

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING DHL SUPPLY SIDE IN MEMPHIS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend DHL Supply Side, a leader in logistics, which has had its warehouse facility in Memphis recognized as a Global Lighthouse by the Geneva, Switzerland based World Economic Forum. The Global Lighthouse Network is a prestigious community of 153 manufacturing facilities and value chains that are implementing Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to increase operational performance and environmental sustainability. Twenty-one facilities were given the designation this year, and DHL Supply Chain is the first ever contract logistics company to have a warehouse receive the award, and the only facility in the U.S. this year. The site has integrated robots, analytics and a flexible staffing solution to reduce overtime by 50 percent, and shipment cycle time by 57 percent, while increasing capacity by 290 percent. DHL Supply Chain has 54,000 employees in the United States, including more than 2,500 in Tennessee's 9th Congressional District. I commend the DHL Supply Chain operation in Memphis for this prestigious, international recognition by the World Economic Forum and appreciate its leadership in the logistics and delivery industry.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CO- LUMBIA COUNTY DISTRICT AT- TORNEY PAUL CZAJKA

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Paul Czajka, the six-term District Attorney of Columbia County, New York. Paul is retiring after 35 years in elected office in service to the Columbia County community.

Paul was first elected as Columbia County District Attorney in 1988, serving until 1994, when he then became a county court judge. In 2011, he left the bench and again ran for Columbia County District Attorney, reclaiming his old office in 2012 and serving until present. Paul's time in public service has been characterized by integrity, competence, and commitment to the people of Columbia County and his contributions will not be forgotten. I wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the career of Columbia County District Attorney Paul Czajka, a hardworking and dedicated public servant with an unwavering commitment to justice and keeping Upstate New Yorkers safe.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR GREGORY CHRISTOPHER

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Gregory Christopher, who will retire from Shiloh Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington, after leading the congregation for more than 24 years.

Pastor Christopher became a leader in the Tacoma faith community in 1989 and received a Doctor of Ministry. Following the passing of his mentor Rev. Earnest Brazill in 2000, Dr. Christopher became the Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church. In the 24 years since, Pastor Christopher has continued to strengthen the congregation, develop the church for future generations, and invest in the surrounding Hilltop neighborhood. With Pastor Christopher at the pulpit, Shiloh Baptist serves the city's most vulnerable residents with an emergency shelter for unhoused men in the church basement and as well as a sixty-unit affordable housing development on church property.

As both Mayor of the City of Tacoma and as a member of Congress, I have worked closely with Pastor Christopher on community development, social justice, and economic issues. His leadership as President of the Tacoma Chapter of the NAACP and member of the Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective will continue to impact the community, even after he retires as Pastor.

I thank Pastor Christopher for his service to Shiloh Baptist Church and Tacoma as well as congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed some Roll Call votes during the first session of the 118th Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 127; YEA on Roll Call No. 144; YEA on Roll Call No. 299; NAY on Roll Call No. 593; NAY on Roll Call No. 632; NAY on Roll Call No. 633; NAY on Roll Call No. 634; and NAY on Roll Call No. 637.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. JAMES ROBERT JOHNSON OF DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Dr. James Robert "Bob" Johnson of Dallas, Texas, who passed away on February 15, 2013. Dr. Johnson made incredible discoveries in the world of astrophysics and used his skills to help protect our national security.

Dr. Johnson was born on April 9, 1951, to Congressman Sam Johnson and Shirley Melton Johnson. He attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated with a Ph.D. in Physics in 1979. After graduation, Dr. Johnson served as a research scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory in Tucson, Arizona. In this role, he detected an atmosphere on Pluto and water on the dwarf planet Ceres. Dr. Johnson's work helped lay the foundation to expand our scientific knowledge of mathematics, astronomy, and the cosmos.

Later in life, he became the Chief Scientist for Raytheon Intelligence and Information Systems. In this role, he spearheaded breakthroughs in overhead reconnaissance, intelligence, and image processing. For his advancements in information and intelligence sharing, Dr. Johnson was recognized by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Special Operations Command, and he received many more awards.

Dr. Johnson was known in his community for his kindness and integrity. He held a strong passion for teaching and actively sought to help others reach their full potential. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family, designing homes, traveling around the world, and playing his original piano compositions. His published works will certainly continue to be invaluable assets to our scientific community for decades to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Dr. Johnson's life and service to our nation. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT OF HAMDI MOHAMED AS PRESI- DENT OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the appointment of Hamdi Mohamed as the President of the Port of Seattle Commission.

Commissioner Mohamed's tenure and appointment are historic. She is the first woman

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of color and immigrant to serve as Commission President. When Commissioner Mohamed was elected to the Poll of Seattle Commission in 2021, she became the first Somali woman elected to public office in Washington State and the first Black woman elected to the Port of Seattle Commission.

Commissioner Mohamed embodies the values of public service. As the Director of the City of Seattle's Office of immigrant and Refugee Affairs, she helps create pathways to achieving the American Dream for underrepresented and marginalized communities. Her work at the City of Seattle builds on her more than decade of experience fighting poverty and empowering immigrants. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped lead King County's initiatives to invest in small businesses and community organizations while simultaneously working to uphold public health. I am also proud to have worked alongside Hamdi for many years, first when she joined the organization I founded, OneAmerica, as a college intern, and during her time in Congress as my Deputy District Director.

