

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SENATOR BILL DODD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Bill Dodd, an esteemed member of our Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Lake, and Colusa communities. His 25 years of public service and his tireless dedication to our community exemplify why he is being honored today.

As a fifth generation Californian, Senator Dodd has deep roots in Napa County. He and his wife Mary live in Napa and raised their five children there. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from CSU Chico, where he also served on their Policy Advisory Board and as President of the Inter-Fraternity Council. In 2022, he was named a Distinguished Alumni of Chico State.

Senator Dodd's commitment to our community is evident from his long history of public service. He began his career as a Napa County Supervisor, where he served four terms between 2000 through 2014. Some of his accomplishments while in office include contributing to the successful completion of Napa County's flood control project, the restoration of over 900 acres of wetlands, and the securing of over \$1 billion in investments for local businesses. Then, in 2014, he ran and won his race for the California State Assembly. While in the Assembly, he helped establish California's Earned Income Tax Credit. His dedication to the preservation of the environment and to small businesses has continued to influence his work to this day. In 2015, Senator Dodd announced his candidacy for California State Senate, and assumed that office in 2016.

Currently, Senator Dodd represents California's 3rd Senate District, where he has established himself as a prolific legislator, with approximately 114 bills signed into law. In the Senate, he is chair of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee, and a member of the Transportation Committee; the Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee; the Revenue and Taxation Committee; the Business and Professions committee and the Insurance Committee. He is also the Co-Chair of the Senate Select Committee on California's Wine Industry and the Legislative Delta Caucus. Like his work in the Assembly and on the Board of Supervisors, Senator Dodd's work in the Senate has spanned issues as diverse as protecting the environment, advocating for small businesses, and protecting seniors. For example, he has been a leader in California water policy and in wildfire prevention legislation, where he has worked to protect consumers from utility rate hikes and future wildfires.

Senator Dodd has rightfully been recognized for his tireless public service. As a legislator, he has received numerous awards, such as:

the California State Association of Counties Distinguished Service Award (twice); League of California Cities Legislative Leadership Award; California Association of Winegrape Growers Legislative Leadership Award; the Napa County Farm Bureau Lifetime Achievement Award; Consumer Attorneys of California Senator of the Year, California Coverage & Health Initiative Champion for Coverage Award, Napa-Solano Central Labor Council Labor Partnership Award; Solano County Board of Supervisors' Robin Jenkins Memorial Award; Solano Transportation Authority Legislator of the Year; California Building Industry Association Legislator of the Year; DISCUS Legislator of the Year; CAL FIRE Local 2881 Legislator of the Year, and American Legion of California Legislator of the Year. He has also been honored specifically for his environmental advocacy, which includes being awarded the Restore the Delta's Delta Advocate Award; the Pacific Water Quality Association Legislator of the Year; the Environmental Champion award from the Community Water Center, California Trout, Clean Water Action and Audubon. His philanthropic efforts in raising over \$3 million for local charities have also resulted in his naming as the Napa Valley Chamber of Commerce's 'Citizen of the Year.'

And this does not even encompass all of his service. Senator Dodd has also served on the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency, the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Napa County League of Governments, and the Napa County LAFCO. He also has served on the board of nonprofits such as the Queen of the Valley Hospital Foundation, Justin-Siena High School, the Health Care for the Poor Committee, the Wolfe Center Youth Drug and Alcohol Center, the Children's Health Initiative, and as an honorary member of Hospice, Adult Day Services, and Clinic Ole. He has also been named an honorary Commander for the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Senator Dodd for his dedicated service to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING THE MISSOURI CLASS 2 BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONS, IBERIA RANGERS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Iberia Rangers for their remarkable achievement of clinching the Class 2 state championship in high school baseball.

It is worth noting that this state title marks Iberia's second in program history. In the championship game, led by a complete game thrown by Noah Riemensnider, the Rangers

beat Maysville 7 to 3. Their win capped off an undefeated 28-0 season. This victory adds another illustrious chapter to the Rangers' legacy and serves as a source of pride for the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Iberia Rangers Baseball team for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, MELANIE MORALES

**HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Melanie Morales, the recipient of the 2024 Goldwater Scholarship.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship Foundation annually awards sophomores and juniors in college who have demonstrated an elevated skillset in mathematics, engineering, and science. It is awarded to students to encourage and contribute to their professional endeavors, aiming to bolster the capabilities and quality of U.S. professionals in these fields. Previous scholarship recipients have pursued careers where they have contributed to improving our Nation's well-being.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ms. Melanie Morales for her academic dedication to mathematics, science, and engineering.

HONORING ALCORN STATE GOLDEN CLASS OF 1974

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alcorn State University Golden Class of 1974 for their golden diplomas to commemorate their 50th graduation anniversary.

The Golden Class of 1974 were the first class to have degrees conferred from Alcorn State University rather than Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. The largest golden class in the history of the University, with 125 participants received golden diplomas to commemorate their 50th graduation anniversary. Dr. Marcus Ward, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, spotlighted the golden graduates as having the largest golden graduate's endowment with \$375,000 presented to the University. The class also had the largest lifetime giving award with 1.5 million dollars donated to the university.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Alcorn State University Golden Class of 1974.

