

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ENSURING AI DEEPFAKES DON'T UNDERMINE ELECTIONS

HON. JAKE LaTURNER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, Artificial Intelligence is an incredible tool that is only becoming more accessible, powerful, and impactful. With all the good this emerging technology provides our society, it also has its downfalls. It's easier than before for bad actors to make A.I. generated deepfakes to deceive the public and spread false information about elected officials and political candidates. Anyone with a laptop can create realistic images, videos, and audio clips depicting events that did not occur. This poses a threat to our security and could harm our election systems, and developers should be held liable for the harms they cause. As a Member of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, I will continue to work to ensure AI-generated deepfakes are not undermining our local, state, and federal elections.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN HUDSON

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan Hudson of the Navajo Nation, who is a 2024 NEA National Heritage Fellow. Hudson is an activist storyteller who weaves the saga of her community into quilts that are masterpieces.

Hudson learned to sew out of necessity at the age of 9. Her mother and grandmother passed on the sewing skills they had been forced to learn in boarding schools. In line with the tradition of resistance and resilience, she transformed a painful heirloom into a storytelling tool. In a break from traditional quilting, Hudson makes ledger art that depicts the history and modern challenges facing indigenous people. Additionally, Hudson co-founded the Navajo Quilt Project, which donates fabric to elders.

This initiative has engaged community members, empowered small business owners, and been instrumental in the construction of quilts for traditional ceremonies and donations. Hudson's work has won many prizes and is included in many renowned museums across the country such as International Quilt Museum, Heard Museum, Autry Western Museum, Riverside Museum, and National Museum of the American Indian.

I want to congratulate and thank Ms. Hudson for her tremendous contribution to our collective heritage and her commitment to tell her own stories and the stories of her community.

KEYSTONE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Keystone Christian Education Association (KCEA) on the auspicious occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

The KCEA was founded on September 17, 1974, in a restaurant meeting room. Since that time, KCEA's mission statement—"To Protect and Promote Christian Education"—has been active and well, to say the least. Access to statewide events while promoting and protecting Christian education, KCEA has provided tremendous value to its students and families.

With the continued, increased, and overreaching influence of the federal government in public education, now more than ever is the time to support families that choose Christian schooling over traditional education; the KCEA embodies that sentiment. The spirit and mission of KCEA is exactly what our Founders had in mind when drafting our Constitution, to guarantee religious freedom against any suppressive federal government.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Keystone Christian Education Association on its 50th Anniversary. On behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District, I wish them continued success in providing optimal education resources for students, and maintaining excellence.

CELEBRATING THE 202ND ANNIVERSARY OF BRAZILIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 202nd Anniversary of Brazilian Independence.

On September 7, 2024, Brazil celebrated the 202nd anniversary of its independence, marking over two centuries since it declared freedom from Portuguese rule in 1822. This day highlights Brazil's rich cultural heritage, storied history, and enduring pursuit of sovereignty and liberty. As a regional leader in South America, Brazil continues to be an ally and economic partner, demonstrating leadership in promoting democratic values throughout the region.

Brazilian immigrants, with their vibrant spirit, warmth, and countless contributions, are not just a part of our cultural landscape but the architects of a more diverse and enriched American society. Their rich music, dance, and cuisine traditions, combined with their entrepreneurial drive, have significantly shaped our

Nation, fostering greater understanding, unity, and community connections.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending warm wishes for a joyous Brazilian Independence Day filled with pride and celebration. May this occasion inspire continued collaboration and success between our nations.

CONGRATULATING STAFF SERGEANT JASON TABANSKY FOR WINNING GOLD AT THE 2024 PARIS SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brownsville native, Staff Sergeant Jason Tabansky, for his outstanding accomplishment of winning gold in the Men's Individual W-1 Paralympic Archery on September 1, 2024, at the Paris 2024 Summer Paralympic Games.

Staff Sergeant Jason Tabansky, a decorated veteran, honorably served in the U.S. Army for over 15 years in active duty. During his tenure in the Army, Staff Sergeant Tabansky displayed great courage and continues to show the world that with strength, perseverance, and dedication one can overcome any obstacle and become a victor in their field. Mr. Tabansky has exemplified great athleticism and inspired countless Americans to face their challenges head on and work hard to reach their goals. His accomplishments are a lesson to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mr. Tabansky on winning a gold medal at the 2024 Summer Paralympic Games. I thank him for his service to our country and for making our community in South Texas all incredibly proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen circumstance, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 1130. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 405.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE HARRY E. SCHULTZ COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the momentous opening of the

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Harry E. Schultz Community Center on Buffalo's West Side.

Since its opening in 2013, the Veterans One-Stop Center of Western New York has been a place where our community's veterans and their families can access the wrap-around services and support they need. From a fully functional fitness center to high-quality counseling and legal services, VOSC truly does it all. Today, the VOSC has added even more to its extensive list of services and offerings by officially opening the Harry E. Schultz Community Center, a one-of-a-kind facility that will greatly benefit Western New York veterans.

The facility bears the name of the late Harry E. Schultz, one of the strongest anchors of support for our Western New York Veteran community.

Born in Western New York on November 25, 1951, Harry enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, where he would serve his country for almost four years. Harry's service to his country was just beginning, following his retirement from the military, he began to "pay it forward" by supporting other veterans. Before becoming one of the founding members of the Veterans One-Stop Center, Harry spent over three decades in services to veterans, including with VSOs such as Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Harry and his colleagues came together to create the VOSC after experiencing their own difficulties trying to navigate the benefits and services available to Veterans. They saw firsthand how important it was to have wrap-around services available to veterans in one place.

