

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLAND TOWNSHIP

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Holland Township on its 150th Anniversary.

Bordered by the Delaware and Musconetcong Rivers, Holland Township exemplifies both natural beauty and a deep cultural history. It was officially founded in 1874 and has since grown into a vibrant center of agriculture, commerce, and recreation. Holland Township residents are protected by a dedicated police force that epitomizes resilience and selflessness, and its strong education system is helping prepare New Jersey's next generation to address the issues that continue impacting our communities.

I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to all of Holland Township's residents on this special occasion. I am proud to have such an exemplary town in the 7th District, and I have no doubt that it will continue to prosper over the next 150 years and beyond.

### HONORING EAGLE SCOUT JADEN FACTOR OF OZARK, MISSOURI

**HON. ERIC BURLISON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jaden Factor of Ozark, Missouri, who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program, and since its inception in 1911, only 4 percent of scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

Jaden is a junior at Ozark High School and a member of Troop 201 of the Ozark Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America where he has held numerous leadership positions ranging from den chief and historian to outdoor ethics guide and senior patrol leader, the highest youth position in a scout troop.

Jaden also is a master sergeant in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Ozark High. His Eagle Scout project combined his love of scouting with his military training. Jaden raised \$2,500 to refurbish a Conex storage container that was in poor condition, which was used to house the Ozark JROTC Raiders team gear. He hired a trucking company to transport the container from the junior high school to a sandblasting company which stripped and painted it, and it was then moved to a new home at the high school. Jaden and a team of fellow scouts prepped the site for the container at the school, touched up paint when it was returned and restored a retaining wall adjacent to the container.

Scouting has been teaching valuable lessons in leadership since it was established in February 1910, and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is an important accomplishment. This young man deserves our applause for a job well done. I am proud to have him as a constituent.

### RECOGNIZING MR. GABE GUTIERREZ, OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gabe Gutierrez, an outstanding citizen who serves the blood donor community, both as a donor and a Board member of the San Diego Blood Bank.

More specifically, Mr. Gutierrez has donated more than 19 gallons of blood, and he continues to donate. He dedicates his time leading the San Diego Blood Bank's Community Advisory Committee, which aims to recruit and engage diverse donors throughout the region.

Mr. Gutierrez upholds a diverse professional background, including his service as a policy advisor and community liaison for former members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors, and his work for a local Fortune 500 company. Currently, Mr. Gutierrez is working within the Office of Strategy and Innovation at the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

Mr. Gutierrez possesses an array of knowledge and experience, spanning over fifteen years on various boards and commissions, including as former Chairman of the Chula Vista Planning Commission, and as former Chairman of transportation, land use and housing think tank, Circulate San Diego.

Mr. Gutierrez graduated from San Diego State University with a Master of Public Administration, and graduated from the National Urban Fellows, America's Leaders of Change program, through the University of Kansas. Through leveraging his experience as well as his relationships, Mr. Gutierrez has fostered positive change in the San Diego region.

Gabe lives in Chula Vista with his wife, Janice, and their two daughters, Mila and Ayla. He enjoys the natural beauty of San Diego, spending his spare time visiting the parks within the region.

Gabe Gutierrez was honored as the 52nd District Constituent of the Month in January 2024, when National Blood Donor Month is celebrated. He is commended for his dedication and tremendous commitment to our local community and the larger San Diego region.

### TRIBUTE TO ANNA MAE WILSON ROBERTSON

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I had the honor and the esteemed privilege of addressing this body in honor of Anna Mae Wilson Robertson's 90th birthday. Today, it is with great pleasure and reverence that we gather once more to commemorate the extraordinary life of Anna Mae Wilson Robertson as she celebrates her centennial birthday. Anna Mae Wilson Robertson is a cherished mother, devoted volunteer, and esteemed veteran. Mrs. Robertson, a cherished figure in the community of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, marks a century of life on March 8, 2024.

Anna Mae Wilson Robertson embarked on a Journey of resilience and service, exemplified by her marriage to John Robertson, a partnership that spanned 33 years and blessed them with eight children. Throughout her career, she made meaningful contributions as an employee of Marquette University and St. Camillus Health Center, leaving a lasting impact on the hearts and lives of those she encountered.

However, Mrs. Robertson's unyielding spirit and dedication to duty truly distinguished her. In 1945, amidst the backdrop of World War II, she answered the call to serve her country, enlisting in the Army and joining the Women's Army Corps (WAC) ranks. Notably, she became a member of the illustrious 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion, fondly known as the Six Triple Eight.

Comprised of 855 courageous women, the Six Triple Eight achieved remarkable feats, blazing trails as the first African American all-female battalion and the sole all-women battalion deployed overseas. Their mission was clear: to address the logistical challenges hindering mail delivery to troops stationed across Western Europe. Mrs. Robertson and the Six Triple Eight surpassed expectations and demonstrated exceptional efficiency by overcoming logistical difficulties in just three months.

Navigating treacherous waters plagued by German U Boats and facing the threat of enemy bombardment, the Six Triple Eight persevered, establishing a groundbreaking mail distribution system that became a lifeline for over 7 million military personnel and civilians. Despite adverse conditions, Mrs. Robertson and her comrades processed an astonishing 65,000 pieces of mail per shift, seven days a week.

Yet, their triumphs were muted by the harsh realities of discrimination as they confronted the barriers of "dual segregation" based on gender and race. Undeterred, they forged ahead, creating their support systems, and achieving their objectives in record time. Following their valiant service abroad, Mrs. Robertson and her fellow soldiers returned home as unsung heroes.

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On February 11, 2021, I was honored to introduce H.R. 1012, The 'Six Triple Eight' Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021, to recognize the service and sacrifice of Mrs. Robertson and her fellow heroes for their service. That long awaited recognition was passed in the 117th Congress and became Public Law No: 117-97 on March 14, 2022.