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## REMEMBERING LARRY COX

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Larry Cox, a transformational figure in the development of Memphis International Airport in my hometown over more than 40 years, who passed last Friday at the age of 76. Mr. Cox spent his entire 41-year career at the airport, beginning as an unpaid intern and ending with the last 29 as President and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. During his tenure, in much of which the airport was a major Northwest Airlines and later Delta hub and the largest cargo airport in the world, he oversaw development of the World Runway, an 11,120-foot runway to accommodate FedEx and other nonstop intercontinental flights, which was dedicated in 2000. Mr. Cox served as Chairman of the American Association of Airport Executives, on the board of Airports Council International and President of the Tennessee Association of Air Carrier Airports. His influence was recognized with the Federal Aviation Administration's "Kitty Hawk" Award in 1996. In addition, as a civic leader, he served as Chairman of the board of directors for the Greater Memphis Chamber, the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau (now Memphis Tourism), and the Mid-South Minority Business Council. Mr. Cox, an Air Force veteran and licensed pilot, earned undergraduate Economics (1969) and graduate MBA (1974) degrees from the University of Memphis. I express my deep condolences to his wife Patricia, his two daughters, Stephanie and Leigh-Ann, his extensive family and his many friends and colleagues. Mr. Cox made Memphis a better place and improved the air travel experience, and he will be missed.

## CONGRATULATING THE MISSOURI CLASS 4 BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONS, BLAIR OAKS FALCONS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Blair Oaks Falcons baseball team in clinching the MSHSAA Class 4 State Championship.

Under Coach Mike DeMilia's leadership, the Falcons displayed excellence throughout their playoff run. During their run, they notably defeated three of the MHSBCA's top-five ranked teams, including the 32-win Benton High School Cardinals. Blair Oaks' rich tradition in baseball has been furthered with this fourth state title in the program's history, marking their second championship in the last five seasons. I congratulate the Blair Oaks team for their hard work and perseverance and for serving as a source of school and community pride.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks baseball team for a job well done.

## HONORING ANDERSON STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, The Anderson Street Community Church of Christ.

In 1958, men and women of the community of Marks came together under the instructions of God, to prepare a house of worship for the community. There were initially only 8 members who planted crops, sold the products of that crop to buy the property that the Church now sits on at 541 Anderson Street. After years of laboring, under the directions of then Pastor Nelson Burres, the Church grew into the Community House of Worship it now is.

The Anderson Street Community Church grew and became very instrumental in the establishment of other area churches in Water Valley, Cold Water, Como and Batesville, Mississippi during the 70s and 80s.

Pastor Burres passed away in 2006 when the present pastor, Stanley Lang, became the minister. He and his wife have labored since faithfully at Anderson Street.

Pastor Stanley and his wife started a campaign to build a new building for the church in 1998 and in 2006, that building was materialized. The membership had dwindled to 8 members when this undertaking started. Due to perseverance, the church grew to over 100 members prior to COVID-19.

The Anderson Street Community Church of Christ was birthed out of the heart of dedicated pastors like Pastor Stanley who allowed great preachers before him to mentor and mold him into the pastor for his home community.

Pastor Stanley Lang is Chair of the County Democratic Party. He is Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of North Delta Regional Housing Authority (NDRHA). He is also Coahoma Community College's Industrial Training Coordinator.

Since the church's inception in 1958, and it's humble beginning, the church has grown and now aids as a pillar in the community for services to the community.

April 2024 marked the Community Church of Christ's 65th-year anniversary. The Community church has done much for the community by way of scholarships to community high school graduates and to graduating members of the church from surrounding towns. The Church has established an education scholarship in honor of Pastor Stanley's grandmother, Rosie Lang. She was a dedicated member who believed greatly in education. This scholarship has been a staple by which they honor and serve their members and community. The Church has provided transportation to education centers (Ged), voting precincts, doctors' offices, etc. for many community members seeking to improve their education, health, and overall life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Anderson Street Church of Christ for its longevity and dedication to serving the community.

## HONORING GIGI GODWIN'S DECADES OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent and beloved friend, Ms. Gigi Godwin, as she concludes a chapter of exemplary service to the people and businesses of Montgomery County. Gigi's vision as President and CEO of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) expanded the organization into a nationally recognized resource for innovative business practices and inclusive programming. The communities of Maryland's beautiful Eighth District owe her a debt of gratitude for developing vital services for local business owners from all walks of life.

Gigi's career has spanned across the U.S. Congress, the National Academy of Sciences' Climate Research Board and the alternative energy sector. She found her way to MCCC in 2003 as Director of Education and Outreach before rising to become MCCC's President and CEO. She played a pivotal role wearing the additional hat of the MCCC Foundation's Treasurer, developing educational programs and initiatives to support the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation's Veteran Institute for Procurement. This remarkable program has provided training at no expense to nearly 2,500 veteran-owned small businesses to improve their access to the federal contract and procurement process. Gigi not only recognized our important obligation to ensure that economic opportunities are available to veterans—she made it happen, and earned a Congressional Certificate of Special Recognition for her efforts in 2010.

As a passionate advocate for Montgomery County's local economy, Gigi also helped broaden government contracting opportunities to many more businesses in Montgomery County. In addition to her work to establish veteran-centered procurement training, Gigi seized on the potential of Montgomery County's proximity to the engine of federal government to start the GovConNet Council, which educates business owners on the latest contracting opportunities, and advocated for the unanimous passage of the Small Business Runway Extension Act.

Gigi's service has extended beyond MCCC to encompass some of Montgomery County's most beloved and foundational institutions. She earned an Honorary Degree from Montgomery College for her five years of service advancing education equity on the College's Board of Trustees. She also served on the boards of the Montgomery County Business Roundtable on Education, the Committee for Montgomery, the Montgomery County Executive's Business Advisory Board and Imagination Stage.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention Gigi's signature grace and her steady leadership during some of the most tumultuous economic periods in American history. Her service as the head of MCCC spanned the depths of the Great Recession and a global pandemic. The economic recovery in Montgomery County and the resilience of our small businesses is due