

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING FRANK WHITE'S
106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Frank White on his 106th birthday and thank him for his incredible service to our country.

Frank White was born January 13, 1918, in the Pyrites in Saint Lawrence County. Frank traces his ancestry back to the French-Canadian Voyageurs which were some of the first settlers of Quebec. He served in the Civil Construction Corps for two years in the 1940s and served in the United States' Army in 1942 during the height of World War II. After his honorable discharge from the 2nd Infantry Division of Grand Island, New York, he went to the State University of New York at Canton's "Aggie School" before starting his own floral shop on Miner Street which continues to serve the community today.

Frank's love for nature extended beyond his work as a florist and into many other aspects of his life. It was not uncommon for Frank to take solo trips travelling along major rivers in the American West and Canadian wilderness in his free time. Frank's love for the water was incredibly strong and brought him to be one of the original paddlers in the first Rushton Race on May 20, 1962. This has become an annual tradition and a summer highlight for the town of Canton, New York, as they ate held just south of the town in Taylor Park every year.

In 1946, Frank married the love of his life, Beulah Crossman, and together they opened White's Flowers in 1950, which they operated for 34 years. The couple were well known within their community and enjoyed reading, camping, travel, and canoeing together.

After retiring from his floral shop in 1984, Frank took up model making, recreating classic vessels such as the USS *Constitution* and the VOC *Halfmoon*. His model of the USS *Constitution* was presented to Nathaniel Shick, a commanding officer of the vessel, who was so impressed by the model that he displayed it on the ship itself docked in Boston Harbor when he took command. Frank currently has models on display at the Canton Collection in the State University of New York at Canton and additionally at St. Lawrence University.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Frank White's 106th birthday and his incredible accomplishments. I thank him for his service to our great Nation and wish him many more happy birthdays to come.

CONGRATULATING THE WAYWARD

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Wayward in Savannah, Georgia for ranking number 6 on USA Today's top 10 list for best hotel bars.

The Wayward lies in the heart of Savannah's Historic District, housed in the new and charming Perry Lane Hotel. The Wayward is not your typical Savannah bar. It serves up a unique alternative rock feel, a refreshing change of pace that perfectly contrasts the coastal city.

This accomplishment is no small feat, as an expert panel chose 20 widely recognized bars known for their great atmosphere and mixology, and let USA Today readers vote on the top 10.

There are no limits to creativity at The Wayward. Patrons may enjoy items from the menu or rely on the skills of the mixologists to prepare unique flavor profiles. I am very proud to share this excitement with The Wayward and the City of Savannah.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ROY MITTIGA

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy F. Mittiga on his 100th birthday and to recognize his incredible service to our Nation during his time in the United States Army during World War II.

Roy was born on July 19, 1924, and raised in Massena, New York. Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 while still in high school. Roy attended basic training at Camp Robinson in Arkansas before being transferred to Camp Ellis in Illinois as he was assigned to a medical battalion as a Technician fourth grade, or Tec 4.

Landing on Utah Beach a few weeks after D-Day, Roy and his battalion treated and processed wounded soldiers as they were brought back from the front lines. Roy and his battalion accompanied Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, and George Patton to the Buchenwald Concentration Camp where they were assigned to assist those freed from the camp.

Discharged from military service in 1945, Roy was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Roy Mittiga's dedication and service to the United States is truly remarkable. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize him and his service.

HONORING MS. ALICE WOOD

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Alice Wood, for her work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she has made to the office this summer.

Alice is a student at Wake Forest University, where she is majoring in political science and double minoring in Spanish and English studies. After graduation, Alice wants to continue her education by attending law school.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Alice was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with her positive attitude and impressive work ethic.

It was a pleasure to work with Alice, and I am so proud to have such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office. She exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. Congratulations to Alice on this successful completion of her internship, and on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I thank her.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE TOWN OF SARANAC, NY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Saranac, New York on the bicentennial anniversary of its founding.

The Town of Saranac was founded in May of 1824 on a foundation of a love of the land, industry, and determination that carried in their community. The industrial enterprise that would take root there helped to meet America's need for iron, glass, and timber for years to come. This included the creation of Redford Crown Glass work, which by 1832, only 8 years after the town's creation, was producing \$78,000 worth of glass per year. Additionally, Saranac's location along the Grand River made them an ideal candidate for other industries such as the many forges which developed along the riverside. This incredible development continued to expand, encompassing logging operations throughout the Grand River and as well as newly constructed rail lines which serviced the growing town.

Saranac is home to the only Civil War monument in Clinton County, one which honors the 16th New York Cavalry Regiment which drew 416 brave men from Saranac. The 40-foot monument stands tall a reminder of our commitment to the union and remember

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the men who fought to preserve it. The monument features an inscription honoring the five men from Saranac who volunteered to be a part of the special force of 25 soldiers that apprehended John Wilkes Booth following his assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. These men's dedication to the United States and to the preservation of our union will not be forgotten.

Today, Saranac stands as the northeastern gateway to the Adirondack mountains and as an ideal location for skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The town's proud history stands as a testament to the industrious and hard-working nature of Upstate New Yorkers and of all Americans. I look forward to the celebrations being hosted by the town this summer and upcoming fall to honor this momentous event such as Bicentennial Kids' Day and the Bicentennial Field Day. These celebrations importantly remind us of our shared history and the historic journey of the Town of Saranac. I am eager to see this town's incredible future and am sure that the next two hundred years will be as bright as the past two hundred.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the town of Saranac on the bicentennial anniversary of their founding.