As a Port of Seattle Commissioner, Hamdi has served as a champion for South King County and communities throughout the Puget Sound region. Her work to spur economic development through increased funding for workforce development, institutionalize equity in budgeting, lead innovative initiatives for climate action, uplift small businesses and enhance regional infrastructure have been integral to the success of the Port of Seattle.

As she begins her tenure as the President of the Port of Seattle Commission. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Commissioner Mohamed's historic appointment and service to our country.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA MIDOUHAS'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virginia Midouhas, a remarkable constituent from my district, and to pay tribute today on the celebration of her 100th Birthday.

Virginia was born on January 9, 1924, in Geneva, Pennsylvania, as the only child of Mildred Wyatt. She attended Point Marion High School where she was in the chorus, Girls Trio and was a Drum Majorette. From Point Marion she moved to Bristol until 1963. Virginia has lived in the same house in Yardley, Pennsylvania since 1963.

Virginia and her husband Steve met at a factory that made airplane parts for WWII. She was the secretary to the company vice president and the project manager. Virginia and Steve have 3 wonderful children Amy, Stephen, and Elizabeth. She has 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Virginia has spent her summers on Long Beach Island, New Jersey.

Virginia has a deep love for music and is a classically trained singer. She enjoys listening to opera, Beverly Sills, and Renee Fleming. You can often find Virginia enjoying music and singing along to her favorites. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact Virginia has had throughout her life, and we wish Virginia countless blessings.

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENT HIP-HOP FESTIVAL CHREECE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Indianapolis' independent hip-hop festival Chreece. Founded in 2015, Chreece celebrates and honors local talent across Indiana and beyond. It's a vibrant display of the culture and diverse artistry of the genre.

After a three-year break, Chreece came back in December bigger and better than ever by partnering with Indianapolis-based creative advocacy firm GANGGANG to showcase the best and brightest talents. Over 80 local hip-hop artists, DJs, and producers took the stage across eight different venues this year to spotlight Black culture, creativity, ingenuity, and artistry. It has become a rite of passage for any artist wanting to express themselves, and a way to highlight Indianapolis' growing creative community.

Festival founder Oreo Jones, and his team of organizers, understand the impact this festival has had on Indiana, the country, and the global hip-hop community. It is only fitting to honor this festival this year which marks the 50th anniversary of hip-hop. As a former artist, I'm always honored to recognize the artistic talent of and from the Midwest.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Oreo Jones and his team for celebrating independent artists and recognizing Chreece for its impact on Indianapolis and beyond.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT AND STORIED CAREER OF LTC WALKER WINFIELD SCOTT III

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the retirement and storied career of LTC Walker Winfield Scott III.

LTC Scott was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and began his distinguished Army career in 1988. He recently retired after a highly distinguished career spanning more than 33 years and 17 combat tours as an infantryman and pilot with Army Special Operations Aviation (ARSOA) and numerous operational deployments, including Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. LTC Scott is a Master Army Aviator with over 3,000 flying hours in the UH-1, UH-60, MH-6, and MH-60 DAP.

LTC Scott attended Infantry basic and advanced individual training as well as Airborne School at Ft. Benning, GA. Initially assigned to Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Ft. Bragg, NC as a Mortar Gunner, LTC Scott excelled as a Soldier and was selected to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) in 1990. After completing the Initial Entry Rotor Wing course in September 1991, LTC Scott was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as an Assault Flight Lead, Night Vision Goggle Trainer, and Battalion Flight Operations Officer. Next, he served as a P-518 Corridor Unit Trainer and United Nations Military Armistice Commission Pilot in the Republic of Korea.

LTC Scott was selected to attend Officer Candidate School in 1998 and commissioned as a distinguished Military Graduate. Following his commission, he served as a Platoon Leader in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th SOAR and Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 160th SOAR. Additionally, he served 15 months as the Task Force Rotor Wing Commander for Special Operations Forces in Iraq and Commanded the 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. In addition to Command, LTC Scott has served with distinction in numerous staff and flight instructor positions. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (3rd award), the Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), the Army Commendation Medal (10th award), Combat Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Master Aviation Badge, Parachutist Combat Badge with Bronze Service Star, and the Honorable Order of St. Michael (Bronze) from the Army Aviation Association of America.

LTC Scott received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Methodist College in Organic Chemistry and Microbiology. He is a graduate of the Infantry Captains Career Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Special Operations Training Course, Air Command and Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, and holds a Masters of Military Art and Science from Air University.

I proudly served alongside LTC Scott in the 160th SOAR and can personally attest to his devotion to duty and dedication to serving the American people. In 2003, as the flight surgeon for the 160th, I was on duty when LTC Scott's helicopter was involved in a near-fatal crash. By the grace of God, I was able to bring my friend LTC Scott back from the brink of death multiple times while we awaited an airlift to the hospital. I remain tremendously thankful I was there that day to serve my friend and brother in arms when he was in need.

LTC Scott retired in January 2022 after more than three decades of faithful service to this great Nation. He is blessed to have shared this journey with his wife Christie, their three daughters Ashley, Isabelle, and Caroline, son-in-law Dean, granddaughter Madison, and grandson Harrison.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the American people, I want to thank LTC Scott for his tireless service and selfless dedication to keeping our homeland safe. America is a better place because of his leadership and bravery for our highest ideals and values.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN A. SCHWAMM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, Officer John A. Schwamm was the U.S. Customs and Border Protection area port director for the San Luis Port of Entry in my state of Arizona. After nearly 50 years of work in law enforcement. John decided to bring his 47-year career to an honorable conclusion on December 31st of