

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE FOUNDERS OF
CEREAL4ALL, LUKE JUSTIN AND
JETT JUSTIN

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Luke and Jett Justin, the founders of the nonprofit Cereal4All, for their tremendous volunteer work in Broward County, Florida.

Both twins are cadet sergeants in Boca Raton's Civil Air Patrol Squadron. Through this, they have dedicated much of their time to community service and volunteered at events such as the Special Olympics airlift. While volunteering for Boca Helping Hands, Jett and Luke got the idea to create their nonprofit, Cereal4All, in 2016. Their nonprofit aims to ensure everyone in their community receives a good breakfast and raise awareness about food insecurity.

Averaging around 35–50 hours of volunteer work a month, Luke and Jett have provided over 275,000 bowls of cereal to needy families. They even went international, donating over 100 pounds of Quaker Oats Protein Instant Oatmeal to vulnerable families in Bimini, Bahamas, in their "Oatmeal Airlift" operation. Furthermore, the twins have partnered with organizations such as Kindness Matters 365 and the FAU Community Service Club and have even received donations from companies such as General Mills, who were eager to get involved with Cereal4All.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Cereal4All founders Luke and Jett Justin for their outstanding community service in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING CARSEN PARKER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my Field Representative, Carsen Parker, for her service to Kentucky's Second District.

Carsen is a Glasgow, Kentucky native and joined my office in May 2021. A proud graduate of Glasgow High School, she attended the University of Kentucky where she studied Economics. She began her career in my Bowling Green office as Staff Assistant, helping residents of Kentucky's Second District with federal agencies, including helping expedite and process countless passports. In May 2022, she transitioned to Field Representative. Carsen traveled across numerous counties to hear the concerns of constituents and help with community issues. In this role, Carsen developed an enthusiasm for our veterans and enjoyed working to support the military com-

munities at Fort Knox and Hardin County as a whole. That passion has led her to her new endeavor, as she leaves my office to help veterans and their families.

I want to thank Carsen Parker for her work serving Kentucky's Second District as my Field Representative and I wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE OF GUY STERN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life and legacy of a man who defined the word patriot. Guy Stern was just a teenager when he escaped the horrors of Nazi Germany and landed in this country, where he went on to live a remarkable life devoted to service, scholarly pursuit, and historical preservation. It is now incumbent upon us to share, learn from, and forever safeguard his incredible story, which stretched across more than a century.

Born Günther Stern on January 14, 1922 in Hildesheim, Germany, the future hero was the son of a humble textile merchant and homemaker, and only 11 years old when Adolf Hitler seized power. Life under Nazi rule quickly became untenable for this Jewish family, and in 1937 the elder Sterns sent their son to live with his uncle and aunt in St. Louis. Sadly, the rest of the family were never able to escape; Stern's parents and two siblings were killed by the Nazis.

Wanting to adapt as best he could, Günther changed his name to Guy on the advice of a high school girlfriend. But Guy sought not just to fit in but to serve his new country, and attempted to join the armed forces following the attacks on Pearl Harbor. Rejected by the Navy because he was not native born, Stern was drafted by the Army in 1943 and took his oath of citizenship after completing basic training in Texas. He was then transferred to a highly secretive facility in Maryland where he became part of the so-called "Ritchie Boys," an elite group of about 11,000 soldiers—many of them German-speaking European Jews like Stern—trained to use their language skills for interrogation, counter-intelligence, and psychological warfare. Stern landed in Normandy shortly after D-Day, and served in Germany, Belgium, and France until the end of the war. He rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and was decorated with a bronze star for his innovative methods of gleaning information from German prisoners of war, developing critical techniques that gathered actionable intelligence from captured Germans while remaining well within the bounds of the law of war. Ultimately, the Ritchie boys were credited with securing more than half of the actionable intelligence gathered in Europe during World War II, and were instrumental in the defeat of the Nazis.