HONORING EULESS POLICE CHIEF
MIKE BROWN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Euleless Police Chief Mike Brown's 50-year career in law enforcement and congratulate him on his retirement. A native of Euleless, Chief Brown obtained an associate's degree from Tarrant County Junior College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from North Texas University.

Chief Brown started his career in law enforcement with the Richland Hills Police Department where he worked as a police dispatcher and officer before moving to the Euleless Police Department in 1975. He has served in a variety of roles throughout his career, including as a Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator, D.A.R.E. Office, Patrol Sergeant, Crime Prevention Sergeant, Community Service Sergeant, Administrative Sergeant for Internal Affairs, and Patrol Lieutenant. According to his colleagues, Chief Brown has always demonstrated the highest level of professionalism in performing his assignments and responsibilities.

In 2003, Chief Brown accepted a new role as the Chief of Police for the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth. In February 2007, Brown began his service as Euleless Police Chief. He has never failed to put our community first and has been recognized for his outstanding service throughout his career: in 1984, he was named Euleless Police Department Officer of the Year and in 1996, he was named Texas Citizen Police Academy Officer of the Year. Brown was also honored as the Hurst Post Veterans of Foreign Wars Officer of the Year in 1980 and 1984.

As a Sergeant, Chief Brown developed the Euleless Police Department's first "Community

Policing Plan," which continues to benefit our community today through initiatives such as the town's first Citizens' Police Academy, as well as Neighborhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol, Community Emergency Response Teams, Youth Engagement, and National Night Out. In addition to supporting law enforcement officers, these programs have greatly benefited North Texas families. Since the inception of the Citizens Police Academy, the department has successfully conducted 39 classes with over 500 citizens participating. This is just one of the many examples of how Chief Brown's leadership has fostered stronger connections between the police and the public.

Our community is safer thanks to Chief Mike Brown's decades of service. As he enters retirement, he leaves behind a profound legacy that will continue to benefit Euleless for years to come. I'd like to thank Chief Brown for his dedication to protecting North Texans and I wish him the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING JEFF KOLE AND
DIANA MORRISON

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Kole and Diana Morrison for their achievements as the 2024 honorees of the Junior Achievement Savannah Business Hall of Fame.

Jeff Kole is the President of Kole Investment Company and has been actively involved in improving the Savannah community through numerous boards and charity organizations.

In addition, he is the founding facilitator and Board Chair of East Savannah United, a nonprofit that will be opening a new library and children's center next year.

Diana Morrison is the Founder and CEO of Ad Specialty. She built her successful business up from just the trunk of her car.

Diana contributes her time to many organizations in the Savannah area and has been honored by the Savannah Chamber of Commerce twice for her accomplishments. We are proud to have leaders like Jeff and Diana in our district and wish them both the very best.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF GREGORY TIMMONS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gregory Robert Timmons for his years of service to Clinton County and the Town of Peru. Greg spent his entire life selflessly serving his community in many different roles.

Greg was born in Plattsburgh, New York in 1955. At the age of 18, he began working for the Town of Peru. In 1995, Greg replaced his father, Robert Timmons, as Water and Sewer Superintendent. Retiring in 2015 after more than 40 years of service to Peru, Greg continued to enjoy serving his community.

Greg also followed in his father's footsteps when he joined the Peru Volunteer Fire De-

partment where he took on many roles including Fire Chief, Fire Investigator, New York State Fire Instructor, Fire Commissioner, and Clinton County Car 5. Greg excelled during his service in the fire department, winning many awards for his incredible dedication to serving the Town of Peru. His wealth of knowledge was extraordinary and led him to be one of the best fire instructors in the state. Over the past 30 years he has taught some component of fire instruction to almost every firefighter in the county.

Greg was considered the "first call" for his family and friends. Whenever anyone needed anything, Greg was there with advice, assistance, or to lend a listening ear. With all the accolades he received over his years of public service, he was most proud to be a husband, a father, and a grandfather. His love for his family was truly boundless and he could often be seen taking time to share his wisdom with his grandchildren or waiting to bring home one of Pasquale's pizzas to his wife Debbie.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Greg for his incredible life of service to the Town of Peru, Clinton County, and the North Country.

RECOGNIZING THE READY SET
BACK 2 SCHOOL HEALTH AND
WELLNESS FAIR

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th annual Ready Set Back 2 School Health and Wellness Fair. The Ready Set Back 2 School Fair is an annual event that plays a vital role in meeting the needs of children throughout the Kern County community. The Kern County Department of Child Support Services hosts the event to provide students and families with the resources they need for a successful school year. Every August, eight fairs take place across Kern County, providing support including new backpacks to over 3,000 children and their families.

Over the past 15 years, the fairs have benefited over 46,000 children in the community. For more than a decade, volunteers and staff with the Ready Set Back 2 School Fair have been steadfast in their commitment to improving the well-being of students. During the events, children can receive essential immunizations, learn about car safety, and obtain other important school supplies. Parents also have an opportunity to learn about a range of local resources available in Kern County, including healthcare, child support, and employment services. The Ready Set Back 2 School Fair is open to all throughout the community and has been a critical resource for families facing financial challenges. It is because of the dedication and hard work of the fair's staff and volunteers that children in our community are able to return to school each year, well-prepared and ready to learn.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 15th annual Ready Set Back 2 School Health and Wellness Fair hosted by the Kern County Department of Child Support Services. Their work to improve the lives of Central Valley students and families will be felt for generations to come.