

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KEITH
E. WEATHERSPOON

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of Keith E. Weatherspoon. He was born on December 13, 1949, in New Orleans, part of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, to Catherine Adauf Weatherspoon and Leslie E. Weatherspoon.

Keith was raised by his maternal grandparents in Robbins, Illinois, and attended Eisenhower High School in Chicago. Eventually, he moved back to New Orleans, graduating from Walter L. Cohen Senior High School. Mr. Weatherspoon remained in New Orleans through college, attending Xavier University of Louisiana, and later receiving a master's degree from Tulane University. Keith was also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., to which he was initiated in the Fairfax/Alexandria Chapter in 1983.

In his professional life, Keith Weatherspoon was involved in pharmaceutical sales, and later stockbroking. During his transition into the world of stockbroking, he paused this work to serve as Special Assistant to then, United States President Ronald Reagan. Upon his return to investment banking, he was able to establish housing finance agencies to provide mortgages to low-income families for municipalities and states.

Keith later served as Senior Vice President at Donaldson, Lufkin, & Jenrette, a major investment banking firm, through which he handled bond issues across the nation. His work in this role was monumental for Louisiana public schools, which were able to remain open in April 1988 thanks to Keith's facilitating a Louisiana bond refunding issue of \$1.2 billion. Mr. Weatherspoon also held innumerable leadership positions, such as Director of Business Development at Airware LLC and Managing Partner of Sterling—Weatherspoon. He had over 40 years of real estate experience, most recently at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, and worked tirelessly on developing the Electric Vehicle charging industry.

Keith was committed to serving as a positive force for good, through uplifting others and remained committed to the city of New Orleans. Here, he served on the Board of City Trusts and counseled public officials on economic and municipal issues. He was devoted to the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, as a lifetime member and 1990's King Zulu. Keith was also a founding member of the Good Providers Fishing Club.

Mr. Weatherspoon met the love of his life, Debra Sterling Weatherspoon, in 2005, and was able to create beautiful memories by her side. They spent their time traveling and watching their beloved New Orleans Saints football games, alongside their cherished friends from their time at university. Most of all, they spent their time smiling and laughing

alongside one another. Keith and Debra were members of the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, and, after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the couple relocated to Texas, where they became members of the Metropolitan Church in Houston, Texas. Though residing in Houston, they celebrated every holiday and milestone in New Orleans.

Keith is survived by his devoted wife, Debra Sterling Weatherspoon, and one daughter, Ashley Marie Weatherspoon from his late ex-wife Marie Slade Weatherspoon. Keith also leaves to cherish his memories, three sisters, Cosette Weatherspoon West Kaufman (Julius), Giselle Weatherspoon Williams, and Nadja Weatherspoon Carr (Dennis); Sister-in-laws, Yvonne Sterling, Verdell Sterling Carter, and Brother-in-law Howard A. Sterling; Godchildren, Kristal Terrel, Nikki Carter-Williams, Rodrick Davis, and Myran Ifford; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester Earl Weatherspoon, and Catherine Adauf Weatherspoon, Maternal grandparents, Albert S. Adauf (Adolph), Mary Dixon Adolph (step-grandmother), Elizabeth Ovide Adauf and his Aunt Irene Adauf Williams.

Mr. Weatherspoon was a staunch believer in "if you want something in life, you must work hard for it". This is evident through the work that he put into every facet of his life, from his devotion to his loving family and friends to the innumerable number of commitments to which he dedicated himself. His legacy should serve as an inspiration to all. I will forever cherish the many conversations I shared over the years with my fraternity brother and confidant. His impact will be forever engraved in the lives he touched along the way. I am proud to say, I am a benefactor of his knowledge. Rest well, my brother.

HONORING NICK DEGUILIO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nick Deguilio, a Deputy with the Napa County Sheriff's Department. I have named Mr. Deguilio as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Deguilio was born and grew up in Napa, California, where he spent most of his younger years playing football. After graduating from Justin Sienna High School. Mr. Deguilio attended college at University of California, Santa Cruz, obtaining a bachelor's degree in history in 2004.

In 2008, Mr. Deguilio and his brother Dominic attended the Police Academy before embarking on his career as a Deputy Sheriff

at the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office where he spent the next four years. Mr. Deguilio then made the move to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office where he spent nine years before being hired by the Napa County Sheriff's Office in 2021.

In the early afternoon on July, 16, 2023, Mr. Deguilio responded to a medical call from an adult male that had sustained a hand cut from a boat propeller. Not knowing the severity of the injury, and without a dispatch broadcast, he recognized the potentially urgent situation, notified his colleagues and raced to the scene. Within seven minutes. Mr. Deguilio arrived and took control of the incident. While evaluating the patient's injury, consisting of a partial hand amputation, he requested an air ambulance and applied a tourniquet to stop excessive bleeding. Mr. Deguilio remained attentive to the patient, who was in apparent shock and somewhat unresponsive, before being relieved by Cal Fire and other responding deputies. The patient was then transported by helicopter to a hospital where he underwent multiple surgeries. The quick thinking and actions by Mr. Deguilio helped stabilize the victim and prevented a possibly far worse outcome.

