

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH WOODS

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Woods' impressive record of service to our country.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Woods, the son of a career Army Officer, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He earned his Bachelor of Science and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer upon graduation in May 2007.

He has served in various capacities across the Army, including deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, and Jordan. The units he served with include the 1ST Infantry Division, 82ND Airborne Division, 5TH Special Forces Group, West Points Corps of Cadets, and the 25TH Infantry Division in Alaska. Most recently, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Joint Interagency Task Force—National Capital Region.

In addition to his dedication to service, Lieutenant Colonel Woods has dedicated himself to lifelong learning. He holds two Master's degrees: one in Organizational Psychology from Teacher's College, Columbia University (2016) and the other in Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (2018).

Lieutenant Colonel Woods has received numerous awards and decorations for his service including: the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has earned the Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. Lt. Col. Woods also holds Chilean, Italian, and British airborne wings.

In June, Lieutenant Colonel Woods will take Command of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10TH Mountain Division. I wish Lieutenant Colonel Woods, his wife Brianna, and their four children, Collin, Luke, Evan, and Emma, the best of luck in the future. Their dedication to this country is truly inspiring and honorable.

HONORING THE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hampton High School Men's Basketball Team from Hampton, Virginia on becoming the Virginia High School League's Class 4 State Champions.

On Friday, March 8, 2024, the Hampton Crabbers won the championship game against the Tuscarora Huskies with a score of 66–63. Led by Coach Eric Brown, the Crabbers won this title for the sixth time, the first since 2012. Hampton High School closed their season with

a record of 26 wins and 2 losses, maintaining a 16-game winning streak.

Throughout the game, the Crabbers and Huskies fought for control of the court, with the Crabbers maintaining the lead. But victory for the Crabbers would not come easily, as the Huskies consistently chipped away at their lead. With 20 seconds left on the clock, senior Daron Baugh sank two free-throws to give the Crabbers the final 66–63 lead. The Crabbers fought hard and stayed determined until the game was over, and because of that, they were able to secure the championship.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate the Hampton High School Basketball Team and thank Coach Brown, the parents, and the entire Hampton High School community for supporting these students throughout the season. They have all made their community proud. I wish them the best in their future endeavors, and I wish the program continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on March 19, 2024, I missed a Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

RECOGNIZING DELORES COMSTOCK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Delores Comstock and congratulate her for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Delores' commitment to education and volunteerism has made her a beloved figure in the community, particularly her involvement with the Fremont County 4-H programs. With over 60 years of service, her work as an educator, Special Education volunteer, and Four Mile 4-H Club leader, has enriched the lives of countless individuals and exemplifies the spirit of community service. Delores' ongoing altruism has made a significant difference across Fremont County and makes her a fitting recipient for a spot in their Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Delores Comstock for her Fremont Hall of Fame induction and thank her for her service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALEXEI NAVALNY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alexei Navalny, who made the ultimate sacrifice in his fight for freedom, democracy, and basic human rights.

For more than a decade, Navalny courageously led the unflinching opposition against Russian President Vladimir Putin and his evil cronies.

Determined to create a truly democratic Russia, Navalny exposed Putin for who he truly is: a murderous, corrupt dictator.

In August of 2020, officers of the Russian government attempted to kill Navalny by poison, forcing him to be evacuated and hospitalized in Germany.

Despite this attempt on his life, Navalny never wavered and, after miraculously recovering from this attempted murder, insisted on returning to Russia to continue his mission of bringing freedom to his countrymen.

Upon his return home, Navalny was wrongfully imprisoned by Russian authorities for the remainder of his life and, tragically, to his death.

His only crime was his determination to speak out in the face of oppression and advocate for a Russia free from Putin's control.

Throughout his imprisonment, Navalny never lost his sense of optimism and hope for the future. He remained positive, even telling jokes in court less than 24 hours before his death.

While in prison in the Arctic Circle, Navalny continued being a strong voice for freedom, relying on his family, lawyers, and other supporters to speak out on his behalf and stand defiant against Putin's evil regime.

He was a man of deep conviction who never faltered in his mission, no matter the cost.

He was one of the bravest, most principled men I have ever met, and his memory will never be forgotten. The United States must continue Navalny's legacy and stand up against Putin's efforts to trample freedom in Europe and around the world.