Today, as we reflect on Mrs. Robertson's centennial birthday, let us also honor the legacy of the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion—a legacy of bravery, resilience, and unwavering dedication to duty. Let us pledge to uplift and celebrate the untold stories of individuals like Mrs. Robertson, whose contributions have long been overshadowed by the passage of time.

Mr. Speaker, on this auspicious occasion, let us pin in celebrating Anna Mae Wilson Robertson's 100th birthday and expressing our profound gratitude for her exemplary service to our nation and her enduring impact on the community of Milwaukee. May her remarkable life continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING JOHN D. MCCARTHY, JR., THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S 2024 MAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize John D. McCarthy Jr., a resident of Shavertown, PA, whose entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to selfless service and passion for philanthropy personify the soul of our community. These qualities have earned him the distinguished honor of being recognized as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2024 Man of the Year.

As the member of the House representing Shavertown, in Luzerne County, I am grateful to have this opportunity to recognize John D. McCarthy, Jr.'s lifelong devotion to serving the NEPA region. A third-generation family business owner at McCarthy Tire Service, John continues his family's multigenerational commitment to ensuring the economic success of our local economy.

Founded in 1926 by John's grandfather Joseph, the first McCarthy Tire Service store was opened on Main Street in Wilkes-Barre in 1930. John's father, John "Jack" D. McCarthy, Sr., a former Man of the Year honoree, began working in the family business at age 12 as an oil bottle cleaner, and he rose through the ranks to become president in 1957. In 1962, Jack moved McCarthy Tire to its current site at 340 Kidder Street, added services for his customers and increased the workforce.

From a young age, John understood the value of teamwork and a fair deal as he, much like his father, worked in the family business in multiple roles from gas attendant to scrap tire removal. John believes that each role has made him a better leader. Since 1997, John has served as the President of McCarthy Tire Service and has overseen considerable growth of the company without altering his core values of hard work, honesty, and handshake deals.

Under John's leadership, McCarthy Tire Service has become the fifth-largest inde-

pendent commercial tire dealer in the U.S. with over 75 locations and 1,500 teammates in eight states. In under three decades, John has added over 1,200 employees to the ever-growing company and plans to add more in the future—helping to ensure the economic success of NEPA while providing good-paying jobs and benefits for our residents.

John also knows the value of being an integral part of our community. He currently serves on the Board of Highmark Inc., AllOne Health Resources, AllOne Charities and AllOne Foundation. He has also served on past boards, including the Ecumenical Enterprises, Earth Conservancy, Villanova Business School, and Landmark Bank, along with serving on numerous tire industry councils.

In addition to these important roles, John continues to promote philanthropy throughout the communities in which McCarthy Tire Service operates, as his company has generously given to over 100 charities. John has continually expressed his intent on keeping McCarthy Tire Service headquartered in Wilkes-Barre and remains dedicated to giving back to the community that helped his grandfather start McCarthy Tire Service.

I congratulate John D. McCarthy, Jr. on being honored as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2024 Man of the Year. John's entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to selfless service and passion for philanthropy distinguish him. His character represents the very best of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, and I am proud to be his Representative in Washington.

### HONORING MARK HINDMAN

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the professional achievements and service of Mr. Mark Hindman, City Manager for the City of North Richland Hills, Texas. Mr. Hindman is retiring following forty years of exemplary service to the public.

Upon graduation from Geneva College in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Sociology, Hindman began his public service in 1983, working for U.S. Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. Following two years on Capitol Hill, he completed management internships at the City of Olathe, Kansas and the City of University Park, Texas. Along the way, he earned his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. In 1987, he was hired by the City of Lubbock, TX as a Budget Analyst, and over the next eight years, he advanced through the ranks to be named Director of Finance/Support Services. The City of Mesquite, Texas hired him as Assistant City Manager in 1995, and for the next fourteen years, he provided oversight for multiple municipal departments. Mr. Hindman was named City Manager of North Richland Hills, Texas in 2009.

Under Mr. Hindman's capable direction, the quality of life for North Richland Hills has been enhanced through implementation of numerous community improvements, including expansion of the city's park and trail system, construction of the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Animal Shelter, and a new City

Hall. He's made a priority of excellent public service and fiscal responsibility, and under his sound financial leadership, the City has seen a reduction in its tax rate to the lowest since 2016.

In the fourteen years that Hindman has helmed the City of North Richland Hills, he has spearheaded efforts to revitalize older, owner-occupied residential properties and the reuse of vacant commercial properties. He guided new development and redevelopment in North Richland Hills to ensure a vibrant economy and an attractive place for its citizens to call home.

Mark Hindman has been an outstanding public servant to the residents and businesses of North Richland Hills. His professional leadership will be missed throughout his community and all of North Texas. On behalf of the 26th District, I wish him all the best in his next stage of life.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROBERT GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Tuesday, March 5. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA Roll Call No. 60 and YEA on Roll Call No. 61.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes because of an unavoidable conflict in Houston. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 61 and YEA on Roll Call No. 60.

RECOGNIZING HURON VALLEY PACE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize Huron Valley PACE on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of their founding. Their contributions over the past ten years to improving the lives of the elderly in Washtenaw County are worthy of commendation.

Huron Valley PACE was founded in 2014 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to provide medical and supportive services for the elderly in the greater Washtenaw County area. Their all-inclusive care, which is covered by Medicare and Medicaid, provides coverage for primary and specialty care, prescription drugs, medical transportation, hospital visits, dental care, medical equipment, home care, and physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Their extensive range of services have notably helped support hundreds of low-income adults with housing,