

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARK BARRY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of my constituent, Mark Barry, who works with the Arc, Nature Coast. Mark knew he wanted to work with people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) since high school. He received his degree in special education and began working at Pasco Arc. He became the CEO for The Arc, Nature Coast in 1992, serving this field for 43 years. During his tenure, he led the agency from a grassroots organization to one which serves 300+ individuals and their families in 22 locations and within three counties. He also led individuals from sheltered workshops into competitive employment, with 120 people served currently employed in the community. Additionally, Mark has secured grant funding for the construction of five new, fully assessable residential homes, providing permanent housing for 50+ individuals with IDD. His commitment to inclusion and to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their disability status is able to live a full and meaningful life is inspiring.

It is clear that Mark Barry has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

HONORING THE CHELAN PUD HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Chelan County Public Utility District's Habitat Conservation Plans, a program to conserve anadromous salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River.

The Habitat Conservation Plans committed the Chelan PUD to a 50-year-program to ensure the Roch Island and Rocky Reach hydro projects do not harm mid-Columbia salmon and steelhead runs. This impressive feat is accomplished through a multitude of projects, including spill over dams, offsite hatchery programs, improvements in fish survival metrics, and habitat restoration and enhancement in tributaries.

At the 20-year mark, the Habitat Conservation Plans' success is unmatched. The juvenile and adult fish survival is at an impressive high, and the improvements in habitats and hatchery production is remarkable.

I look forward to seeing what this program has in store for its next 30 years, and I commend the Chelan Public Utility's commitment to the conservation and protection of our wild-

life, natural resources, and the clean and reliable hydropower in Central Washington.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS HYDE

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a standout member of our South Sound community, Chris Hyde of Olympia, whose soup-centered, community-powered food hub has helped keep fellow Olympians fed for free.

A longtime Olympia resident, Chris founded Souper Sunday to help ensure his community's access to healthy, hot, and nutrient-dense meals, as well as strengthen community connections through his almost 2,000-member strong Facebook page on which he takes soup orders and posts menu updates.

The increasing popularity of Souper Sunday has resulted in Chris ramping up production, and he now spends five days a week making hot soups and preparing frozen soups for pick-up from his "soup library" to meet the community's needs. No matter who you are, where you are from, or what you believe in, Chris refuses no one and aims to serve all of his community, one soup at a time.

To help spread his soup mission across the South Sound, Chris is also actively looking to start similar soup groups in nearby towns, which speaks to his strong spirit of service and commitment to combatting hunger while promoting community cohesion.

Chris is a stellar example of what it means to be an active and compassionate member of a community, and I am proud to honor him as my Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING TODD ALBRECHT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

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

Todd is being honored for his dedication and service to the Cañon City community through education and arts. His 31-year career as a music educator has left an enormous mark on Cañon City High School students, parents, educators, and the surrounding community. He has developed show choirs, supported the musical theater program, and taught countless young people the importance of music and the arts.

Todd's commitment to the community is also demonstrated through his work with the Cañon City School Board and the Colorado Association of School Boards. He is dedicated to the success of our local education system

and has worked towards these goals his entire career.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Todd Albrecht for being inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame and thank him for his contribution to our community.

HONORING YVETTE COLBOURNE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miramar City Commissioner Yvette Colbourne. Commissioner Colbourne began public service in 2013 when she was elected to the position. She has since dedicated her work to advocating for the well-being of Miramar's citizens by addressing quality-of-life issues, increasing diversity, and working towards a unified community, "One Miramar."

Commissioner Colbourne continues to dedicate herself to improving Miramar. Since being elected, she has shown her leadership ability by serving as Vice Mayor for three terms. Additionally, she currently serves as the President of the National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) Constituent Group, highlighting how leaders across the nation, including her fellow elected officials, have recognized her leadership.

I want to recognize her most recent accomplishment as we celebrate Women's History Month. Commissioner Colbourne has accomplished a feat that no other Black person has ever achieved: She will serve as the Chair of the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

In this role, she will lead a federally mandated public agency that catalyzes transportation in the county. She will oversee the coordination of transportation efforts for 31 local governments, 2 million residents, and millions of visitors. She will work to ensure that the residents of Broward County can get where they are going quickly and safely. This effort to ensure safe transit for the residents includes efforts from 'Complete Streets' to 'Speak Up Broward' and efforts to provide transportation services to disadvantaged people.

Before her elected service, she spent 30 years as a Miami-Dade County administrator. Additionally, she served her local community, including as President of her Homeowners Association. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Nova Southeastern University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Commissioner Yvette Colbourne for all she has achieved and for her public service, commitment, and dedication to our community.

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RECOGNIZING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICES PLUS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Services Plus for celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Green Bay company is a shining example of hard work, dedication, and community leadership.

Services Plus was founded, and continues today, as a contract manufacturer and packager of consumer tissue products. Their current partners are some of the largest consumer products goods companies and distributors in the world, most of whom have been longterm partners. Through their ideaation, quick execution, flexibility, and ability to create value for their customers, the company has flourished into a nationally renowned and respected industry leader.

Marvin Schumacher left retirement in 1984 to establish Services Plus after a long career as President and founding member of Warehouse Specialists. Marvin's vision for Services Plus prioritized collaboration and customer service with a focus on close relationships with customers and the Green Bay community. Rejecting the idea of developing their own brand, they instead focus on maintaining customer-owned assets and solving a customer's problems. Marvin's values have guided the company's journey to 40 years of sustained success and growth.