With the opening of the Harry E. Schultz Community Center, veterans will be able to relax, unwind, and connect with fellow veterans, completely free of charge. Harry's incredible legacy of serving fellow veterans is now even more cemented, and will no doubt continue to inspire future generations to serve their peers.

We honor the late Harry E. Schultz, the establishment of this wonderful community center in his memory, and his unwavering dedication to serving our community and its veterans. Please join me in remembering Mr. Schultz's extraordinary life of service and community leadership in Buffalo.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. JOHN TELLES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of John Telles, a true son of the San Joaquin Valley whose journey began as he left the halls of Los Banos High School in 1966. Dr. Telles' path has been one of unwavering dedication, passion, and service to both medicine and his community.

After earning his chemistry degree from the University of California, Davis, in 1970, Dr. Telles ventured to the bustling Texas Medical Center in Houston, to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor at Baylor College of Medicine. Inspired by the pioneering work in cardiovascular care of Dr. Michael DeBakey, Dr.

Telles embarked on a journey that would shape the course of his career.

From his internship at the University of Cincinnati Medical School to his residency at the University of Rochester in New York, Dr. Telles honed his skills and expertise, laying the foundation for his future endeavors. His Fellowship in Cardiology at UCLA Harbor General Hospital under the mentorship of Dr. Michael Criley was a formative experience.

In 1979, Dr. Telles joined Cardiovascular Associates as a Board-Certified Cardiologist, where he became an integral part of a team committed to excellence in patient care. Over the next four decades, he dedicated himself to practicing cardiology at St. Agnes Hospital, leaving an indelible mark on the field. Dr. Telles' pioneering spirit extended into the evolving field of Electrophysiology where he spearheaded the development of an electrophysiology program at St. Agnes Hospital, and he became the first Board Certified Electrophysiologist in Fresno.

Dr. Telles sought to address the broader issues impacting cardiovascular health in the San Joaquin Valley. His leadership as President of the Fresno-Madera Medical Society and as Chairman of Cardiology at St. Agnes Hospital underscored his commitment to improving healthcare delivery. Dr. Telles, together with his colleagues, established The Fresno Heart Hospital expanding the number of beds and services for patient care in the valley.

Beyond the walls of the hospital, Dr. Telles championed efforts to address air quality issues in the Valley. His service on the San Joaquin Valley Pollution Control District Board in Fresno and his three years' service on the California Air Resources Control Board in Sacramento, highlighted his dedication to the well-being of his community.

Over the past four decades, Dr. Telles and The Heart Group have worked tirelessly to expand their practice, committed to Serving patients across Fresno and Clovis, ensuring that individuals throughout the Valley receive the highest standard of cardiovascular care.

Through leadership and vision, The Heart Group, has transformed the landscape of cardiac care, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.

Amidst his professional achievements, Dr. Telles has found strength and support in his beloved family. Alongside his devoted wife, Jolene, he has raised four sons: Connor, Kyle, Rainer and Finn, who have returned to the Valley, bringing with them their talents and dedication to reinvest in their hometown.

As Dr. Telles embarks on this new chapter of his life, let us express our deepest gratitude for his immeasurable contributions to cardiovascular healthcare in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in commemorating the phenomenal career of Dr. John Telles.

RECOGNIZING THE DECORATED CAREER AND BIRTHDAY OF JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT RANDY WHITE

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, whether something's ablaze in your house or there's a

hot button issue in Jacksonville, there's one man you can depend on to put out the fire.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacksonville's City Council President, Randy White for 70 stellar years on this planet Earth. A lifelong public servant, Councilman White embodies the spirit of Northeast Florida. Councilman White is a family man with two children and 5 grandchildren. However, his 32-year career with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department shows that he views the entirety of Jacksonville as his family.

After three decades of putting out fires and rescuing cats from trees, one might think that Councilman White would be tired. But no. Instead, he championed the growth of Cecil Field and public safety in Jacksonville.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Councilman Randy White for his decades of public service. Jacksonville is truly a much better place because of Councilman White. Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ZUNI OLLA MAIDENS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Zuni Olla Maidens for the critical role they play in Zuni culture, establishing themselves as ambassadors for all Pueblo communities and proving that traditions are not only necessary for the soul but all future generations.

The Zuni Olla Maidens perform a delicate dance that includes jars or ollas balanced on top of their heads. It is breathtaking to watch. For this beautiful dance, they have been rightfully honored as 2024 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellows.

The dance brings together the beauty of the music together with colors and jewelry and clothing to bring beauty to our world. There is a power in this ceremony that flows before the singing, the drums and the rattles. The Zuni songs remind us how small we are in this world and that we need to remember the origins and culture of our people and our homes.

I am honored to recognize the significance of these matriarchs. Where there are powerful women, there are powerful families and communities. Let the traditions of the Zuni people ring forever in the halls of Congress.

SEPTEMBER 2023 CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize community leader and Solana Beach resident Lisa Montes as my September 2023 Constituent of the Month.

Lisa is a descendent of the original Mexican families of La Colonia de Eden Gardens, and she has a passion for giving back to her community that was instilled in her by her ancestors. I know she is making them proud today. Lisa devotes her time and effort to numerous