

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MAJ. WALTER T. TANIMOTO FOR HIS SERVICE TO WASHINGTON'S NINTH DISTRICT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life of Major Walter T. Tanimoto, a distinguished veteran, volunteer, and father. Mr. Tanimoto, in his military service, career, and personal endeavors, left a mark of service, dedication, and a deep commitment to community.

Walt took on the task of protecting his country with devotion and skill. Through his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Walt received a variety of accolades, including a Combat Infantry Badge. Walt never stopped sacrificing for our country even after leaving the Army, embarking on a long, impactful, and dedicated career at the Washington Department of Revenue.

Mr. Tanimoto went beyond professional achievements to dedicate his time towards supporting fellow veterans. He maintained active participation in multiple veterans' organizations, but rather than simply belonging to veterans' groups, Walt had leadership roles in three separate organizations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Cootie.

I had the privilege to meet Walt multiple times through his ongoing participation in these organizations, a demonstration of his commitment to his community and desire to support others. Most recently, I recall Walt's efforts in June 2023 on the planning and execution of a Veterans History Project that my office hosted with the Nisei Veterans Committee. Through his participation, Walt helped preserve the stories of his fellow veterans for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I once again draw your attention to the life of service and generosity led by my constituent, Walter T. Tanimoto. Many can aspire to dedicate their lives to others, but few can say they have done it as Walt has.

HONORING HARPOON EDDIE'S ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Sylvan Beach New York eatery Harpoon Eddie's, and to recognize the contributions of Edward Stewart, Jr., and his wife Leslie Stewart, posthumously, to the Oneida Lake community. Furthermore, I commend the work of Eddie and Leslie's son, Edward (Rick) Stewart, III and his wife Wendy Stewart, who have continued the tradition of excellence through their commitment to service and the community.

Eddie and Leslie Stewart were married on December 26, 1966, and founded Harpoon Eddie's in the summer of 1984. The Stewarts wished to expand Eddie's Restaurant, Inc., to include a separate location on the beachfront and thereby include the boating community. After years of success, they ultimately became co-owners and operators with their son, Rick. Harpoon Eddie's has remained a staple in the Oneida Lake community through the efforts of the Stewart family since its creation and continues to shine across generations.

Eddie and Leslie's contributions to the residents are reflective of their personal initiative and drive to give back, values which are still evident in their business even after their deaths in 2020 and 2021, respectively. These values are kept alive through the efforts of Rick and Wendy Stewart, who now have sole ownership of the restaurant and ensure that it will continue to serve the community just as it has for the past 40 years. I urge my colleagues to take the chance to visit the incredible beauty of Oneida Lake and to stop by this incredible family business. Those who visit are welcome like family under the amazing hospitality of the people.

It is my humble privilege to be part of the celebrations and traditions of the Sylvan Beach Community. Thank you to Rick and Wendy Stewart for their continued commitment to excellence and their loving memoriam of Edward Stewart, Jr. and Leslie Stewart.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FALLEN OFFICER HUNTER REEDY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia mourn the loss of Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy Hunter Reedy.

Deputy Reedy was called to respond to a traffic stop incident on Friday, August 9, 2024. The incident turned tragic, with the driver firing their weapon at Sheriff's deputies and Marion Police officers. As a result of the gunfire, Deputy Reedy was shot and killed.

A graduate of Chilhowie High School in 2014, Deputy Reedy pursued a career dedicated to law enforcement. He began by serving more than three years with the Chilhowie Police Department. In 2021, he then joined the Smyth County Sheriff's Office. His interest in the protection and care of his fellow citizens was profound.

Law enforcement and community members mourn the tragic loss of their beloved colleague and friend. Sheriff Shuler of Smyth County laments losing a brave hero in Deputy Reedy. Deputy Reedy's passing is a solemn reminder of the dangerous tasks law enforcement officials must endure.

Family was an important part of Deputy Reedy's life. He is survived by his wife,

Bettina Quen Reedy, whom he had been married to since 2020, and his three kids, Brantley, Kaden, and Kaede Belle.

Deputy Reedy was twenty-seven years old. While his life was cut hastily short, his service to the Smyth County Sheriff's Office and the people of Smyth County had impacts that will last many years to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF COACH CARL BOWSER

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Coach Carl Bowser, who passed away last month. While Coach Bowser was a pillar of the Bakersfield College football program, his legacy extends beyond the field, evident in the outpouring of love following his death and the honors proclaimed of Coach Bowser's impact on the lives of others. He was a great man, a beloved mentor, and a leader who made positive contributions to countless individuals.

Born in Oklahoma, Carl Bowser was first introduced to Bakersfield College's football program when he became a team water boy. His passion for the sport led him to become a full-back for California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), where he rushed for 620 yards and seven touchdowns in 1959. Coach Bowser demonstrated early on his perseverance in the face of tragedy when he narrowly survived the tragic 1960 Cal Poly plane crash, losing 16 of his teammates. Coach Bowser would go on later that year to rush for 288 yards and score two touchdowns. In 1962, Coach Bowser completed his bachelor's degree at Cal Poly in physical education and returned the following year to earn his master's degree in education.

Coach Bowser soon sharpened his passion for coaching football, serving as the Head Coach of Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest and later as Head Coach at Shafter High School. Joining Bakersfield College's program, Coach Bowser served as the Renegades Assistant Coach under Head Coach Gerry Collis for 17 years before rising to the Head Coach position in 1984.

Coach Bowser's masterful 83–31–3 career record across 11 seasons will certainly be remembered as a golden age of Renegade athletics. Second to no other season, was the team's 1988 triumphs, where under Coach Bowser's leadership, the Renegades beat the undefeated Fullerton College Hornets to secure the 1988 Junior College Football Championship. Coach Bowser earned the esteemed title of Conference Coach of the Year four times, where his team won six Western State Conference titles, and earned seven Potato Bowl appearances before his retirement from the program in 1994.

