

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ANNE MAYER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Anne Mayer, who is retiring after serving the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for the past 18 years. Anne has been a true leader in Riverside County for decades and served as an effective advocate over the years to improve our region. She will be sorely missed.

After earning a civil engineering degree from Michigan State University, Anne began her career as a Professional Engineer. After nearly 15 years working at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) implementing transportation projects across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, Anne joined RCTC as Deputy Executive Director in May 2005. Just two years later, Anne was appointed Executive Director. In a region where transportation infrastructure provides vital connectivity for residents and our economy, Anne's leadership and vision enabled the Commission to get some of the biggest and most transformative projects ever constructed in the Inland Empire region across the finish line.

Anne oversaw the construction of the 91 Freeway expansion project that provides the western gateway into Riverside County. I was proud to work alongside her and RCTC to combine federal financing with local investments to provide Corona and surrounding residents with desperately needed upgrades to one of the most congested corridors in the nation. Anne also oversaw the successful completion of numerous interchange improvements along the I-10 and I-15 corridors and an expansion of the region's Metrolink system. With such an accomplished record of achievement, it is no surprise that Anne has been recognized on many occasions, including being presented with the California Transportation Foundation's Person of the Year award; the Inland Empire WTS Woman of the Year award; and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Athena Award given to individuals that demonstrate professional achievement, community service, and mentorship.

Anne clearly possesses a passionate belief in public service and a dedication to the community she has served so faithfully. I know I speak on behalf of all residents in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Anne's significant contributions to Riverside County. Personally, I will always value her friendship and collaboration on so many important infrastructure projects that will benefit our region long into the future. I wish Anne the very best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chairs of the Congressional App Challenge, Congressman TED LIEU and I would like to include in the RECORD the winning students and their apps from the 2023 Congressional App Challenge.

The 2023 Congressional App Challenge saw 11,334 students from all 50 states and territories submit applications this year. Collectively, these students created 3,645 fully functioning apps. The Congressional App Challenge in its nine years has seen over 58,262 students create 16,589 applications. With 374 Members of Congress, nearly 84 percent of the House of Representatives hosting an App Challenge in their district, this year marks tremendous success and growth of the program. We look forward to continue to celebrate the success of these students here in Washington, D.C. at #HouseOfCode on April 10th and 11th.

The 2024 Congressional App Challenge launches on May 1, 2024, and concludes on October 24, 2024. The 2024 Congressional App Challenge marks the 10th consecutive App Challenge since its start in 2015. As Co-Chair of the Congressional App Challenge, I am excited to continue to support the program and its students at this milestone moment. Please join us in celebrating the program, and all our student alumni on September 17th for National App Challenge Day.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND EMMETT SCOTT ANITON, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to offer my heartfelt congratulations and well wishes to an exceptional mentor, devoted leader, Vietnam War veteran, faithful servant of God, and cherished longtime friend, Reverend Dr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr., as he concludes his 45 years of service at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. A special celebration marking his 45th Anniversary and retirement from preaching the Gospel took place on April 7, 2024 at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Born on March 8, 1940, in Oneonta, Alabama to Mr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Sr. and Mrs. Estella Aniton Woods, Rev. Aniton graduated from Southside High School in Etowah County, Alabama before earning his Bachelor of Theology from Selma University in 1964. Following his service in Vietnam, he furthered his education at Alabama A&M University, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Having answered the call to preach, Rev. Aniton began his ministry at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama, where he served his congregation faithfully. In November 1978, he accepted the call to pastor at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, where he has led with passion and dedication since April 1979. Under his guidance, the church has flourished spiritually, numerically, and in its physical facilities.

Rev. Aniton's impact extends beyond the church walls, with his involvement in various community organizations and leadership roles. He has been recognized with awards such as the NAACP Religious Affairs Award and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award, among others. His commitment to service and leadership exemplifies the quote by George Washington Carver when he said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Rev. Aniton has used his ministry to reach people from all walks of life. Spurred by the example of Jesus, he has used his life's work to help the "Least of These."

In reflecting on his achievements, Rev. Aniton acknowledges the unwavering support of his late wife, Mrs. Dorothy Rigby Aniton, his children, grandchildren, and extended family. Personally, I have been blessed to benefit from Rev. Aniton's wisdom and friendship for over four decades. He never told me what I wanted to hear; he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. Rev. Aniton has inspired and mentored many with his sterling example of what a man of God should look like. He is truly a man after God's own heart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me, my wife Vivian, and the 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in expressing our deepest gratitude and best wishes to Reverend Dr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement after 45 years of devoted service at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. May God continue to bless him and his loved ones as he enters this new chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING DUMACK ENGINEERING'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dumack Engineering, an exceptional and longstanding member of Bucks County's business community. Dumack Engineering was founded in 1964 by Mr. Ralph Dumack, emerging from Ralph's vision to provide superior structural design services

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throughout Bucks County. Dumack Engineering has since served as a pillar of innovation in our community, and is now in its 60th year of operation. Currently in its second generation of family ownership, Ralph's son Heath Dumack has expanded the company's services into fields including architectural planning, structural engineering, site planning, code compliance reviews, and inspection services.

In addition to providing excellent civil engineering and land surveying services, Dumack Engineering is committed to community engagement and public assistance. The company's involvement in various local nonprofit boards and committees, including Habitat for Humanity, St. Mary's Hospital & Foundation, and the Washington Crossing Council BSA, underscores its unwavering dedication to improving the lives of Bucks County residents. Their contributions to local nonprofits have been invaluable to our community.

