

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EULOGY FOR TIMOTHY COBURN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Monday February 12, 2024 a great force for good was laid to rest. The outpouring of love, admiration, and respect for Timothy Coburn was a fitting remembrance for a man whose life was dedicated to doing for others. He is a legend in his hometown of East Hartford and Mayberry Village, the federal housing project we grew up in. I include in the *Record* a eulogy that only touches the surface of this veteran and great American who never forgot his beginnings.

Thank you, Father Mark, on behalf of Susan, Gabrielle, Maryann & Katie.

The outpouring of love, respect, and admiration for a man, who used all of his vast skills to take care of others, so many of whom are gathered in this room, who have been beneficiaries of his benevolence.

Gabrielle and Susan, the obituary was excellent, from that handsome smiling Irish face to the content of the obituary and the enduring message about helping others, with a simple yet poignant request: be kind to someone, even a stranger. It makes a difference. So many gathered here and beyond can attest to that. That was Tim Coburn! That was his request. Sister Christine-Marie and the Sisters of Notre-Dame are bursting with pride about the virtue of the man from Mayberry Village they taught.

It all starts at home, and home will always be 76 Great Hill Road in Mayberry Village. Ruth and John's favorite son, Maryann & Katie's favorite brother, Susan's devoted love and husband, and Gabrielle's loving and caring father.

Ruth and John deserve special acknowledgement. Mrs. Coburn carted us all around the town to sporting events and brought us treats when we were sleeping out in the backyard, as we scrambled to hide the Playboys we were reading. We mostly walked to Martin Park which was an upgrade from swimming at BAB and the Hock. Mr. Coburn, with his shirt off in the summer, looked like Tarzan, and he had that intimidating look. You knew that you don't mess with John Coburn.

Athleticism was engrained in Tim, and his father always had Track and Field apparatus from the shotput, discus, hammer throw, and high jump bars. In fact, Frank Coburn, Tim's grandfather, was a star in his own right and a member of the New York Athletic Club, who nearly went to the Olympics, so being an athlete was in his genes.

Talking with Carl Lepack, Gary and Jimmy Agnew, Kevin Brown, and Dave Ryan, they all acknowledged Tim was the most gifted athlete in our class. Lettering in football, basketball, and track and being the captain of the track team. He was also a great golfer, tennis player, and if we had a pool in 1967, he would be a champion swimmer as well. Above all, he was a competitor, he thrived on competition. We were 5th and 6th grade basketball champions at Mayberry school, we reminisced last September about the 98-yard touchdown pass, he caught that

beat Sunset Ridge with no time left on the clock. We were still playing football in our late 20s for Mad Murphy's, and all the extra-curricular activities that involved. He competed at a high level in every sport he played, but in track, like his grandfather, he excelled and still holds the high school pole vault record, back when the poles were still wooden and not fiberglass. But in sports as in life, the thing about Tim is what mattered to him was the camaraderie and how teamwork and teammates matter and become friends for life.

I went to school with Tim at the little red schoolhouse, Sunset Ridge, Mayberry School, Saint Rose's, East Hartford High School, and Central before he transferred and graduated from UConn. There was a gang of us that hung together, and Tim was the ringleader, always up for the next adventure and next exploration. It was Tim, Carl Lepack, Rick Hurteau, Roger O'Sullivan, Max McGrath, Nunzio Parente, Billy Beven, Ronnie Boyer, and my brothers Dan and Chris. Whether it was cruising the Hock in cement tubs, or swimming at BAB, hiking up what is now Wickham Park—what was then Wickham Estates—playing every sport imaginable.

It was on the Hockanum that we got pulled over by the East Hartford police that chastised us for being in cement tubs, scolding us about how dangerous it was. They took our names and addresses and said they were going to talk to our parents. By the time I got home, the officers already visited my mother and admonish me and said, "Wait until your father gets home!" I ran up to Tim's house to see if they had come there as well, as we had papers to deliver. Tim said no as they haven't been to his house, though they had driven by it. So we stood at distance at his house, and we wondered why they didn't stop and the reason was because Tim had taken the 6 of 76 and flipped it around to make it an 9. But he said since I was going to face brutal punishment with my father coming home, he would take me to Bergren's Dairy to get a hot fudge sundae before I went home to face my father. But to my amazement, when I got home, divine intervention happened, Father Munich was doing the census and consoled my mother that were the boys like Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer in Huck Finn. So, when I went up and told Tim Coburn that Father Munich had saved my life and called us Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, Tim told me "You owe me a hot fudge sundae."

