

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAUREL M. LEE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; YEA on Roll Call No. 350; NAY on Roll Call No. 351; and YEA on Roll Call No. 352.

**HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF
RYAN HENDRIX**

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Deputy Sheriff Ryan Hendrix. A lifelong resident of Western North Carolina, Ryan dedicated his life to the service of his county, his community, and his cherished family.

Ryan was born in Asheville on December 9, 1985, the son of Donald and Heidi Hendrix. As a Christian, Ryan faithfully served his Lord by regularly attending Grace Blue Ridge Church with Pastor Chas Morris.

He graduated from Hendersonville Christian School in 2004. Through the school's mission trip program, Ryan cultivated the passion for service he demonstrated throughout his life. Ryan went on mission trips to border towns in Mexico and worked to better the lives of children.

At 19 years old, Ryan enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps. He trained at Parris Island where he was a squad leader and a sharpshooter. He graduated as a Lance Corporal Marine in 2005 and served in the Marine Reserves for five years. In 2006, Ryan volunteered to serve a tour of duty in Iraq.

Ryan began his career with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office as a detention officer in June 2012. In May 2015, Ryan became a patrol deputy upon completing Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET), and he later became a field training officer. He was an active member of the SWAT team and served the Henderson County Sheriff's Office for a total of eight years. Ryan loved his work and serving the local community.

Ryan excelled in sports, especially baseball and soccer, and enjoyed being outdoors. On his days off, he would often go fishing, hunting, biking, and camping.

While Ryan's dedication to serving his community and others is beyond dispute, he reserved the largest piece of his heart for his two children, Ellore and Merritt. He spent all his days off with his children and continuously shared his passion for being outdoors with them. They, along with their mother, Emily, Ryan's fiancée, were the love of his life and always his greatest priority.

On September 10, 2020, Deputy Hendrix tragically lost his life in the line of duty. The loss of Ryan has left a hole in many hearts of those who love him and whose lives he touched.

Today, we honor Ryan with the renaming of the U.S. 64 bridge over Interstate 26 as the "Deputy Ryan P. Hendrix Bridge."

Ryan's life and his legacy—his courage, his bravery, and his dedication to service—shall forever serve as a reminder to North Carolinians that freedom isn't free.

**LEADERSHIP, LOYALTY, AND LEGACY:
HONORING KIMBERLY S.
CLIFTON RUDOLPH**

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in gratefulness, praise, and thanks to honor the unique leadership, loyalty, and legacy of Kimberly S. Clifton Rudolph, who recently retired from the House as my Chief of Staff.

A proud Hoosier, Kim also has strong ties to Tennessee and Michigan. Thanks to hard work, dedication, and the influence of her aunt—Olympian and trailblazer Wilma Rudolph—Kim became a talented track athlete in high school. Despite receiving athletic scholarships, Kim's mother, Charlene, insisted on her children utilizing their intellectual capacity. As a result, Kim chose to attend DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Graduating with honors with a degree in communications was not enough for Kim, however. She was selected, and attended, the University of Caen in France where she expanded her education in international business. Returning to her second home of Nashville, Tennessee, Kim completed a master's in business education from Belmont University before becoming a successful bank executive and managing her aunt's philanthropic Olympic non-profit organization.

Despite her success in the non-profit and private arenas, Kim, like many Hill staffers, chose the moment over the money. She started out as a communications director and served as legislative director before rising to chief of staff to my friend and mentor, former U.S. Representative Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D-MI). Under Kim's leadership, Congresswoman Kilpatrick was able to steer over \$2 billion to the State of Michigan and helped Representative Kilpatrick become the first, and so far only, Black woman to serve on the powerful House Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense. Kim accepted the opportunity to lead my office when Congresswoman Kilpatrick retired.

