

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF UNDERSHERIFF
LARRY KOREN

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Undersheriff Larry Koren for his service and sacrifice to the people of San Miguel and Mora Counties during the East Mesa Fire on July 16, 2022.

Bernalillo County Undersheriff Larry Koren, Lieutenant Fred Beers, and Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison were killed when the agency's helicopter, Metro 2, crashed near Las Vegas, New Mexico. Rescue Specialist Lieutenant Matthew King of the Bernalillo County Fire Department was also killed in the crash.

Bernalillo County Undersheriff Koren was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he lived his life, attended school, and met the love of his life Maria who he married in 1999.

Larry will be remembered as someone who loved to learn but also someone who loved to share his knowledge. He was a distinguished leader as a law enforcement officer with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office as well as a qualified aircraft mechanic and helicopter rescue pilot. His love of aviation started in childhood and he pursued his passion and became a renowned pilot and pioneer for the air support unit for Bernalillo County Sheriffs Office. His contributions to aviation have provided an invaluable resource to the State of New Mexico, saving countless lives, fighting fires, and conducting thousands of law enforcement air support missions.

Larry was also qualified to teach as a licensed elementary school teacher and college instructor. So deep was the breadth of his giving he learned to save people and to teach them.

Larry was a devoted husband and father. The family enjoyed flights in their personal Cessna, camping, hiking, kayaking, and spending time together. Maria was thrilled to walk alongside Larry on their daily walks. Love surrounded them, joy embraced them, and these peaceful memories will rest within her and their sons. Larry is survived by his wife Maria Koren and their sons Justice and Carson Koren.

I didn't know Larry personally. But his life has had a profound impact on mine and the communities I serve.

I represent the Third Congressional District, which includes San Miguel and Mora Counties. I grew up on the east side of the Sangre De Cristos. Las Vegas and the surrounding area are where I spent my youth. Over the last year, I have seen my communities devastated by fire and the landscapes washed away by flood.

These once beautiful lands are where we lost Larry and his colleagues. Each of these men selflessly answered the call to protect the land, the people, and the homes so far from

their own. I am devastated by the loss of these men but inspired by their service and their sacrifice.

In this sea of grief where we now find ourselves, let's remember they will not be forgotten up north where they breathed their last breath.

The places they protected will hold their love and whisper it in our ears as breezes flow through the plains and mountain valleys. May Larry's memory be a blessing. May his service be an inspiration of love in action for us all to remember.

Sacrifice and heroism are cornerstones of America's history, and Undersheriff Koren's will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING DAVID KRAUSE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Krause for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association and Wheat Ridge LocalWorks' 2023 Connected Citizen Award.

LocalWorks' mission is to make Wheat Ridge a more vibrant and sustainable place to live and work. David Krause was nominated by the community for this award because of his dedication to creating a welcoming environment for everyone in Wheat Ridge. He is always giving back, volunteering for events to help local businesses and his neighbors. A dad of two, Mr. Krause always takes the time out of his busy schedule to try and better his community. He is a great example of what makes Wheat Ridge such a wonderful place to live.

Congratulations to David Krause on his many accomplishments that led to this prestigious award. We are grateful for his continued contributions to the Wheat Ridge community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD
"DICK" VAN WYCK BUEL, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Dr. Richard "Dick" Van Wyck Buel, Jr. of Essex, Connecticut. Richard passed peacefully at the age of 90. Throughout his life, Richard embraced a love for education and dedicated himself to spreading knowledge all around his community.

Born in 1933 to Richard Van Wyck Buel and Frances Worthington Thompson Buel, Richard learned early on the value of history, a passion he held throughout his life. Richard at-

tended the Groton School and later Amherst College, from which he graduated in 1955. He followed up this astounding educational background by attending Harvard University to earn a doctorate in history.

Richard made a career of his love of history and learning at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, teaching American history for 40 years. Here, Richard chaired the history department from 1977 until 1980. He also served as associate editor at History and Theory for 22 years and received fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation for his impressive research. Upon his retirement in 2002, Richard maintained an office at Wesleyan for another ten years, staying involved in the Wasch Center for Retired Faculty and teaching an American intellectual history course for Wesleyan's Prison Education Program.

In addition to his impressive career at Wesleyan, Richard published six books about different historical topics. One of these books, *The Way of Duty*, which he wrote with his wife Joy Day Buel, was modified into the film "Mary Sillman's Way," airing on national television in 1994.

He also edited three books for the Acorn Club, which is focused on producing materials with primary sources that reveal more about Connecticut's history to educate people about the place they call home.

Bringing his passion for history to public service, Richard was President of the New England Historical Association and served on the Connecticut Humanities Council and Connecticut Historical Commission, which later became the Connecticut Historical Preservation Council. Richard also served as an active member of the Connecticut Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History.