Tim lived a life of helping others, he practiced his faith and that carried over to his professional life. Healthcare remains an extraordinarily challenging job, especially caring for the elderly and disabled, and it's why this man of compassion and commitment was so exceptional. He rose to become the Executive Vice President of Medi-Plex and was respected by everyone he worked with—in management, by the employee's he worked with, and most importantly the patients he served. When he left Medi-Plex, he went on to be the person, the state of Connecticut, turned to, to help distress facilities and became the leading administrator in the state who had both, the experience and the credibility to save homes from going out of business and provide people with care. Tim, of course, credited the people he worked with, but this was a guy that led by example.

No task was beneath him and time and again, he demonstrated to employees and patients what leadership and caring are all about. Jim Malloy and Brian Dickstein, underscored that professionalism and why he was so successful and why the state relied on Tim. He lived a life of helping other, and in doing so, he practiced his faith.

Tim was authentic and genuine, not a phony bone in his body. Dependable, Tim was always there for everyone, especially Gabrielle and Susan, he had wanted and hoped to make it to Valentine's Day, which is Gabrielle's birthday. There's an old Irish saying "Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory that no one can steal." There is a great void in our lives, a great force of good is gone. During his life and with his passing, he showed us what courage and humility are, and that the most precious thing we have is time, and the greatest thing in life is not the things we possess but the time we have with each other.

So, as we leave here today and raise a glass in tribute to Tim, let's honor his request—be kind to someone, even a stranger, it makes a difference. Tim, thank you for being a difference maker in our lives.

HONORING ROBERT WILLARD

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding New Yorker, Attica Fire Department Member, Robert Willard, for his 50 years of service to the community of Attica and the Attica Fire Department. On Saturday, March 9, 2024, members past and present from the Attica Fire Department will gather to honor him for his service.

Robert Willard was born in Batavia, New York and raised in the Town of Attica in Wyoming County, New York, and began his service as a volunteer in 1973 with the Attica Fire Department. Throughout his years with the Attica Fire Department, he has responded to countless numbers of ambulance and fire responses. His excellent service has earned him the title of Fire Chief along with numerous other positions within the department.

Robert worked for Westinghouse until its closure and spent his later years working for the Village of Attica before his retirement. Along with his passion for the fire department, Jay enjoys traveling in his spare time. Robert is a true family man. He is married to his wife Kathy, and they have two children and three grandchildren. When he is not spending time with his family, Robert enjoys hunting and camping.

I thank Robert Willard for his incredible volunteer service providing protection to local homeowners, farmers, businesses, and schools in Wyoming County, New York. His many years of dedication have made the community a better place to live, and I wish him

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all the best in his many more years serving in the Attica Fire Department.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2799, the Expanding Access to Capital Act. Mr. Chair, this bill does not in fact expand access to capital. It expands access to fraud.

Historically, U.S. capital markets have been successful because of the transparency, accountability, and oversight required by regulations. Investors both here and abroad have confidence in the investments they make because they know companies are required to be transparent and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is obligated to perform oversight. However, large companies are now using exemptions designed for small businesses. This has resulted in an expansion of the private securities market, which is riskier than the public securities market because there are fewer and, in some cases, no disclosures required. H.R. 2799 would exacerbate these problems by allowing large companies to evade disclosure requirements and SEC oversight. The bill also reduces incentives for companies to go public through an initial public offering (IPO) which will deprive investors, including working families and retirees, of transparent investment opportunities.

Everyday Americans invest their hard-earned money to save for their education, travel, buying a home, and retirement. H.R. 2799 threatens the existing regulations that protect everyday Americans from risky investments that would put their livelihoods in jeopardy. Under current regulation, financial professionals or companies are required to only sell private securities to investors who have access to reliable information, have a demonstrated ability to understand the risks, and have the financial wherewithal to absorb potentially severe investment losses. H.R. 2799 removes these safeguards, allowing financial middlemen to peddle risky private securities to unsuspecting, hard-working Americans. H.R. 2799 sets everyday American investors up to fail.

H.R. 2799 also includes anti-worker provisions that will harm gig-workers like rideshare drivers, food delivery providers, and on-demand caregivers. The State of Minnesota has been working hard to prevent the misclassification of gig-workers as independent contractors and provide stronger protections for these workers. H.R. 2799 would preempt these efforts in Minnesota and around the country by prohibiting the classification of gig-workers as employees. This provision would cut off gig-workers' access to essential state-based rights and benefits like a minimum wage, unemployment insurance, overtime pay, health benefits, and workers compensation.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 2799 eliminates crucial investor protections which would expose the investments of American families and seniors to financial fraud. I urge my colleagues to oppose the bill.

