

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RAUL PERDOMO AND HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Raul Perdomo, a longtime resident of Southeast Michigan and a veteran of the Vietnam War, and to grieve his passing. His service to our country, both in the military and afterward, is worthy of commendation.

Born on September 28, 1944, in Caracas, Venezuela, Raul moved to Dearborn, Michigan, at the age of 16. Following his graduation from Dearborn High, he became a naturalized citizen and answered our nation's highest calling when he joined the United States Navy to serve in the Vietnam War. This set the stage for a lifetime of service to his community and to his country. After his military service, Raul returned to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and enrolled at the University of Michigan where he studied anthropology before studying business at Eastern Michigan University.

As a graduate of the University of Michigan, Raul was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Wolverines. His hearty "Go Blue!" and love for the Maize and Blue was known by anyone who met him, whether through his 40 years of work for the University of Michigan Athletics Department, as President of the U-M Club of Tampa Bay, the Central Café and Beer Depot in Ann Arbor, or during his time helping run the Ann Arbor Community Recreation and Education Center. Public service remained at the forefront of Raul's life, and even after retiring from the military, he remained just as committed to serving his community, which included 20 years of research and tenure on the Institutional Review Board at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, and as a patient advocate at the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of Raul to our nation. A naturalized citizen answering his country's highest calling, he served his country with bravery and honor in the Vietnam War before continuing to serve his local communities after leaving the military, bringing joy, enthusiasm, and love to everyone he met along the way.

#### RECOGNIZING MADISON MARSH

#### HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Madison Marsh, a distinguished second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and the first active-duty service member to be crowned Miss America. Madison graduated from the Air Force Academy with a degree in physics and

represents the epitome of dedication, intelligence, service, and class. She entered the world of pageantry motivated by a desire to serve and inspire others, and she has redefined what is possible for women across America.

From a young age, Madison had a love of science and a dream to be a pilot and astronaut. Her parents encouraged her dreams, sending her to Space Camp when she was 13 years old where she met astronauts and fighter pilots.

Around that time, she learned about the United States Air Force Academy and at 15 years old, started flying lessons. She earned her pilot's license two years later and then began to work towards her goal of becoming a cadet. Upon graduation from the academy and commissioning into the Air Force, she received a coveted pilot slot and is currently determining the career opportunities and personal projects she wants to pursue.

Madison's accomplishments reach far beyond the Air Force and pageantry. She founded the Whitney Marsh Foundation to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research in memory of her mother.

Madison is an exceptional role model for women and girls across our great country, teaching them that even the sky is not the limit. She is currently studying public policy as a graduate student at the Harvard Kennedy School, working to earn her master's degree. She is a two-time National Astronaut Scholar, National Rhodes Finalist, certified private pilot, black belt in tae kwon do, and U.S. Air Force Academy Superintendent's List NASA Intern.

Mr. Speaker, Madison is an inspiration to women across America and a shining role model for all. I urge all Americans to join me in congratulating Madison on being crowned Miss America. Madison's journey reminds us of what we can accomplish when we work towards something greater than ourselves. I thank Madison for showing America what it means to be a Coloradan.

#### HONORING SERGEANT RANDY ARMSTRONG AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S 9TH DISTRICT

#### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable valor and contributions of Randy Armstrong, our esteemed Veteran of the Month from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. It is with great honor that I highlight the exemplary service and dedication of this true American hero, whose courage and commitment have certainly left a mark on our Nation's history.

Randy Armstrong, born and raised in Brown City, dedicated his entire childhood to the community that shaped him. His passion for

baseball and humble beginnings, including his initial employment at the Brown City Bank, illustrate a profound—and proud—connection to his roots. In 1966, answering the call of duty, he enlisted for a three-year term alongside his brother at Fort Knox.

Following his graduation from ordnance supply school, Randy's journey took him to Fort Lee, Virginia, and later to Scott Air Force Base, where he served with distinction in the Air Defense Command. His expertise as a radar operator led to his promotion to the rank of E4. In 1967, orders arrived for deployment to Vietnam, and before 1968, Randy found himself across the world. By January 1969, he had attained the rank of Sergeant E5.