Post-war, Stern turned to academia when he returned stateside, becoming a leading global scholar in German literature and culture. He taught for decades at Denison University then later at Columbia University, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Maryland, and finally, Wayne State University in Detroit. In 1978 he was named provost and vice-president for academic affairs at WSU, posts he held for 12 years before stepping down to return to the classroom as a professor in Wayne State's Department of Romance and Germanic Languages and Literature. During his tenure, he also founded the Academy of Scholars at Wayne State University, and was director of the International Institute of the Righteous at the Zekelman Holocaust Center, a post he held until the end of his life.

Dr. Stern was passionate about sharing his story, publishing numerous papers and books, including his memoir, "Invisible Ink." He was featured in multiple documentaries, including Ken Burns' landmark series on the American response to the Holocaust. I'm so fortunate he also shared his story with me on several occasions, including in 2021 when we convened a group of Jewish veterans from across the area and across time for a roundtable at the Holocaust Center. When he spoke, all of us in the room could sense we were in the presence of a once-in-a-generation national treasure.

Guy Stern left this world on December 7, 2023 at the age of 101: a Holocaust survivor, a decorated war hero, a prolific author, a celebrated scholar, and so much more. He once said that the United States saved his life, and that in return, he became an American patriot. What a gift he gave us. On behalf of a grateful nation, I ask that we forever remember his extraordinary life, and that his memory be an inspiration and a blessing to all.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FLOOD
PREVENTION ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Flood Prevention Act of 2024. This bill would amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA) to include the District of Columbia in the definition of "coastal state." Senator TOM CARPEN the Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, is the sponsor of this bill in the Senate. The House passed this bill as part of the Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act in the 116th Congress.

This bill would correct an apparent oversight in the omission of D.C. from the CZMA and thereby make D.C. eligible to receive federal funding and have oversight for federally issued permits, facilities and actions that affect its coastal waters. D.C. urgently needs the protection of the CZMA because of serious flood

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risks that affect federal assets, residents and businesses in D.C., including the National Mall and federal buildings in the Federal Triangle area.

The CZMA provides planning and technical services to assist states in protecting, restoring and developing coastal communities and resources. Once the federal government approves a state's coastal management plan, the state becomes eligible for grants. Federal actions must be consistent with the state plans and vice versa.

Even though D.C. is located on two rivers, and has suffered substantial coastal floods in the past, it was omitted from the list of eligible entities in the CZMA. It is notable that, under the CZMA, the term "coastal state[s]" includes the states and territories. D.C. residents pay full federal taxes and therefore D.C. is usually treated as a state for federal programs. It appears D.C.'s omission was a mistake. This oversight likely occurred because the CZMA was passed in 1972, which was before D.C. achieved home rule.

Scientists have predicted that the tides on the Atlantic Coast could rise two to four feet by 2100, causing property worth as much as \$7 billion in D.C. to be routinely under threat by floodwaters. This includes private homes and businesses, the National Mall, federal buildings and three military bases. The Anacostia and Potomac rivers, which surround D.C., are tidally influenced, part of an "intertidal zone" between high and low tides. In addition, the Maryland and Virginia coastal zones each include the tidal Potomac River, with Maryland's zone ending at the D.C. line. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 17–18, 2024.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 11; YEA on Roll Call No. 12; YEA on Roll Call No. 13; YEA on Roll Call No. 14; YEA on Roll Call No. 15; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; YEA on Roll Call No. 17; NAY on Roll Call No. 18; and YEA on Roll Call No. 19.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOE GRIFFIES FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND ADVOCACY FOR OUR VETERANS

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Griffies. Mr. Griffies served our country with distinction in the 4th Division Infantry during the Vietnam War. His time in the Army was just the beginning of his lifetime of service to our nation. After moving with his wife Colleen to Cape May County in 2010, Mr. Griffies began his present career at South Jersey radio station, WIBG Studios. As the host of "Welcome Home Vets," Mr. Griffies brings thoughtful attention to the particular challenges

