

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING HENDRICK HOME FOR CHILDREN'S 85 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hendrick Home for Children, which is celebrating 85 years of service to the Abilene community. Since its inception in 1939, Hendrick Home for Children has consistently served as a beacon of hope and refuge for countless children and families from across the Big Country.

Throughout its rich history, Hendrick Home for Children has embodied the true spirit of the Christian mission through its unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing environment for the most vulnerable among us. The dedicated staff, volunteers, and generous supporters have fostered a sense of community where every child is embraced with open arms and guided toward a path of healing and growth. Beyond meeting their basic needs, the Home has fostered a sense of belonging, purpose, and faith, laying the foundation for brighter and more resilient lives.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us not only celebrate the remarkable achievements of Hendrick Home for Children but also reaffirm our collective commitment to supporting its vital mission for generations to come. For 85 years, the Home has been a shining example of Christ's love in action and embodied His teachings of compassion, mercy, and stewardship. Through its unwavering dedication to serving the most vulnerable among us, the Hendrick Home has been a testament to the transformative power of faith. I'm proud to represent this unique institution and its wonderful people in our Nation's capital. Congratulations on 85 outstanding years.

RECOGNIZING A BRAVE AND COM- PASSIONATE NEIGHBOR: ERIK ARCHAMBEAULT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a brave and compassionate resident of my district; Erik Archambeault. On April 9, 2024, shortly before noon, Erik was quietly celebrating his 47th birthday. He was interrupted by the sound of gunfire which appeared to be coming from the nearby Red Line CTA train station. Erik ran towards the gunfire to assist a resident who had been walking their dog. It turned out that a shooter jumped out of a car, opened fire, killing one—James Craig Smith, Jr.—and injuring the neighbor that Erik Archambeault was rushing to assist.

Without hesitation, Erik guided the injured man into his business, Rogers Park Social, and tended to his wound until he was safely in the hands of the paramedics. Mr. Archambeault demonstrated tremendous bravery and compassion for a neighbor in need. This is not the first time that Erik has risen to the occasion in a tense situation. Several years ago, Erik faced another tragically similar situation and rushed to aid and comfort another shooting victim in his neighborhood. In that case, the neighbor sadly did not survive.

Mr. Archambeault is the owner of Rogers Park Social and Rogers Part Provisions, two local businesses whose mission states:

"Founded and operated by neighborhood residents, we strive to mindfully infuse the spirit of community, diversity, and service in all that we offer."

No truer words were ever spoken. Erik Archambeault personifies what it means to be a resident who gives back and plays an integral role in the broader community. On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Erik for being our neighbor. We are so grateful for the impact that he has had on our neighborhood.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVER- SARY OF GARDEN STATE EQUALITY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Garden State Equality. Since its inception, Garden State Equality has provided support and advocacy to LGBTQ+ communities across New Jersey and its work is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Organized in 2004 with the mission to institute marriage equality in New Jersey, Garden State Equality has not only succeeded in that goal but has continued to champion equal rights and protections for LGBTQ+ individuals. Throughout its 20-year history, Garden State Equality has seen major accomplishments in New Jersey, including the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, LGBTQ Older Adults Bill of Rights, Transgender Equality Taskforce, gender identity recognition, and LGBTQ-inclusive school curriculum. It is a leading voice on LGBTQ+ issues and priorities and is an effective advocate on behalf of New Jersey's activist community.

In addition to its advocacy, Garden State Equality's training and education programs are invaluable resources to the community, cultivating a more inclusive environment through better understanding of the issues and needs the LGBTQ+ community faces. It also provides resources and assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals—identifying LGBTQ-friendly healthcare providers, providing legal name and gender change instruction, and explaining

LGBTQ+ rights and protections, among others.

Founded by Steven Goldstein, today Garden State Equality is led by Executive Director Christian Fuscarino. Its success, outreach, and relevancy are evident in its growth as the largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization in New Jersey with over 150,000 members.

Mr. Speaker, on its 20th anniversary, it is my honor and privilege to recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of Garden State Equality on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL ALBERT MIDER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Paul Albert Mider, a dedicated public servant and beloved family man who passed away at the age of 77 on February 20, 2024.

A stalwart public servant and cherished family man, Paul's journey in public service began after he answered the call to serve our nation by enlisting in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, where he excelled as an Aeromedical Specialist in North Dakota and Canada.

Upon completing his military service, Paul relocated to Washington, D.C., and embarked on a career as a psychiatric technician, dedicating himself to those grappling with mental health and substance abuse challenges. His pursuit of knowledge continued at the University of Maryland, where he obtained his undergraduate degree, followed by further studies at New York University and Fielding Graduate University.

A relentless commitment to service defined Paul's professional life. He contributed significantly to the Veterans Administration's substance abuse programs and was a trailblazer in identifying Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Vietnam War veterans. His expertise also brought him to the New York City Fire Department, where he was instrumental in establishing their Counseling Unit, providing essential support to firefighters during and following the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001.

In addition to his work with the VA and FDNY, Paul held various academic and clinical positions, directed the substance abuse division at the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center, and taught at numerous universities. He maintained a successful private practice focusing on substance abuse, anxiety, mood disorders, and family therapy. Paul's generosity extended to pro bono work in immigration hardship cases, assisting many in securing asylum and navigating the complex immigration system. Even in retirement, he continued contributing to his community as a

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board member at Girling Home Health in Austin, Texas.

Paul's unwavering dedication to his family—including his beloved wife Barbara and sons Michael and Nicholas—and his profound passion for helping others serve as a testament to his exceptional character.

