

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DEBBY CLARK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Debby Clark of Frisco, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Debby has faithfully dedicated herself to serving our community.

Debby was born in Central City, Iowa where she started playing the organ for local churches while in junior high. As a pipe organ major, she graduated from Cornell College in 1973 with a Bachelor of Music Education. It is on the campus of her alma mater that she met her husband, Bob, and they later married. Debby taught grades K–8 in Schaumburg, Illinois for five years. She has taught piano privately for over thirty years, which allowed her to raise two beautiful daughters. Emily and Abigail, and works with her family insurance business.

Debby has been actively involved in her community as evidenced by her work with both the Plano and Frisco Chambers of Commerce and was recognized by Frisco as Ambassador of the year. She is a graduate of Plano Leadership Class 17, served on the city of Frisco CPAC committee, Frisco Area Republican Women's group, and volunteered with the National Charity League and Rainbow girls for many years. She has spent 35 years as a church organist, partnering with her husband whenever possible. She is a dedicated mother and grandmother, and her nurturing spirit is felt within the community by everyone who meets her.

I am proud to recognize my friend, Debby, today and am confident she will continue to make a positive impact in our community for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Debby with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I had to miss votes on July 8, 2024.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336, and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" KENNEDY

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Kennedy. When Bill Kennedy passed away on June 28th at the age of 74, Janesville lost one of its true leaders. Bill drove our community forward as a successful business leader, philanthropist, and coach.

Bill and his two brothers, Steve and Bob, owned and operated Rock Road Companies, a family-owned road-building construction company that has been active in the Wisconsin transportation industry since 1912. Bill put his time, talents, and experience to the benefit of organizations including the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association, the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association, and Forward Janesville.

Bill was also a philanthropist who served in numerous leadership positions. He helped support the Boys and Girls Club of Janesville, serving most recently as the Chair of the Capital and Endowment Campaign. Bill also helped support the Ronald McDonald charities as well as numerous other charitable causes through the Kennedy Family Foundation, established by Bill and his brothers in 2013.

An avid golfer, Bill's love of sports also led him to become a founding partner of the Janesville Jets hockey team and support youth sports as a coach and fundraiser.

Bill is survived by his wife Diane, his mother Delores, his siblings Connie, Colleen, Steve, Bob, and Carrie, five children, and 16 grandchildren. Bill leaves a lasting legacy as a devoted father, grandfather, husband, mentor, and community leader. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

RECOGNIZING THE RISING SUN CHURCH'S 170TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Rising Sun Church of Christ in Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

Over the past 170 years, the Rising Sun Church of Christ has been a cornerstone of the community, providing spiritual guidance, support, and a sense of belonging to countless individuals and families. Their mission-based approach centers around building family legacies rooted in Christ's truth emphasizing unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and love in all things. Over the years, the church has grown and evolved, embracing new generations while honoring its rich history

and traditions. This impressive milestone is a testament to the enduring faith and dedication of the church's congregation and leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Rising Sun Church of Christ for their commitment to faith, family, and their community and congratulate them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT ROBERT CLARK

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert "Bob" Clark of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. He has dedicated himself to serving and uplifting our community.

Bob was born and raised in Iowa and, with music in his DNA, he quickly found his talent at the keyboard. Winning piano competitions turned his talent to passion so he attended Cornell College and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance degree. He met his wife, Debby, on the campus and then the two were married in 1973. Together they raised two independent daughters and have two grandchildren. Bob was drawn to the insurance agency as a means to make a living while having the freedom to stay active in music. He is President of Clark Insurance Advisors Frisco, a business that centers on providing health insurance expertise and employee benefits advice to small and privately held businesses.

Bob is active in community service and previously served on the board of Frisco Parks & Recreation, graduated from Leadership Frisco Class 12, and both Citizens Fire and Police Academy. He has been a Rotarian for over 20 years, a member of the Frisco Chamber for 12 years and has dedicated countless hours to local politics, helping shape the landscape of the city. Bob's musical passion is a gift that he shares with his community in so many ways. He has been a church choir director and director of music for almost 30 years, from Roselle United Methodist in Illinois to First Christian Church in Plano, a journey he shares with his wife. I commend Bob for his long-term commitment to working to advance his city and county and am grateful to have served by his side in Leadership Frisco and to call him friend.

It is an honor to bestow Bob with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on July 8th and 9th as I needed to attend the funeral services of a close friend.

Had I been present for the following roll call votes, I would have voted Aye on:

Roll Call No. 336, July 8, 2024: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 897, Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act;

Roll Call No. 337, July 8, 2024: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5441, Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act;

Roll Call No. 340, July 9, 2024: On Motion to Recommit—H.R. 7637, Refrigerator Freedom Act; and

Roll Call No. 342, July 9, 2024: On Motion to Recommit—H.R. 7700, Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act.

Had I been present for the following roll call votes, I would have voted No on:

Roll Call No. 338, July 9, 2024: On Ordering the Previous Question H. Res. 1341, Providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 8281, Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act; H.R. 8772, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2025; H.R. 7700, Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act; H.R. 7637, Refrigerator Freedom Act; and the joint resolution H.J. Res. 165;

Roll Call No. 339, July 9, 2024: On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 1341, Providing for consideration of the bills H.R. 8281, Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act; H.R. 8772, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2025; H.R. 7700, Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act; H.R. 7637, Refrigerator Freedom Act; and the joint resolution H.J. Res. 165;

Roll Call No. 341, July 9, 2024: On Passage—H.R. 7637, Refrigerator Freedom Act; and

Roll Call No. 343, July 9, 2024: On Passage—H.R. 7700, Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act.