Later in his life, Richard focused on serving his local community. Here, he worked with the campaign to finance the expansion of the Essex Library and helped restore the library's endowment after the recession in 2008. Richard kept himself involved in numerous organizations, serving a four-year term on the library board on top of his service on the Chestnut Hill Concerts and Musical Masterworks boards. He was also president of the Essex Meadows Foundation and volunteered for Middlesex Hospice.

In his free time, Richard embraced his proximity to the shoreline and enjoyed sailing, racing a Blue Jay at the Pettipaug Yacht Club and in a fleet of Ideal 18s at the Essex Yacht Club.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent constituents like Richard. Richard spent his entire life dedicating himself to learning, contributing immensely to our understanding of Connecticut's early history and spreading his passion for knowledge as a beloved teacher and community leader. I had the honor to know him and his wife Marilyn who predeceased him as dear friends and ardent supporters, going back to 2002. His perspective

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on current affairs, both foreign and domestic, which he shared with me from time to time, was always thoughtful and well informed, which I deeply valued. I ask my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Richard's work and life and send our deepest condolences to his family. Richard is survived by his daughter, Margaret and her husband John Coppens, his stepdaughter Elizabeth Frankel and her husband Donald T. Rave III, and his grandchildren Alexandra, Riley, and Haskel. As we memorialize Richard's faithful service to his community, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his memory.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY JACK-RABBITS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Dakota State University Jackrabbits football team on their second straight win in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. SDSU recently defeated the University of Montana Grizzlies 23-3 to secure the national title win.

This season, the Jackrabbits finished undefeated, winning all 15 of their games. Their undefeated season and ability to reach the playoffs for the last 12 seasons shows the players and coaching staff's dedication to success in the sport.

Under the leadership of first-year head coach Jimmy Rogers, the team finished with one of the best FCS defenses of the season and an offense that often outscored opponents by over 28 points on average. I congratulate the team for all their hard work this season and wish them luck as they prepare for another exceptional season this year.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEVISON

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

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Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison for his service and sacrifice to the people of San Miguel and Mora Counties during the East Mesa Fire on July 16, 2022.

Bernalillo County Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison, Undersheriff Larry Koren, and Lieutenant Fred Beers were killed when the agency's helicopter, Metro 2, crashed near Las Vegas, New Mexico. Rescue Specialist Matthew King of the Bernalillo County Fire Department was also killed in the crash.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Levison earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of New Mexico while a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard. He continuously served for over ten years with the New Mexico National Guard, in the 210th Red Horse Squadron, as a combat engineer. He joined the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office as a deputy in 2017. In addition to his daily duties, he served on many other assignments:

the Emergency Response Team, Gang Recognition & Intelligence Patrol, Field Investigator, Crisis Negotiation Team, Field Training Officer, and the Metropolitan Air Support Unit. Michael lived his life serving his community, country, and family.

I didn't know Michael personally. But his life had a profound impact on me and the communities I serve.

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These once beautiful lands are where we lost Michael and his colleagues. Each of these men selflessly answered the call to protect the land, the people, and the homes so far from their own. I am devastated by their loss but inspired by their service and their sacrifice. In this sea of grief where we now find ourselves, let's remember they will not be forgotten up north where they breathed their last breath.

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RECOGNIZING DAVIS SCHILKEN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices for receiving the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's 2023 Business of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award is given to businesses within our community who exemplify outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community.

Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices has been serving the community for many years. They work with residents in Wheat Ridge by providing information and resources to help people understand and navigate the legal process. Whether these individuals are planning for the future for their family or business, or if they have lost a loved one, the Schilken firm is dedicated to helping people in the Wheat Ridge community understand complex legal matters with creative, cutting-edge resources.

Congratulations to Davis Schilken, PC Law Offices for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I missed these votes due to a personal matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted PRES on Roll Call No. 1-Quorum; NAY on Roll Call No. 2-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 3-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 4-H. Res. 947; NAY on Roll Call No. 5-H. Res. 937; YEA on Roll Call No. 6-H.R. 788; NAY on Roll Call No. 7-H.R. 788; NAY on Roll Call No. 8-S.J. Res. 38; YEA on Roll Call No. 9-H.R. 839; and NAY on Roll Call No. 10-H.J. Res. 98.

CONGRATULATING MADONNA BARNES ON WINNING COMMUNITY LIVING, INC.'S 24TH ANNUAL LEGACY BALL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MaDonna Barnes on winning Community Living, Inc.'s 24th Annual Legacy Ball Volunteer of the Year Award.

A resident of O'Fallon, Missouri for over twenty years, MaDonna has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to serving her community. In just six years, MaDonna has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to Community Living in order to improve the lives of those she serves. People like MaDonna remind us that there are many Americans working every day to improve the lives of their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing MaDonna Barnes for her achievement.

RECOGNIZING BERKELEY PARK RUNNING COMPANY

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Berkeley Park Running Company for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Berkeley Park Running Company for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, January 12, 2024, during Roll Call Vote Number 10 on H.J. Res 98, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status", I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NO.