our veterans face and how our community can support them. Over the past thirteen years, Mr. Griffies has been a tireless advocate for veterans in New Jersey, whether helping them through complicated VA claims issues or supporting them through mental health crises. Some of his efforts include advocating for veterans on Medicare, freeing up office space in the VA to speed up appointment times, and aiding the introduction of a bill to allow New Jersey veterans honorably discharged to receive a free EZPASS. He is also a leading advocate for the Military Basketball Association, which helps our servicemembers and veterans experiencing PTSD, and has been a booster for the USS *New Jersey* (SSN 796) as it is set to be commissioned this year, the third U.S. Navy ship to be named for our great state. These are just some of the many ways Mr. Griffies has worked to ensure that veterans receive the care and respect they deserve when they arrive home. I am always grateful for Mr. Griffies's advocacy and am honored to recognize him today.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF IZUMI SUSHI & HIBACHI

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scott Chen, John Weng, and Sandy Lin, the owners of Clive, Iowa's newest sushi restaurant—Izumi Sushi & Hibachi.

As a strong supporter of small business, it is a cause for celebration every time a new business opens its doors. Small businesses are the backbone of America, and without the entrepreneurial drive of people like Scott, John, and Sandy, our economy would simply not be the same. In this spirit, and as a sushi-lover myself, I am looking forward to watching Izumi Sushi & Hibachi grow and ingratiate themselves in the Clive community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Scott, John, and Sandy on the opening of Izumi Sushi & Hibachi. I wish them the best of luck as they begin this new chapter.

CONGRATULATING EASTERN NEW MEXICO GREYHOUND SOUND

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eastern New Mexico University's marching band, Greyhound Sound, for their remarkable victory in the inaugural Metallica Marching Band competition. Greyhound Sound's outstanding performance secured the top spot in the college competition for schools in Divisions 2 and 3, earning the school a well-deserved prize of \$40,000 in marching band equipment.

The Metallica-themed competition, titled "For Whom the Band Tolls," challenged marching bands to create a unique halftime show using Metallica's music. ENMU's entrance was nothing short of electrifying. It de-

livered a well-executed medley of four of Metallica's most iconic tracks and had spectators at the Portales Campus football field on their feet.

I take great pride in representing such a beautifully diverse district where we can celebrate various music genres and cultures. The students' creativity is a testament to the supportive environment that ENMU fosters. ENMU's focus on providing affordable education and growth opportunities for students, both music majors and non-majors alike, is remarkable.

The dedication and solidarity of Greyhound Sound, under the leadership of directors Dustin Seifert, Sidney Shuler, and Emily Salgado, reflect the character of the great people of eastern New Mexico.

Founded in 1927, Eastern New Mexico University has a rich history of producing exceptional individuals, including renowned American author and Academy Award winner, Michael Blake.

The victory of this small school in a national competition shows us yet again that small places can achieve big things. As the proud Representative of New Mexico's Third Congressional District, which includes Eastern New Mexico University, I am immensely proud of Greyhound Sound's accomplishments and extend my heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved victory.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT LAURA A. RIOS AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH FOR MICHIGAN'S NINTH DISTRICT

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 22, 2024

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding dedication and service of Master Sergeant Laura A. Rios (ret), our distinguished Veteran of the Month for January in Michigan's 9th Congressional District. As the Chief Veteran Service Officer for the Macomb County Veterans Services Department, Sergeant Rios epitomizes the essence of selfless commitment to our Nation's heroes.

Master Sergeant Rios boasts a remarkable military career that spans over 26 years, commencing in October 1983 when she enlisted in the Air Force. Her journey led her to bases in Maryland, Ohio, the United Kingdom, California, and Michigan, where she concluded her service as the First Sergeant of the 339th Recruiting Squadron in Clinton Township on November 1st, 2009. Her leadership and dedication during her military tenure have left an indelible mark on the lives of those she served alongside.

In her current role, Sergeant Rios oversees a dynamic team of eight veteran service officers, a financial coach, and five administrative staff. Her responsibilities include counseling veterans on their benefits, facilitating enrollment in healthcare, and aiding in the upgrade of discharges. Her impact extends beyond the office, as she actively participates in community initiatives, serving on the Executive Council of the Human Services Coordinating Body and chairing the HSCB Portal of Services Committee.