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Coach Bowser was well-known for his rousing halftime and pre-game speeches. Yet his strong heart and easy laugh made him beloved by everyone who knew him. Under his leadership, the Bakersfield College football program thrived, and his influence continues to this day.

The hundreds of students and athletes he trained will never forget how Coach Bowser dedicated his life to fostering excellence on and off the field. Aware of the steep climb players face seeking professional football careers, Coach Bowser taught personal life discipline which would set his players up for success beyond football. His interest in the lives of his players both on and off the field makes this loss particularly difficult, serving as a reminder of his unique way of leading strongly but with grace and empathy.

On behalf of the 20th Congressional District, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Coach Bowser's family, the Bakersfield College community, and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING CHILD HEALTH COVERAGE COMPENSATION IN DIVORCE ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Child Health Coverage Compensation in Divorce Act of 2024. This bill would require that when a court directs a non-custodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance for a child, the other parent may get reimbursed directly from the insurer for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child incurred by such parent, regardless of the source of insurance.

In a divorce, one parent is typically court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, the other parent may pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child that are reimbursable by the insurer. Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, group health insurers are required to directly reimburse a parent who pays for reimbursable out-of-pocket medical expenses when the other parent has been court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, other health insurers are not required to reimburse the other parent directly. This bill would require all health insurers to provide such reimbursement.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BISHOP D.C. THOMAS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember an outstanding constituent from my district who recently passed away; Bishop D.C. Thomas. Bishop Thomas was born and raised in nearby Trenton, New Jersey, and worked tirelessly to positively impact his community for his entire life.

In 1985, Bishop Thomas developed an afterschool program to help elementary and middle school students in Trenton. But his efforts to assist Trenton's younger population did not stop there. Bishop Thomas also started a youth summer camp, which not only provided the children of Trenton with summer activities, but it also ensured that every attendee would be properly fed. Later, Bishop Thomas started a food delivery program that helped families in need. This mobile kitchen provided families throughout Trenton with consistent access to hot meals.

Perhaps Bishop Thomas's most impressive accomplishment is the Christian Home Better Life Development Center. This center began as an uninhabitable home, but through his tireless work, was transformed into a rehabilitation center. Without any subsidies or grants, Bishop Thomas helped over 300 individuals battling drug and alcohol addictions by working to turn their lives around. Today many individuals who once passed through its doors are employed and married with families.

We are eternally grateful for the work that Bishop D.C. Thomas has demonstrated throughout his life and our community is a better place because of his extraordinary service. May he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE FRANK W. CHEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of the Honorable Frank W. Chen, who passed away on July 18, 2024. Judge Chen formerly served as a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Superior Court in California.

Frank was born in Taipei, Taiwan on November 11, 1963, to his parents William and May Chen. Frank moved to the United States at the age of 4 where he settled in Schenectady, New York and graduated from Mohonassen Senior High School. Following his graduation, Frank attended Stanford University and graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He went on to graduate from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 1988 and started his career as a litigation attorney in Los Angeles that same year after being admitted to the California State Bar.

Frank met Chen-Yen in December of 1999 and in September 2000, they got married and moved to San Marino, CA. They welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Chen in 2003 and then second child, Natalina Chen in 2005. Anyone who knew Frank knew that his family meant more to him than anything else. He worked tirelessly to support his family first and foremost and to ensure that they could also pursue their passions to the fullest.

Frank is well-known for his pro bono legal work in combating abusive litigation. He received awards for his volunteer work with state and local prosecutors, local elected officials, legislators, and the State Bar of California. In 2003, Frank was named a recipient of California Lawyer Magazine's Attorney of the Year (CLAY). That same year, Frank was a recipient of the Asian Pacific American Legal

Center of Southern California's Pro Bono Service Award for his work in coordinating a unique and sweeping defense to abusive litigation brought by the Trevor Law Group of Beverly Hills.

Since 2005, Frank has been recognized eleven times as a Southern California Super Lawyer and three times in the National Super Lawyers Business Edition. He was also named one of Pasadena Magazine's Top Attorneys from 2010–2018. Frank first became interested in judicial service while working as a volunteer Temporary Judge for the Los Angeles County Superior Court beginning in 2005 where he presided over small claims. In December 2018, Frank was elected by the judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court to become the Los Angeles Superior Court's Court Commissioner. Frank became the Los Angeles Superior Court's third Taiwanese-born judicial officer and was the fifth nationwide.

Frank was also a well-respected leader in his community. He was a former president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) and the Taiwanese American Lawyers Association (TALA). He served as a trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) and as a board member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (APABA). Frank was also a proud blood donor to local American Red Cross blood banks. He also was a supporter of many online musicians within the Twitch music community and greeted audiences for the past three years as a moderator, fan and friend. Frank was also a faithful member of San Marino Community Church where he served as an Elder and recently joined the Chancel Choir with his wife.

He is survived by many loving family members, including his wife Chun-Yen, son Nathaniel, daughter Natalina, parents William and May Chen, brother Henry Chen and sister-in-law Julie, and nephew Matthew and niece Natalie. May his memory serve as an inspiration to all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMHERST H. WILDER FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, Minnesota on its 100th anniversary of providing community mental health and wellness services. For 100 years, this non-profit organization has provided vital and supportive mental health services to children and families in Saint Paul.

Wilder's Child Guidance Clinic was founded in 1924 as one of the first of its kind in the Nation. It is an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children and their families and is nationally acclaimed for its treatment as well as its training center. Serving children who are experiencing emotional distress, it is one of the oldest continuously operated children's clinics in the country.

Currently, Wilder provides outpatient mental health and wellness services for children,