

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TERESA GERRINGER

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Teresa Gerringer and congratulate her on her retirement.

Throughout her life, Teresa has devoted herself to public service and diligently served the City of Lafayette for nearly 23 years. She received her MBA from Pepperdine University and BS in Public Administration from Indiana University, Bloomington. Teresa and her family have lived in Lafayette since 1995 where she has been an active leader in the community. Her career serving the residents of Lafayette began when she was elected to the Lafayette School District, where she served as a trustee for 18 years. She then served as District Director for Senator Steve Glazer from 2015 to 2019, diligently working for the people of California Senate District 7. After her time in the State Senate, she went on to serve as Communications Director for Contra Costa County Supervisor Diane Burgis, District 3 where she played a critical role in the county's 2020 census work. Ultimately, she was promoted to Chief of Staff for Supervisor Burgis in 2022 where she provided key policy recommendations on a wide range of regional matters.

In addition to her other work above, Teresa was elected to the Lafayette City Council in 2018 and served one year as Mayor. During her time on council, Teresa spearheaded the creation of Lafayette Community Day—an annual day-of-service in which volunteers work on community projects around Lafayette, working to improve quality of life for all Lafayette residents. Additionally, she and the Lafayette City Council advocated for the Safe Routes to Acalanes High School project which aims to create a protected pathway on Pleasant Hill Road to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Beyond her work in government and as an elected official, Teresa was a member of the Lafayette Community Foundation, serving as president, VP of fund development, and VP of communications for the board during her tenure. She also served as a charter member of the Lafayette Library & Learning Center Foundation Board and co-chair of the Lafayette Library & Learning Center Community Capital Campaign. Further, she was an advisor to the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the California State PTA. Throughout her career and through her volunteer work, Teresa has worked tirelessly to serve Lafayette residents and Contra Costans.

Please join me in congratulating Teresa Gerringer on her well-deserved retirement after many years of outstanding public service.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM  
BARKSDALE'S SERVICE TO HIS  
NATION AND HIS FAMILY**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sergeant William Barksdale, a resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His dedication to his family, community, and Nation is worthy of commendation.

Sgt. Barksdale was born on August 3, 1924. Before enlisting in the U.S. Army, he was still a part of the war effort, building tank treads in Detroit. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 8, 1943, and served with the U.S. Army 415th Ordinance Evacuation Company during the Rhineland campaign in Central Europe during World War II. Sgt. Barksdale earned a plethora of awards during his time serving, including the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Medal, European Theater Medal, Army Occupation Germany Medal, and the Weapons Qualifications Sharpshooter (Carbine and Rifle).

After the war, Sgt. Barksdale earned a commission as First Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve and began to work at the GM Willow Run Transmission plant, formerly the Willow Run Bomber Assembly in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He also took full advantage of the G.I. Bill, graduating with honors from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University as a Geology major. He married the love of his life, Mary Jane Cosner, in 1949. He built their house in 1958, where he still lives today.

Notably, he has dedicated much of his time to his family, not only building a house for them but also a large garden. Impressively, he still maintains his own cars and those of his friends and family, and it is said that he can fix any appliance. His legacy of service also extends to his family, many of whom have themselves served this country valiantly. His two daughters served with the Red Cross Military Service, with one working for 25 years with the Department of Defense. His son served in the U.S. Army and currently, there is a great-grandson and great-great-grandson serving in the United States Marine Corps while a great-granddaughter serves in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the incredible life of Sergeant William Barksdale, a man who served our country during its darkest hours and who has continued to bring joy to others. A dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, he faithfully served his family and Nation with a sense of duty, respect, and integrity. We thank him for his service and wish him the happiest of birthdays. I thank Billy.

CONGRATULATING MS. DIANNA  
WYNN FOR HER NEW ROLE OF  
PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS**HON. WILEY NICKEL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Ms. Dianna Wynn of Cary who has been elected President of the League of Women Voters.

Through her experience in advocacy and demonstrated dedication to democracy, Ms. Wynn has proven herself exceedingly qualified for this distinguished role.

Ms. Wynn has been a longstanding fighter for voting rights. Prior to joining the League of Women Voters, she was President of the ACLU of North Carolina where she was a strong advocate for fair voting maps in North Carolina and an end to partisan gerrymandering.

She first joined the League of Women Voters in 2013 and served the role of president of the Wake County chapter in Raleigh, NC.

The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, began with the mission to empower women to exercise their newly won right to vote. The organization has grown into a political grassroots network that promotes voter participation through education and advocacy.

As President, Ms. Wynn aims to protect voting rights as a core tenant of our democracy. I commend her for using her platform to strengthen our elections and provide non-partisan election information to encourage greater participation in our elections.

I am confident that Ms. Wynn will serve the League of Women Voters in their efforts to ensure that women's electoral voices are heard and to strengthen our democracy.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Wynn on this great accomplishment. I wish her well in her new role as President of the League of Women Voters.

HONORING ST. MATTHEW'S  
EVANGELICAL CHURCH**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize St. Matthew's Evangelical Church in Riverside, Missouri, which is celebrating its 180th anniversary on September 29th of this year.

St. Matthew's was established in 1844 by a group of mostly German immigrants living in the surrounding countryside. Like so many immigrants that had left their home countries for Northwest Missouri, they chose to build a community based on faith in a small log church.

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The original church was replaced in 1877 by a timber-frame, simple Gothic structure which has become known to many as “the little white church on the hill,” which still proudly stands to this day. To honor the original church structure, a beautiful stained and painted glass window marks the location of the double doors the church founders walked through to come together and proclaim their devotion to Christ.