May we never stop fighting to secure peace and democracy for all those who seek it, just as Navalny so courageously did.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 87, and YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR OLIVIA TRUJILLO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Olivia Trujillo, who passed away on March 3, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. She was 67 years old. Mayor Trujillo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and at the age of five, her family immigrated to Arvin, California. During her summers, she worked alongside her family harvesting fruits and vegetables in the fields of the San Joaquin Valley, learning the values of hard work and perseverance from a young age. Mayor

Trujillo attended Sierra Vista Elementary, Haven Drive Middle School, and Arvin High School, and was involved in numerous activities in the Arvin community during her childhood. Mayor Trujillo dedicated her life to serving the Arvin community for more than 60 years. She served as the Vice-President of the Arvin Chamber of Commerce from 2013 to 2018, Chair of the Arvin City Planning Commission from 2015 to 2018, and was a member of the Arvin City Council from 2016 to 2018. In 2020, she was elected as the Mayor of the City of Arvin. As the first woman, Latina, and immigrant in this position, her election represented a significant milestone in our community's history. During her tenure, Mayor Trujillo was deeply committed to serving the community's most vulnerable, including the youth, senior, and homeless populations. She was instrumental in bringing new jobs to the city, improving resources for the homeless population, and leading domestic violence awareness campaigns. She significantly expanded various services for Arvin residents, including the new Bakersfield College Arvin Campus, the first Urgent Care Center and food bank, and the Arvin Kiwanis Club for youth leadership development. Mayor Trujillo was a trailblazing leader, passionate about the well-being of all residents of the community. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mayor Olivia Trujillo. Her service to the Arvin community will be felt for generations to come. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH KALLICK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Deborah Kallick, who is retiring from her role as Vice President of Government and Industry Relations at Cedars-Sinai Health System after 24 years of service to our Southern California community.

Deborah grew up in Beverly Hills, California, as a first-generation American, with her mother coming from Odesa, Ukraine, and her father from Munich, Germany. She earned her B.A. from Pitzer College in 1978 and her M.B.A. from USC in 1983. Before joining Cedars-Sinai, she served as UCLA's Executive Director of Federal and Health Sciences Government Relations from 1985 to 2000.

A dedicated advocate at all levels of government for the health care delivery system, Deborah has served as Cedars-Sinai's legislative steward in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. Cedars-Sinai is a leading provider of care to Californians on Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program, and Deborah has played a major role in expanding this program so that the most vulnerable in our community have access to health care services.

Deborah led efforts to improve hospital financing and successfully advocated for funding to expand medical research and graduate medical education while playing a paramount role in establishing joint research efforts between Cedars-Sinai and the Uniform Services University at the Department of Defense. She

was also instrumental in securing entitlements to build the new Cedars-Sinai Marina del Rey Hospital, contributing to the development of the institution's new campus. This initiative allowed Cedars-Sinai to expand its services and further its mission of education, research, and patient care.

Beyond her work in the health care sphere, Deborah is also active in numerous civic and community organizations. She currently is the Board Vice President for Hillel International and the past Board Chair of USC Hillel and Hillel 818. Additionally, Deborah serves on the Boards of Directors of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Business Council, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Hillel 818, Hillel at the Claremont Colleges, Pitzer College, the Maple Counseling Center, and the Getty House Foundation.

Deborah has received numerous accolades for her tireless service to our community. She received the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Award in 2006 and the Thomas Crail Lifetime Achievement Award from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce in 2008. She also earned the 2006 American Hospital Association's Grass Roots Champion Award and The Maple Counseling Center's Community Spirit Award in 2012.

I am proud to have worked alongside Deborah to deliver better health outcomes to Southern Californians. Her tireless advocacy and relentless activism have had a profound impact on the lives of millions of patients—in Los Angeles, in California, and across the nation. Her presence as a stalwart of working toward enhancing health care access, quality, and affordability will be missed.

I thank Deborah for a lifetime of service and wish her the best of luck in this next chapter of her life. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Deborah for 24 years of service.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN STUDY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) in Stamford, Connecticut, as they celebrate their 60th anniversary. Since their inception in 1964, AIFS has pioneered cultural exchange and educational enrichment, having impacted the lives of over 1.8 million individuals and deepened relationships across international borders.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, AIFS continues to operate a diverse selection of programs for their nearly 40,000 annual participants, including study and travel abroad, high school exchange, camp counselor, and intern/trainee programs, which epitomize the Administration's dedication to diverse partnerships. It is my unique honor to recognize the American Institute For Foreign Study for their 60th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating AIFS and their dedication to cross-cultural exchange.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

RECOGNIZING KELLY ALBRECHT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelly Albrecht of Cañon City for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame.

Throughout her distinguished 32-year career, Kelly has exemplified innovation in education. Over her tenure, Kelly taught fifth grade and elementary music and took on leadership roles, including serving as Cañon Exploratory School middle school principal. After retiring, Kelly continued to shape the future of education in Fremont County as the Induction Coordinator and Teacher Development Coach for the Cañon City School District. Her creative and innovative style of leadership has touched the lives of countless students and new teachers starting on their professional journeys.

Kelly's legacy is a testament to her passion for education and her impact on creating a culture of learning and excellence within the community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Kelly Albrecht for her accomplishment and thank her for her contribution to our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.