Leadership is Kim's strongest quality. Kim is a woman of deep faith, and the equanimity she manifested daily in Washington, D.C., and Indianapolis was essential throughout many challenging moments and accomplishments:

the turmoil of the fight for healthcare reform, my selection as the first Muslim on the House Intelligence Committee; and the upheaval of our Nation during and after January 6, 2021. Kim remains one of the most respected, honored, and decorated chiefs of staff in Congress. Kim is also one of the elite staffers who completed the bicameral and bipartisan fellowship in the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service while simultaneously serving as chief of staff.

Kim helped me bring millions of dollars in Appropriations to the people of Indianapolis and guided a steady, capable staff in Washington, D.C., and in the district office with very little turnover. The dozens of Members of Congress, Hill staff, and others who Kim mentored directly will continue carrying on Kim's legacy. And now, Kim will continue giving back her years of wisdom and experience to serve future leaders as an executive coach.

Kim brought selfless service and moral courage to Capitol Hill for decades, and I thank her for her leadership, loyalty, and legacy of public service. On behalf of the grateful people of the city of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana, I thank Kim and wish her nothing but the best as she continues to make her mark on the world.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF VERNA
ADAMS**

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the honorable Judge Verna Adams as she becomes only the fourth recipient and first woman to accept the Marin County Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Verna grew up in the town of South Bend, Indiana, as the youngest of five siblings. Even at an early age, she knew that a law career was in her future. After graduating as the valedictorian from her high school, Verna received her bachelor of arts from Wellesley College in 1967. She enrolled at Columbia Law School for her first year before transferring to Stanford. During her time at Stanford, she interned with the legal branch of the California Farm Workers' Union, which was led by Cesar Chavez. Upon receiving her Juris Doctorate in 1970, Verna began working at a small law firm in San Francisco.

Verna moved to Marin County in 1971 when she was offered a full-time role as an associate by a female-led firm, Diamond and Savitt. Her arrival made it the largest all-woman law firm in the nation. It was here that she would discover her passion for family law and community engagement. Verna served on the Board of Directors for Planned Parenthood and volunteered at Legal Aid of Marin, taking pro bono cases whenever she could. In 1986, Verna was among a small group of attorneys

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who founded the Family and Children's Law Center to provide low-cost legal services to those with family law issues, including those suffering from domestic abuse.

Judge Adams was sworn in as a Judge of the Marin County Superior Court in 1999, marking the beginning of more than 24 years of service on the bench. During that time, she was elected by her fellow judges to serve as Presiding Judge and was selected by the Chief Justice of California as one of only nineteen judges to serve on the Strategic Evaluation Committee, entrusted with improving court administration across the state. Judge Adams' new role and responsibilities imbued her with the power to create meaningful change for self-represented litigants. She founded the Legal Self-Help Center of Marin, where those without attorneys could obtain assistance with filling out legal forms and gain general legal information. The center has provided for an immense need in Marin County.

Judge Adams has dedicated her illustrious career to empowering some of the most marginalized people of our community—children, women, victims of domestic abuse, and anyone else who must traverse the legal system without legal representation—to access our justice system. When Judge Adams was first appointed to the bench, Marin had only one specialty court. Almost 25 years later, Judge Adams' leadership and advocacy for undeserved populations has led to the creation of three specialty courts for mental health, domestic violence, and drug use.

Judge Adams' legacy is one of distinguished service to the County of Marin and worthy of distinction. Please join me in congratulating her as she accepts this prestigious lifetime achievement award and expressing our deep appreciation for her long and exceptional career and outstanding contributions to our legal system.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF GENERAL DANIEL R. HOKANSON

HON. ANNA PAULINA LUNA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Daniel R. Hokanson, the 29th Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

General Hokanson was born on June 27th, 1963, in Happy Camp, California, where he graduated from Happy Camp High School and attended the College of the Siskiyous before being accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

General Hokanson graduated from West Point with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army on May 28, 1986. Upon his graduation, General Hokanson spent several years in the United States Army where he served as an aviator with the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California, including a deployment to Panama for Operation Just Cause from 1989 to 1990. In 1990, he attended the Aviation Officer Advanced Course and AH-64 Combat Aircraft Qualification Course where he became qualified as an Apache pilot. He subsequently served with the 1st Battalion, 229th Aviation