St. Matthew's has grown along with Platte County, continuously welcoming more worshippers as the years have gone on. It has continued the tradition of engaging with the Riverside community and fulfilling its founding ideals through its practice of faith and fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me and the people of the Sixth Congressional District in congratulating St. Matthew's Evangelical Church on its 180 years of worship. I am proud to represent this congregation in the United States House of Representatives, and wish them many more years of worship.

#### REMEMBERING DAVID STEIN

#### HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, we remember David A. Stein, who passed away on July 27, 2024, at the age of 85. A Jacksonville native, David spent his entire life in the city he loved, leaving an indelible mark on his community as an entrepreneur, business leader, and philanthropist. Known for his leadership at Burger King and Applebee's franchises, David also co-founded T.L. Cannon Companies. He passionately supported numerous educational and community organizations, including the Jewish Community Alliance, Greenwood School, and River Garden. David, alongside his devoted wife Linda, championed education and mentorship through initiatives like the Stein Fellowship. His generosity extended to many causes, enhancing the quality of life in Jacksonville. David's warmth, laughter, and boundless energy endeared him to all who knew him. As we celebrate his life, we honor his commitment to making a difference and his unwavering dedication to his beloved Jacksonville.

#### RECOGNIZING MARLEY LINGAR

#### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the exceptional accomplishments and aspirations of Ms. Marley Lingar, a dedicated student at Cass Job Corps, within the bounds of our esteemed Fourth Congressional District. Marley is currently enrolled in the prestigious Forestry Conservation and Firefighting Program, where she demonstrates remarkable leadership and commitment.

Marley holds the position of vice president in her dormitory at Cass, showcasing her ability to lead and inspire her peers. She also participates in various student-led organizations

on campus, including the Student Government Association, where she actively contributes to the betterment of her community through service and civic engagement. Marley's leadership and efforts to make a positive difference are truly commendable. She lives by the words of her instructor, Mr. Wade Kelly, who encourages students to “learn to push past what you thought were your limits.” This mantra has clearly guided Marley in achieving significant milestones.

Recently, Marley passed the rigorous Pack Test, qualifying her to join firefighting teams. This achievement is particularly noteworthy as she is the first female in over a decade to join the fire program at Cass Job Corps. Her grit and determination are evident, and her success paves the way for future generations of women in firefighting. Growing up in the close-knit Ozark community, Marley has a deep-rooted desire to contribute positively to her hometown. She is driven by the goals of making her family proud and having a lasting impact on the community she holds dear. Post-graduation, Marley aspires to pursue advanced training for a dispatcher role in forestry, further demonstrating her commitment to public service and her passion for the field.

Marley's accomplishments and aspirations serve as an inspiration to us all. Her story is a testament to the power of perseverance, leadership, and community spirit. I am confident that she will continue to achieve great things and make significant contributions to her field and her community.

I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating Marley Lingar for her achievements and wishing her continued success as she embarks on the next chapter of her journey. Marley is truly a testament to the limitless potential of our Nation's youth, and I have no doubt that she will continue to make us proud in her future endeavors.

#### CELEBRATING OUR 2024 SUMMER INTERN CLASS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA'S 20TH DISTRICT

#### HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable interns who have been working in service of the 20th District of California this summer. These exceptional young individuals—who joined us in our Washington, D.C. office and our Clovis, California office—have shown our team their energy, commitment, and strong drive to effect positive change. As our nation navigates uncertain times and many young people feel out of touch with public service, their enthusiasm and resolve give us great hope for the future.

With their summer in Congress reaching its close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jacob Cohen, Gabriella Gutierrez, and Ayush Nallapally for their work in our Washington, D.C. office, and Luca Fanucchi and Braden McConaghy for their service in our Clovis, California office. Their hard work and dedication have been invaluable, and I hope that the experiences gained here will serve them well in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RONALD G. CAMPOS

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Ronald G. Campos, an Internal Medicine Doctor and longtime member of the East Bay community.

Ron was born in Nicaragua and immigrated to the United States with his two sisters at the age of two. He received a bachelor's degree in microbiology from UC Berkeley, a medical degree from UC San Francisco, and completed his residency at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Martinez, CA. Shortly thereafter, Ron opened his own practice in 1979, caring for thousands of patients over the span of his 45-year medical career. He also co-founded the Hospitalist Program at John Muir Hospital in 1996, expanding access to care in our region.

On top of his medical practice, Ron was highly involved in our community, holding leadership positions and serving as an engaged member in several local organizations, including the Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce of Contra Costa County, the Diablo Valley Filipino-American League, and the Human Relations Commission of Concord, CA. He and his family were also active members in Hillside Covenant Church's prison ministries program. In his free time, he enjoyed golf and Warriors basketball.

Sadly, Ron passed away in June. He is survived by his wife of over 46 years, Zenaida, his two sons, Mark and Jeremy, his sisters, Marlene and Esther, his daughter-in-law Charisse, and three grandchildren, Dakota, Kenyon, and Tristan.

His loss will certainly be felt by many in our community, but his legacy will live on for years to come. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Campos for his contributions and devoted service to Contra Costa County.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AMEND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation that would improve senior work-based training programs in my district, the Northern Marianas Islands. Specifically, my bill would address the ongoing disparity impacting my constituents by amending the Older Americans Act (OAA) to increase and equally distribute funding for the Community Service Employment for Older Americans program amongst the Marianas, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The OAA supports a wide range of social services and programs for older individuals defined as aged 60 years or older. Under Title V (Community Service Employment for Older Americans) of the Act, states and territories receive funding to operate a community service and work-based job training program for low-income, unemployed seniors.