CELEBRATING THE PRESERVA- TION AND PERPETUATION OF THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, Hawaii's constitution recognizes two official languages: English and Hawaiian. Each February, we celebrate Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, or Hawaiian Language Month. It's time for us to honor and promote the use of Hawaiian language, and to achieve this, we must create opportunities and environments where it can be celebrated and utilized. 'Ōlelo Hawai'i is more than a language, it is a connection to a history and a culture that must never be forgotten. That is why it was so important to me to speak it today on the House floor. Long live the Hawaiian language.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the translation in the Hawaiian language:

Aloha e ka luna h'omalu,
Ke hōia'i'o nei ko Hawai'i kumukānāwai i nā 'ōlelo kūhelu 'elua: ka 'Ōlelo Pelekānia me ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. I kēlā me kēia Pepeluāli, e ho'omaika'i mākou i ka Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. 'Ōkēia ka manawa kūpono a kākou e ho'ohanohano a e paipai aku i ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. I mea e ho'okō ai i ia hana, he ko'iko'i nō ho'i ka 'ōlelo a ho'olaule'a mau 'ia o ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i ma nā wahi like 'ole, ma nā 'ano pō'aiapili like 'ole, a ma nā 'ano hanana like 'ole o ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i, 'a'ole ia he 'ōlelo wale no. 'O ia nō he pilina i nā mo'olelo me ka mo'omeheu, 'o ia nō ho'i kahi mea e pōina 'ole ai. 'O ia ke kumu no ka'u 'ōlelo 'ana i kēia lā ma ka papahale o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka'āinana ma ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVER- SARY OF THE FOUNDING OF TEXAS COLLEGE

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Texas College in Tyler, Texas commemorating its 130th anniversary.

Founded in 1894, Texas College was formed by ministers of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to educate African-American students excluded from the university system of Texas at the time.

Since its eventual charter in 1907, Texas College has aimed to form the next generation in theology, music, teaching and commercial training as well as agricultural and mechanical sciences.

Today, Texas College inspires intellectual, spiritual, moral, and social development, empowering graduates to engage in life-long learning, leadership, and service. For generations, the college has formed upright, intelligent citizens who honor God through their knowledge, work, and families.

I am proud to see the many accomplishments that Texas College has made since its inception. I am equally grateful to have Texas

College as an integral part of the Tyler community and broader East Texas region.

I look forward to another 130 years of success from the faculty and staff at Texas College as they celebrate their anniversary this month.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVER- SARY OF INDIUM CORPORATION

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to honor Indium Corporation as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary on March 13 of this year.

Founded in 1934 by Dr. William S. Murray, Indium Corporation first operated from his garage at 805 Watson Place in Utica, New York. Dr. Murray was instrumental in identifying and enabling the first commercially viable applications for indium metal.

Today, Indium Corporation is a premier materials refiner, smelter, manufacturer and supplier to the global electronics, semiconductor, thin-film, and thermal management markets. With five facilities in New York's 22nd Congressional District and several located internationally, Indium Corporation is a global leader in materials science and electronics assembly solutions. Indium's innovative products can be found in many common consumer electronics and high-reliability technologies such as electric vehicles, mobile devices, life-saving medical devices, and emerging 5G technology.

Beyond Indium Corporation's role as a manufacturer, the company bolsters local educational resources through STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) outreach partnerships with schools, universities, and community organizations, impacting the lives of more than 5,000 students each year. Indium's award-winning college internship program, inaugurated in 2012, has led to careers in STEM fields for over 100 students.

In addition, Indium Corporation initiated a pioneering apprenticeship program, aiding employees who are seeking to learn new skills and pursue higher education and assisting military veterans with making successful transitions to private sector careers. The company recently celebrated its first graduates.

Indium is committed to giving back to the community through the support of many charitable and quality-of-life organizations including the American Red Cross, Stuff the Bus, ICAN, United Way, Support Our Vets, and the American Heart Association. The company and its leaders have been honored by the Oneida County History Center, YWCA, MACNY, Mohawk Valley Alliance of Chambers of Commerce, and the Genesis Group.

On behalf of New York's 22nd Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Indium Corporation on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary. I wish them continued success for many years to come.