Regiment, including command of Company B at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1995, General Hokanson left the United States Army and joined the Oregon Army National Guard where he initially served as the Aide-de-Camp for the Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard. Following this assignment, he served in the Oregon Army National Guard in numerous roles to include Deputy Director of Army Aviation, Commander of the 641st Medical Battalion, and Commander of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

General Hokanson decided to leave the great northwest in 2010 and pursue a career at the national level by accepting a promotion to brigadier general and assuming the position of Deputy Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In 2012, General Hokanson was given the opportunity to move further east and serve as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, DC, where he was subsequently promoted to Major General.

After spending a few years away and gaining national-level experience, General Hokanson decided to move back home to Oregon in 2013 when he was selected to serve as the Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard. Without a doubt, this assignment accelerated his leadership trajectory and set him up for future assignments in the National Guard, including the Deputy Commander of the United States Northern Command, the 11th Vice Chief of the National Guard, the 21st Director of the Army National Guard, and eventually his current position as the 29th Chief of the National Guard, where he has served since August 2020.

As Chief, General Hokanson led the National Guard through the COVID-19 pandemic, the withdrawal from Afghanistan, multiple major disasters, the overseas deployment of tens of thousands of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, and the addition of 23 State Partnership Program nations. A tireless advocate for National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, and their families, General Hokanson and "Team 29" focused on ensuring the National Guard was fully integrated into the Joint Force. He championed the re-establishment of the Army National Guard's eight divisions and elevation of the Vice Chief of the National Guard to a four-star general. General Hokanson is married to his wife Kelly and all three of their children served in the military, following proudly in the footsteps of their father.

Please join me in appreciation for General Hokanson who has selflessly supported and defended our freedoms both at home and abroad, while ensuring our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have remained, "Always Ready, Always There." Thank you, General Hokanson. May God Bless you, your family, and the United States of America.

COMMEMORATING TIARA YACHT'S

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tiara Yachts for

50 years of operation in West Michigan. Founded in 1974 by Mr. Leon Slikkers, this locally owned and operated boat manufacturer has remained committed to manufacturing the highest quality watercraft.

As a multi-generational, family-owned and operated business, the story of Tiara Yachts is a true representation of the American Dream. Mr. Slikkers began building boats in 1946 and founded his own boat company, Slickcraft, shortly after. He then sold this company to launch S2 Yachts, later known as Tiara Yachts, with his sons David and Robert. Together, they worked to revolutionize the marine industry, introducing the Tiara Powerboat in 1976.

With the next generation now at the helm, Tiara Yachts has stayed true to the vision Mr. Slikkers first established: designing and delivering a legacy of quality, innovation, and unrivaled customer experiences that withstand the test of time and continue to evolve with their customers' desires. It is evident that this family organization remains committed to producing the highest quality, American-made boats that provide a lifetime of joy and entertainment on the water.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Tiara Yachts as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. I wish them all the best as they continue their legacy of success.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE JEFFCO PROSPERITY PARTNERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ambrosia Williamceau, Maria Abeyta, and Charlotte Williams for earning this year's JeffCo Prosperity Partners Achievement Awards.

The Achievement Awards are granted to recognize individuals of the JeffCo Prosperity Partners (JPP) Program and Head Start families who reach significant milestones in education, employment, and economic opportunity. The recipients must successfully graduate from the JPP Program, gaining skills in career development, academics, and financial literacy education.

This year's Achievement Award honorees are recognized for their outstanding determination and hard work during the JPP Program. Receiving this award demonstrates dedication to personal growth, distinguishing their drive for professional development and improving their lives on a multigenerational level.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, it is my honor to congratulate Ambrosia, Maria, and Charlotte on their incredible accomplishments and for receiving the 2024 JeffCo Prosperity Partners Achievement Award.