I am confident that Dumack Engineering's legacy of professional excellence and community service will forever serve as a shining example for businesses within our community and beyond. As we recognize their 60 years of outstanding contributions to Bucks County, let us celebrate Dumack Engineering's unwavering commitment to innovation, integrity, and service. May their continued success serve as an inspiration to other businesses to strive for professional excellence and civic responsibility.

ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL 17, 2024,
AS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DISCOVERY OF NEW YORK
BAY BY GIOVANNI DA
VERRAZZANO

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation acknowledging April 17, 2024, as the 500th anniversary of the discovery of New York Bay by Giovanni da Verrazzano:

Whereas Giovanni da Verrazzano was born in 1485 in Val di Greve, Republic of Florence, which is now a part of the Italian Republic;

Whereas King Francis I of France commissioned Verrazzano to lead an expedition aimed at finding a western passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean;

Whereas Verrazzano's discovery of New York Bay expanded maritime knowledge of what became the East Coast of the United States and laid the foundation for future commerce and settlements in North America;

Whereas Verrazzano's voyage sparked future explorations of the New World, including, 85 years later, Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage to New York Bay to establish New Amsterdam;

Whereas New Amsterdam became New York on September 8, 1664;

Whereas New York City has the highest economic impact of any city in the United States and continues to serve as a major global economic hub, and New York Bay continues to be a major hub for trade and commerce;

Whereas New York Bay, home to the Statue of Liberty, is where 12 million immigrants le-

gally passed through Ellis Island at a rate of 5,000 people per day from 1892 to 1954;

Whereas the New York City metropolitan area is home to over 2.5 million Italian Americans;

Whereas to commemorate and underscore the significant impact of Giovanni da Verrazzano's discovery of New York Bay, on March 9, 1960, Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed legislation that named the bridge connecting the boroughs of Staten Island and Brooklyn as the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge;

Whereas the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge was inaugurated on November 21, 1964, was the world's longest suspension bridge until 1981, and spans the Narrows; and

Whereas the legacy of Giovanni da Verrazzano is further honored at Battery Park, New York City, and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, recognizing Verrazzano's impact as the first European explorer to chart what became the East Coast of the United States.

COMMENDING PRINCIPAL PERRY
UPDIKE FOR HER SERVICE TO
ALABAMA DISTRICT ONE

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor W.S. Neal Middle School principal, Mrs. Perry Updike for her contributions to East Brewton and Alabama's First Congressional District.

Mrs. Updike has been instrumental in the success of the school by providing that teachers at W.S. Neal Middle School have the tools that they need, not only for student success, but for their own as well. Her leadership has been invaluable to the community, and her dedication to the school has created an environment for all to thrive. Children are able to get a quality education under the tireless leadership of Mrs. Updike.

As a school principal, Mrs. Updike goes above and beyond in ensuring that students' futures are brighter. I commend her for her continued dedication to the First District of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM DWYER

HON. JOHN JAMES

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and say thank you to Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer for serving Southeast Michigan for over 60 years throughout his career in law enforcement.

His career spans the Detroit Police Department, the Farmington Hills Police Department, and the Warren Police Department.

Day after day and year after year, Commissioner Dwyer consistently went above and beyond the call of duty. He received the Presidential Medal from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Collegian Award from Wayne State University, and the Crime Stoppers of Michigan Police Executive of the Year award in 2010.

He served on the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Oakland County Chief's Association, Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Association, High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Federal Anti-Terrorism Task Force, and the Michigan Homeland Security Council, just to name a few.

Even while receiving all these awards, he still found time to turn Warren, Michigan into one of the safest cities in the entire state.

Commissioner Dwyer is the exact, literal definition of what it means to be a public servant. On behalf of all of Michigan's 10th Congressional District, I thank him for his service.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE BUSLER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the career of Mr. Bruce Busler who is retiring after 14 years of civil service as the director of the Joint Deployment Process and Analysis Center at United States Transportation Command.

Bruce is a once-in-a-generation leader who has made a transformational impact on the Defense Transportation System and the Department of Defense at large. He shaped programs necessary for mobility capabilities such as airlift, sealift and surface transport to support the national defense strategy.

In his efforts to support the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise, Mr. Busler spearheaded operational analysis and decision-making initiatives through harnessing the power of data for the Joint Force. These efforts through the Enterprise Data Science initiative enhanced modeling and simulation capabilities to garner effectiveness, efficiency, and synchronization globally.

Bruce is a strategic thinker who can convey complex concepts into readily understood terms for senior leaders to forge consensus for action while also leading a diverse organization across multiple commands. His executive leadership can be distilled down as a visionary data architect leveraging "big data" analysis to persuasively advance mobility capability needs in a collaborative manner to meet national requirements for global transportation with high-impact results.

Bruce's accomplishments are countless, but for the Congress, he led both the 2018 and 2020 NDAA directed mobility studies evaluating the capabilities critical to deploying and sustaining U.S. military forces at optimal levels. Throughout these efforts, he meticulously mapped out the requirements needed to deploy, and redeploy our military and requirements for a prolonged recapitalization effort to revitalize an aging sealift fleet in support of our National Defense. Additionally, he linked critical wartime patient movement operations into an end-to-end airlift cycle ensuring Critical Care Air Transport Teams were available when needed to treat our most precious assets, our military personnel and their families. Bruce also delivered a first-of-its-kind fuel assessment study focusing on the fuel distribution challenges within the Indo-Pacific region. Finally, for only the third time in its history, based on Bruce's predictive analytics and