CONGRATULATING THE INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART MARKET ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, we all inhabit one planet with vibrant, colorful rich traditions of folk art. I rise to congratulate the International Folk Art Market, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year for bringing to Santa Fe some of the best of that folk art.

This art gives us a glimpse into the history and cultural traditions across our continents, but also is an economic engine for the families and communities who create these masterpieces.

Since 2004, over a thousand volunteers have shared in this vision as they join forces to make this major economic driver for the art-

ists and the Santa Fe area both possible. For many artists, the revenue feeds their family, and for the collective, the profits go to digging water wells for the village. The first market hosted 60 participating folk artists, and this year my hometown will host 160 artists from over 50 countries. It is one of the largest folk art markets in the world.

This next weekend, the Market will transform the Santa Fe Historic Rail Yard into an international village, with global music, ethnic foods, speakers, and more. The art will come alive in stories, tastes, and dance moves.

Humankind is strongest and kindest when we can celebrate the diverse traditions found in our country, and in our world. Happy Birthday (Feliz Cumpleaños) to International Folk Art Market on their 20th year of bridging cultures.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF LUIS PEDROSO

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of Luis Pedrosa, a successful businessman, community leader and philanthropist who has dedicated his life to the prosperity of the Greater Lowell region. He recently retired and will be celebrating his 65th birthday this year.

Luis was born in Sao Jorge, Azores, Portugal in 1959. His family briefly lived in Angola, Africa before returning to the Azores and immigrating to California in 1969. After the passing of his father, his family returned to Portugal before emigrating back to the U.S. and settling in Lowell. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1980, Luis would embark on a professional career where he would go on to found Qualitronics, Inc., co-found Accutronics, Inc., high-end electronics manufacturing companies, that have employed many people in our region. Before retiring, Luis sold both of his companies—a testament to his tremendous career in business.

In addition to his impressive professional career, Luis never forgot where he came from. He is extremely involved in the Portuguese community, so much so that he established the Hélio and Amélia Pedrosa/Fundação Luso-Americana Endowed Chair in Portuguese Studies at UMASS Dartmouth as well as the Saab-Pedrosa Center for Portuguese Studies at UMASS Lowell. He also played an instrumental role in spearheading the effort to bring 24-hour Portuguese programming to local television to serve Lowell and other communities. He is a founding member of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation (GLCF), where he recruited many individuals, including myself, to serve on its board and support nonprofits in Lowell and beyond. For 27 years, the GLCF has transformed the lives of countless individuals, families and nonprofit organizations in our community by fostering community growth and development through funding, leadership, and collaboration. Luis is also the creator of the Portuguese American Scholarship through the Greater Lowell Foundation which assists graduates of Lowell High School. Through Luis's leadership and efforts, he has made the City of Lowell a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Luis's kindness and wisdom make him a trusted figure for individuals to lean on when experiencing hardship. Most notably, Luis played an integral role in assisting a young woman who was studying at Middlesex Community College to receive her nursing degree. After a car accident left her vehicle totaled, she reached out to Luis, who without hesitation was able to assist her in finding a new vehicle so she could continue her studies and fulfill her practicum.

Throughout his life, Luis has been the recipient of numerous recognitions from distinguished organizations for his work in our community. He has been recognized as the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers Person of the Year, as well as being named a recipient of the prestigious George L. Duncan Award of Excellence. He was selected to receive the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator Award and the International Institute American Dream Award and was inducted into the Lowell High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. In the face of so many well-deserved accolades, Luis has remained humble, accessible, and down to earth—a surprise to no one who has had the pleasure of knowing him.

Luis is known for his love for his family and friends, his kindness to those around him, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his immense pride in the City of Lowell's Portuguese Community. Luis's legacy will continue to leave a lasting and positive impact for many generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT THOMAS MCCALL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas McCall of Frisco, Texas and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. He has served and uplifted our community through his leadership and dedication.

Tom was born and raised in Yonkers, NY. Due to life hardships, he was quickly educated in the meaning of mortgage payment and food on the table. He attended Manhattan College, graduating in 1972 with a BSBA in Accounting and his CPA designation, which led to the beginning of a long and prosperous career in which he earned a reputation as a determined account executive. Over 30 plus years of work, Tom had multiple assignments but only 3 employers. He launched his own business. McCall Asset Management, in 1998 in Frisco, TX and it is still going strong. Tom met his wife, Karen, during college and they married in 1975. They raised 2 kids and have 2 wonderful grandchildren.

Throughout his career, Tom has been present in his community through his charitable giving of time, talent and treasure as seen in his involvement with Boy Scouts of America, Leadership Council, St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Research, Hope for Vision, and Serving HIM (Healthcare International Ministries). A devoted man of faith, Tom attends Holy Cross Catholic Church The Colony with his wife, Karen, where he serves as Volunteer Finance Chair. on the Pastoral Council