief and finally to Chief of the Department in 2018. Some of Brian's notable achievements as Chief include the implementation of a free smoke detector program for residents, the procurement of a fleet of electric vehicles for the Department, and the transition of the City's 9-1-1 network from an analog to a digital system.

Brian was able to achieve so much as Chief because, no matter the position, he led with humility. Always focusing on his team's achievements and never his own, Brian's reputation as a leader is well known across New Jersey. His work led to numerous regional leadership positions, including Deputy Fire Coordinator for Passaic County and Chairman of the Metro Urban Search and Rescue Strike Team.

The people of Paterson were lucky to have a dependable leader like Brian when we faced one of our biggest challenges in recent history: The COVID-19 Pandemic. Leading the Department while protecting his staff from a deadly and rapidly changing disease was no small feat. Yet, Brian valiantly rose to the occasion in protecting over 150,000 residents of Paterson.

Now, Brian will rise to the occasion once again. Retirement holds a lot for Brian: fur-

thering his education, contributing to the fire service profession, and traveling with his wife Shannon. It is with great sincerity and appreciation that I wish Brian a long and happy retirement.

So, from the bottom of my heart, and from the heart of our communities in Paterson and Passaic County, New Jersey, I take this opportunity from the People's House to thank Chief McDermott, and may God bless him.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOSEPH McDONALD OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

#### HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Dr. Joseph McDonald of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) in Pablo, Montana.

Dr. McDonald died on December 14, 2023, at the age of 90. Dr. McDonald was an educator, innovator, historian, athlete, coach, tremendous leader, and dedicated family man.

Dr. McDonald was born in St. Ignatius, on March 31, 1933. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1951. After high school, Joe worked as a U.S. Forest Service smokejumper in West Yellowstone. While working there he enrolled at Montana Western College and met the love of his life, Sharon Christopherson. They married at the end of their freshman year.

Joe went on to teach and coach at various K-12 schools across Montana. During this time, he also attended the University of Montana, earning his master's degrees in education and health and his Doctorate in Education.

While Joe and Sherri were raising their four children, Tim, Terry, Tracie, and Tom, he continued to serve his community in many capacities. Joe served as a high school principal and assistant superintendent at Ronan Public Schools. He was eventually elected to the CSKT Tribal Council and served two terms. His strong advocacy led to the establishment of Salish Kootenai College where he served as the President Emeritus for over 20 years.

Joe received a host of awards over his career including honorary degrees from Gonzaga University and Montana State University, distinguished alumni awards from the University of Montana and the University of Montana Western, distinguished service awards from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and the National Indian Educator of the Year award. Joe was also enshrined in the Montana Indian Athletic Hall of Fame.

After retiring from Salish Kootenai College, Joe spent much of his time supporting his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in their pursuits in life with his wife Sherri.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sherri McDonald, and their son and daughter in-law Terry and Paula (Camel) McDonald. Joe is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, we are very grateful that great men like Joe McDonald have dedicated their lives to the service of others. On behalf of the

people of Montana's First Congressional District, I offer his family my deepest sympathies.

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE GADBOIS

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Gadbois, a valued member of the House Committee on Appropriations, who has more than 20 years of service working in the federal government. Her commitment to our country exemplifies the hard work and commitment of an esteemed public servant.

Stephanie began her government career in 2001 when she joined the House Committee on Agriculture as Counsel. She was eventually promoted to Deputy Chief Counsel, and for good reason: In her seven years with the Agriculture Committee, she played a crucial role in the 2002 Farm Bill, 2008 Farm Bill, and countless other pieces of legislation that positively impacted the agricultural industry.

In 2008, Stephanie took her agricultural expertise to the House Committee on Appropriations, specifically the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. The next year, she moved to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. After returning to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for a short time in 2010, Stephanie became a Professional Staff Member on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, where from 2010 to 2012 she oversaw accounts pertaining to the Department of Justice and related agencies including the United States Attorneys, the United States Marshals Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

After six years with the House Committee on Appropriations, Stephanie had the opportunity to serve as Senior Counsel for the House Committee on the Judiciary. From 2013 to 2019, she enabled better collaboration between the Appropriations and the Judiciary Committees and negotiated key pieces of legislation that reformed immigration law, addressed crime, and reduced regulatory burden.

At the beginning of the 116th Congress, Stephanie returned to the House Committee on Appropriations as Minority Clerk of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Stephanie's extensive expertise and experience earned her the position of Majority Clerk and Staff Director of the Subcommittee at the beginning of the 118th Congress.

Stephanie has been an exceptional member of the House Committee on Appropriations. During her time on the Committee, Stephanie has successfully implemented strategies for advancing key funding measures and policies through the Committee and Congress.

On the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, I tasked Stephanie with handling some of the most difficult issues. Similar to the roles she previously held, I knew she would exceed expectations. In times of divided government, her