Exactly two months later Mr. Deguilio responded to a stabbing at a remote residence in Napa County. Initial details from a call to 911 were that the caller's husband had been stabbed by an unknown person in their backyard and that the husband was attempting to hold the suspect down. Mr. Deguilio was first to arrive on scene and decided to attempt to locate the victim and suspect without waiting for backup. He found the injured resident, who had taken the weapon and was holding the suspect down. Mr. Deguilio took control of the knife and immediately handcuffed the suspect when the resident fell to his hands and knees. He promptly cut open the resident's bloodied shirt, finding a 3-inch open stab wound on his upper back. Not knowing the severity of the stab wound, Mr. Deguilio immediately applied a "chest seal" to the resident's back, applying continual pressure while awaiting further medical assistance. As deputies arrived at the scene, he learned the suspect had also been stabbed during the altercation. Once medical personnel arrived and began aiding the resident, Mr. Deguilio moved to provide first aid to the suspect, applying another "chest seal" to the suspect's stab wound. Mr. Deguilio's quick decision-making certainly saved lives.

Mr. Deguilio's actions during both incidents show selfless dedication and service at the highest of levels to our community and the Law Enforcement profession.

Outside of work Mr. Deguilio is heavily involved in his child's Little League team as the coach. He recently competed with his brother in the Top Cop Challenge pistol match in Amador County. The brother duo placed second in the team competition and placed second and third in the individual competition. They then donated their five-thousand-dollar winnings to the First Responder Support Network/West Coast Post-Trauma Retreat. Mr. Deguilio is proudly married to Kati Deguilio,

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and they share three children: 12-year-old Vincent, 10-year-old Joseph and 6-year-old Gus.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Degulio for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MASSILLON MAYOR
KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kathy Catazaro-Perry on her service as the Mayor of Massillon, and my sincere gratitude for all that she has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated her partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Ms. Catazaro-Perry's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that she has bettered countless lives as a result of her steadfast service. Throughout her time in office, she proved to be a true public servant and leader. She leads by example through her perseverance, compassion, and dedication to her role in the community.

As Ms. Catazaro-Perry goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Ms. Catazaro-Perry for her commitment to the people of Massillon and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING WOLF +
WILDFLOWER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wolf + Wildflower 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 Wolf + Wildflower for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING DEBORAH LAMAISON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah Lamaison, a Public Safety Officer with the Rohnert Park

Department of Public Safety in Rohnert Park, California. I have named Mrs. Lamaison as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 4th District as a result of her extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mrs. Lamaison was born in Santa Rosa, California, and grew up in the nearby city of Rohnert Park. She began her career in the automobile towing industry, helping her father run a small family business where she was the sole female tow truck operator in Sonoma County for many years. Mrs. Lamaison, with the support of her husband, then pursued her dream of becoming a police officer. She has since been a dedicated Public Safety Officer for the city of Rohnert Park for 20 years.

During her time at the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety, she has served as a Detective, a Firefighter, a member of the Multi-disciplinary Accident Investigation Team, and as her current title of School Resource Officer. As the School Resource Officer for the city of Rohnert Park, she has worked to build meaningful relationships with students, staff, faculty, and the community. She regularly engages with youth in not just one school, but all the schools within the city's jurisdiction. Her compassionate approach to policing has been part of her mission to thoughtfully engage with those around her to reach positive and successful outcomes whilst fostering trust within the community. Mrs. Lamaison has set a public example of how law enforcement can engage with youth and keep our students and school campuses safer.

When Mrs. Lamaison is not on duty, she is a dedicated mother to her two children, Nico and Mariah. She also volunteers her time to participate with Rancho Cotate High School's MECHA club events and serves as the teacher's assistant for the Zero Period Weight Training Class. She is also a member of the National Physique Committee for amateur bodybuilding and is a Spanish language translator. Those who know her describe her as humble, patient, respectful, caring, strong and an exemplary role model.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mrs. Debbie Lamaison for her persistence, service, and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her today.

RECOGNIZING BOSTON HEIGHTS
MAYOR BILL GONCY

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Bill Gony on his service as the Mayor of Boston Heights, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Gony's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he

proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Gony goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Gony for his commitment to the people of Boston Heights and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE PARALLEL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Parallel 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 The Parallel for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION
OF THE RANDLE CLOCK TOWER
IN HONOR OF FORMER IRVING
MAYOR MARVIN RANDLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication and renaming of the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower to honor Marvin Randle, who is not only the former Mayor of Irving, but also a beloved mentor and friend. His lifetime of service to our city spans a variety from his decades as a devoted small business owner, community leader, and public servant. I'm pleased that the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower will be renamed in his honor as a tribute to his impact on our community.

Marvin has dedicated his life to making our city better, always looking for ways to improve the lives of those around him. Through his small business, Irving Counter Top, Marvin created 1,200 jobs for North Texans, inspiring many with his entrepreneurial spirit and desire to do good.

From sponsoring local sports teams and charities to serving in leadership roles in local organizations, Marvin has always found ways to embrace our community. Whether he's cooking fish fries for the Irving Heritage Society or flipping burgers at hamburger cookouts to support the Irving Police Department, Marvin's legacy will always be one of selfless service.

A pillar of our community, it is fitting that we honor Marvin by dedicating the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower as the Randle Clock Tower. On this momentous occasion, I want to honor and thank my dear friends and mentors, Marvin and Bobbie Randle, for their enduring commitment to serving others.