Completing his tour of duty, Randy returned to the United States, making his way to Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was there, in acknowledgment of his honorable service, that he was discharged from the Army, marking the conclusion of a chapter defined by profound dedication to his country.

In honoring Randy Armstrong, we pay tribute to a man whose journey from Brown City to the heart of Vietnam embodies the sacrifices and resilience of our armed forces. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this American patriot.

#### IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM K. (BUDDY) WHEELER

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, William K. (Buddy) Wheeler of Lexington, Kentucky. He passed away on February 8, 2024.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He met his future wife Lucy Clay in grade school. He graduated in 1952 from Mt. Sterling High School. He went on to the University of Kentucky, where he graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1956. He opened Wheeler Pharmacy in 1958 in the Chevy Chase neighborhood, which was on the outskirts of Lexington at that time. Wheeler Pharmacy is a Lexington landmark, enjoyed by many regular patrons including myself. In addition to the pharmacy, customers enjoy the soda fountain, serving breakfast and lunch and providing a warm neighborhood atmosphere.

Mr. Wheeler was an innovator, implementing a computerized dispensing system, compounding service, and a medication management program and much more. He welcomed pharmacy students for their rotations and served as a mentor to them. Mr. Wheeler sold the pharmacy to his daughter in 2020 but remained an active presence. He was known for his unwavering dedication to his profession and for his kindness to all.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife Lucy. They had been married for nearly 70 years.

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He also leaves 4 children and their spouses: William Kendall (Tammy) Wheeler, Jr., Stuart (Karen) Wheeler, Margaret (Kevin) Meredith, and Claire (Darrell) Lewis. They are all involved in the family business. He also leaves nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Buddy Wheeler will long be remembered as a kind and caring person, and he will be greatly missed. It was my honor to know him and call him my friend. I am grateful for the opportunity to lift up the life of Buddy Wheeler before the United States Congress.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD MAGUDA

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Donald "Don" J. Maguda of Rockville, Connecticut. Aged 90, Donald passed peacefully on December 9, 2023, surrounded by family. Donald was a leader in his community and embraced a love for helping others that he held dear throughout his life.

Born July 11, 1933, to Joseph Maguda and Stella Taylor in New Britain, Connecticut. Donald purposed his life toward protecting his community and leading with compassion. He graduated from Rockville High School, immediately after which he began a long and rewarding career as a fireman. Donald began his service with the Snipsic Hook and Ladder Company. Here, Donald was identified as a born leader and rose through the ranks of the Rockville Fire Department. In 1967, Donald's attention to detail and devotion to his work was rewarded when he became Chief of the department.

As Chief, Donald used his leadership to coordinate and oversee the consolidation of the Rockville Fire Department and Vernon Fire District into the Town of Vernon Fire Department. After the merger, Donald served as Fire Chief of the newly formed Vernon Fire Department in 1980, still leaving time for his other passion, running his business, Maguda's Woodworking Shop. After decades of leadership with the fire department, in 1986 Donald transitioned to the role of Town of Vernon Fire Marshal until his retirement in 2002, concluding a remarkable nearly 50-year career during which he never lost a firefighter in the line of duty.

Equipped with extensive knowledge in his field and a desire to share that knowledge with anyone who needed it, it is no surprise that Donald was a member of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association. Donald presented to numerous groups and individuals for better fire education and community involvement.

Donald's work ethic and dedication to his community rubbed off on his son David, who followed in his footsteps to serve as a firefighter for 42 years—most of which he spent serving under his father.

In addition to this incredible work as a firefighter, Donald spent innumerable hours giving back to his community in other ways as well. In the 1960s, he was integral in starting "Toys

for Tots" in Vernon, assisting children and families during the holidays and "Christmas in April." Mr. Speaker, as a citizen of the town of Vernon who held elective office over the years, I had the privilege to know Don and see up close his intelligence, kindness, and unstinting devotion to duty. Our town was so blessed to know Don and to have his positive, critical contribution that saved lives and protected property.