As we honor Paul's memory today, let us remember how his life's work and compassionate spirit profoundly impacted countless lives, leaving a legacy of love, service, and integrity. He will be sorely missed, but his contributions to mental health, veteran support, and community service will resonate for generations.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT
MARY SUZUKI ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Mary Suzuki's retirement from the Bear Valley Unified School District in Big Bear Lake, California. Dr. Suzuki served as superintendent for nearly a decade, playing a vital role in building a safe and quality learning environment for all students in the Big Bear Valley.

Dr. Suzuki's service to Bear Valley Unified represents the very best of our community's values. An educator with over thirty years of experience, Dr. Suzuki taught students at a variety of grade levels while working tirelessly, including as a literacy coach, to ensure that all her students enjoyed an innovative, positive learning environment that prepared them for life's next steps.

Her administrative positions have been equally remarkable. Dr. Suzuki's work as principal, Director of Curriculum and 21st Century Learning, as well as her service as chairperson of the California Technology Assistance Project, were key in preparing her to be superintendent of Bear Valley Unified, allowing her to make an indelible contribution to our rural community. Dr. Suzuki's nearly three decades of pedagogical and administrative experience ensured that Bear Valley Unified remains a world-class district where all students receive a high-quality education.

In addition to Dr. Suzuki's impressive work in education, she and her husband of 42 years, Dan, raised a wonderful family. Their three children, Elizabeth, David, and Matthew, as well as their seven grandchildren, are a true testament to their strong familial bonds and her role as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Suzuki for her selfless service to California's students, in commending her for her steadfast dedication to our community, and in wishing her many years of joy and peace in her well-earned retirement with friends and family.

HONORING EDWIN HARRY
CLANTON

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Edwin Harry Clanton, a long time constituent and resident of Forsyth County, Georgia. Born in Alpharetta, Georgia in 1948, Mr. Clanton was a kind, hardworking man who lived in such a manner where he consistently prioritized the needs of others above his own. He served his country with pride during the Vietnam War as an Army Sergeant in the 1st Platoon of the Big Red One, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry.

Once he returned from service, Mr. Clanton married Mardell, who was the love of his life and together they had two daughters and many grandchildren. While no longer serving in uniform, Mr. Clanton was a bedrock in his community, serving Atlanta Street Baptist Church as a deacon for many years and always willing to lend a helping hand to whoever was in need.

Mr. Clanton passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 30, 2024. I am proud to have had him as my constituent and send my deepest condolences to his family and friends as they mourn his loss. Although he is no longer with us, his incredible legacy will never be forgotten.

HONORING MAJORITY LEADER
KARI DZIEDZIC

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Minnesota Senator Kari Dziedzic, and recognize her historic tenure.

The impact of Senator Dziedzic's time as Minnesota Senate Majority Leader for the 2023 legislative session will reverberate for years. Thanks in large part to her leadership, our state saw a historically productive session that will leave a lasting and transformational legacy on Minnesotans for generations to come. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed significant investments in our state's K-12 education system, local governments, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing, and a green economy. Our elected officials also codified many progressive priorities, some of which had been stalled by gridlock for decades. These victories included statewide abortion access, Paid Family and Medical Leave, driver's licenses for all Minnesotans, the Trans Refuge and CROWN Acts, legalizing recreational cannabis, voting rights for 55,000 people, 100% renewable energy by 2040 statewide, and automatic expungement of low-level cannabis offenses for tens of thousands of Minnesotans. These nationally- and internationally-lauded accomplishments simply could not have happened without Majority Leader Dziedzic's guidance and mediation.

It was my great honor to work with Majority Leader Dziedzic when I was first elected to

the Minnesota legislature, as we shared the privilege of representing District 60 as Representative and Senator. I look forward to witnessing the legacy of her work in the years to come especially her efforts to ensure the well-being of more than 70,000 students, staff, and faculty who make up the University of Minnesota campus community. Since she was first elected in 2012, she authored countless bills to improve the campus, including funding for outdated infrastructure, critical research, and student health and safety. Majority Leader Dziedzic's five terms in the Minnesota Senate will be marked by her steadfast commitment to her constituents and her unique ability to bring people together to find functional, enduring solutions.

Her leadership in the past decade, and especially while serving as Senate Majority Leader, is a great inspiration to me and so many others. Her devotion to thoughtful, inclusive, and productive lawmaking has made our state a better place to live for all Minnesotans, particularly those who have too often been left behind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our profound gratitude to Majority Leader Dziedzic for her hard work and dedication as a Minnesota legislator.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 UCLA
WOMEN'S WATER POLO TEAM

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I use today to celebrate the women's water polo team from the University of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship on the 12th of May. UCLA defeated the women's water polo team from the University of California, Berkeley at the Spieker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley, California.

The UCLA women's water polo team accomplished their third undefeated season in program history, completing a perfect run to their NCAA Championship. This year's championship is the program's 12th national championship and 123rd overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA team.

The team's head coach Adam Wright led the women's water polo team to their first championship since 2009. The UCLA women's water polo team should be proud of their accomplishments, becoming the fifth team in NCAA women's water polo history to complete an undefeated season and remain the top-seed. The team's perseverance allowed them to lead the game following a tie of four points during halftime. During the third quarter, holding an outstanding 8-6 lead, the team secured a 10-6 lead following a hat trick by one of their star players.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA women's water polo team once again on winning the national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. Their performance and perseverance was a sight to behold and a tribute to the achievements of student athletes throughout the Nation. Go Bruins.