Marvin's two oldest sons, Mike and Tom, joined his new mission, learning the ins and outs of the industry from their father. In the 1990s, Marvin retired, this time for good, selling his shares to Mike and Tom. The two brothers carried on their father's legacy at Services Plus until they too retired in 2015; developing a new leadership team led by Services Plus President, Tad Campana. Though no longer at the center of daily operations, the Schumacher family's values and dedication to customer service continue to guide the company forward. Presently, under Tad Campana's leadership, the company plans to be the preferred choice of Outsourced Contract Manufacturing and Outsourced Innovation for consumer tissue products. The continued success of Services Plus would not be possible without talented leadership and hard work from all team members.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Services Plus as they celebrate their 40th anniversary. Through Marvin's vision, his sons' persistence, and Tad's leadership today, the company has found remarkable success and become a cornerstone of our community. It's an honor to witness their journey and to see the impact they've made on Green Bay, Northeast Wisconsin, and our country. I wish Services Plus continued prosperity and success in the next 40 years.

RECOGNIZING ABRAHAM STARR

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abraham Starr for his service to

our country and congratulate him on turning 100 years old.

Born in Toronto, Canada on March 26, 1924, Abraham Storozumnick enlisted in the Canadian military at age 20 during World War II. Abraham helped the Allies fight the Nazis in Belgium and Holland. After WWII, Abraham and his wife Rose immigrated to the United States to join family and become U.S. citizens, changing their surname from Storozumnick to Starr. They would go on to have three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

They eventually made their way to Colorado's 7th Congressional District and reside today with family in Arvada. Known for his sharp wit, engaging conversations, and an undeniable love for sports and classic cinema, Abraham continues to inspire those around him and bring joy to our community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Abraham Starr on his 100th birthday and thank him for his service during WWII.

RECOGNIZING TONI MARTIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Toni Martin, who volunteers countless hours each week helping colleagues, businesses, and children navigate the tumultuous world in which we live, and she does it with a golden heart. Toni is a leader in educating the community on the issue of human trafficking and its prevalence in the Tampa Bay area. She also dedicates her time to the New Beginnings Youth Shelter in Brooksville, serving as a mentor to young boys and girls who have been left or abandoned by their parents. Well-known for her innovative problem solving skills, local leaders at all levels rely upon Toni to help strategize on how to address unmet needs in the community, and she always delivers positive results. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Ms. Toni Martin has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service.

HONORING MRS. LENORE
DEVAUGHN SHACKELFORD GOLDEN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving wife, dedicated mother, pioneering educator, committed community activist, ardent community servant, faithful woman of God and friend of longstanding, Ms. Lenore DeV Vaughn Golden Shackelford.

Sadly, Mrs. Shackelford passed from labor to reward on Thursday, March 14, 2024. A

homegoing service to celebrate her remarkable life will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Quitman, Georgia.

The Genesis of the life of Mrs. Lenore Shackelford began on April 17, 1929, as she was born to the union of the late Corine Golden and A.Z. Graddick. She was a proud product of the Brooks County School System, graduating from Brooks County High School in 1945.

A love of family permeated the life of Mrs. Shackelford, and she united in Holy Matrimony to Herbert Duane Shackelford and to this blessed union a son was born, the late Herbert Duane Shackelford II.

A lifelong and avid learner, Mrs. Shackelford attended and graduated from Savannah State College (now university) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1950. She also received a Master of Education, Guidance and Counseling from Florida A&M University in 1959. Mrs. Shackelford also attended Tennessee A&I, Valdosta State, and the University of Georgia.

Her long and storied career in education began in 1950 as a Social Studies Teacher at Morven Rosenwald High School. She was also an elementary school teacher at Empress Elementary School from 1954 to 59. Subsequently, she became a guidance counselor in 1959 at Washington Street High School in Quitman. Mrs. Shackelford continued her counseling career at Brooks County Junior High in 1970 and completed her fulfilling career at Brooks County High, retiring in 1989. It has been said that "Education is the passport to the future, it belongs to those who prepare for it today." Mrs. Shackelford did an extraordinary job in preparing countless young people for their futures. Because of her dedication and stellar commitment to our young people, she received many awards and commendations. She also helped many young people receive scholarships that helped advance their educational dreams.

Mrs. Shackelford dedicated her life to the betterment of her beloved Brooks County. Always the community activist, she was instrumental in making Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a holiday for Brooks County Schools in 1988. Continuing that activism, she was pivotal in getting the longest street in Quitman, (the former Washington Street) named after Dr. King. Mrs. Shackelford truly believed in these words: "Activism is standing up for what you believe in, even when it is not the popular opinion." Mrs. Shackelford was not concerned about what was popular, she was concerned about what was right and just.

Shirley Chisholm once said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Shackelford paid her rent, and she paid it well. Mrs. Shackelford gave her time, treasure, and talent to many organizations over the course of her life, to include: Order of the Eastern Star, Love Joy Chapter No. 426, where she was Worthy Matron. She also held two Grand Lodge offices, Grand Adah and Grand Lecturer. She was a member of Scott Azalea Assembly No. 289, Order of the Golden Circle of Valdosta, Georgia, where she received the "Golden Lady of the Orient" award, which was the highest honor that any Loyal Lady can receive in the State. She was a Charter member and past Commandress of Ossipe Court No. 186. She was also a member of the esteemed