In his free time, Donald spent time with his family, those most important to him. They enjoyed taking vacations and cruises. Donald could also be found landscaping, wood-working, playing golf, and playing cards with friends and family.

Though we mourn this incredible loss, we can find solace in knowing that Donald's memory and legacy will live on through his family and the countless number of individuals who knew him. Donald is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gabrielle, his son David and his wife Michelle, his daughter Donna and her husband Jeffrey, and countless nieces and nephews. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know and represent constituents as purposeful in their work as Donald. As we memorialize Donald's faithful service, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Donald Maguda.

#### HONORING THE CAREER AND IMPACT OF COACH LANNY BOOHER

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable legacy of Anaheim High School Football Coach Lanny Booher. For two decades, Coach Booher has been a beacon of inspiration and mentorship in our Anaheim community, leaving a significant mark on the hearts of his players and community.

Stepping down after 20 years of dedication to our shared alma mater, Anaheim High School, Coach Booher leaves a legacy of transformation and triumph. In 2004, he took charge of a struggling football team—but through his leadership and mentorship, Coach Booher was able to change the trajectory of the program and his players. Over the next two decades, Coach Booher led the Anaheim football team to success on the field, including accomplishing eleven playoff appearances and securing three Orange League championships.

Coach Lanny Booher's commitment and love for the game and his community has been evident in every milestone and achievement. More importantly, his passion for his players has made his two decades of impact a cornerstone of our community. His impact extends far beyond the football field, shaping the lives of young athletes off the field by teaching them the value of teamwork and perseverance.

Throughout his coaching career, Lanny Booher accumulated an impressive 100 wins at Anaheim High, making him the coach with the second-most wins in Orange County. One of his most notable achievements, a 22–10 victory in the Orange County All-Star Football Classic in 2007, is a moment that will surely live forever in local memory.

By honoring the legacy of Coach Booher, we celebrate more than just victories on the

field—we celebrate the profound impact he's had on every student who has played for him. There is no doubt that his legacy while at Anaheim High School will continue to inspire generations of young athletes to give back to their community and put their all into the game.

I thank Coach Booher for his two decades of dedication. Go Colonists.

#### HONORING RAYMOND FLORES

#### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Raymond Flores, a World War II veteran and native of San Antonio, Texas who recently celebrated his 102nd birthday at San Antonio's Boss Ross Senior Center. Born February 28, 1922, to Mauro Flores and Dorothea Martinez, Mr. Flores has spent his life dedicated to public service.

Following his graduation from Luther Burbank High School in 1941, Mr. Flores spent the greater part of a year working for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Dallas Texas, helping the country recover from the Great Depression. In December of that year, Mr. Flores answered the Nation's call and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps to help defend freedoms overseas. Mr. Flores completed a tour of duty in the Southern and Western Pacific where he served as Air Freight Master in Papua New Guinea and as First Cook in Australia. Mr. Flores then returned stateside, where he served as First Cook at Camp Kearns in Salt Lake City, Utah, before being transferred back home to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. It was there on September 30, 1945, that Mr. Flores received his honorable discharge along with other accommodations for his time in service.

After his return to civilian life, Mr. Flores attended San Antonio College. In early spring 1948, Mr. Flores met Margarita Gomez and they were married later that year on June 27, 1948, at San Fernando Cathedral. Over the following three decades, Mr. Flores continued his tradition of service, working for the United States Postal Service until he retired, with commendation from President Jimmy Carter, in December 1980.

Mr. Flores is currently living in a VA assisted living care facility where he brings life and joy to those around him. Before his beloved wife Margarita passed in 2019, she and Mr. Flores celebrated seventy-one years of marriage together. When asked what he is proudest of, Mr. Flores cites his fifty-two years of volunteer service to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, where he was an officer from 1952 to 2004 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower. When asked what lesson he wishes to pass onto the next generation, Mr. Flores asked that we all pray and keep the Lord in our lives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the long life and honorable achievements of Mr. Raymond Flores. His story is a testament to his character and his status as the pride of San Antonio. May God bless him and his family for all their years to come.