

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF MARGARET M. MEDELLIN

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2024*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life and incomparable spirit of Margaret "Marge" M. Medellin, an inspiration and trailblazer of public service.

Born on October 8, 1937, to Mary and James Martinez, Marge was a lifetime resident of Madera, California. As a child, she discovered her love of reading and learning, laying the foundation of her 46-year career at the Madera County Office of Education beginning in July 1956. Married in July 1957 to Victor M. Medellin, Marge and Victor raised four children. They were blessed with 35 years of marriage before his passing in 1991.

Dedication to her community and a call to service led her to run for Madera City Council. Beginning her campaigning in 1977, she won her first term as the First Councilwoman in the City of Madera. This was Marge's first step in her successful political journey spanning 1978 to 2002. Winning her second term in 1982 and elected as mayor of Madera on April 20th, Marge was recognized as California's First Hispanic Female Mayor in the State of California. She served for two consecutive terms and an additional 4-year term.

In December 2016, Marge and her son, Andy Medellin, made history when she swore him in as the mayor of Madera. They are believed to be the first mother and son duo that have been elected mayor of the same city in California.

Marge's passion for learning and love of helping people was not limited to her career in office. Serving on countless boards and commissions, she worked to understand and assist residents of the Central Valley. She was a founding member of the Pan American Club which provides college scholarships for young Hispanic students. She was also a founding member of Latinas Unidas which empowers young Hispanic women.

In Marge's passing, we celebrate a life that has left an indelible mark on the world and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Marge's legacy lives on in her family: son, Paul Medellin and Frances Harris; Rick Medellin and Fiancé Tammy Parnow; Andy and Marsela Medellin; daughter Teri (Medellin) and Sid Greene; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and all who mourn the loss of this remarkable Californian. May we draw inspiration from Marge Medellin, a catalyst of change and beloved friend to the Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Marge Medellin, a true pioneer, advocate, and mentor.

## RECOGNIZING MR. JULES GOUDY

### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2024*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jules D. Goudy, a native Hoosier, and a World War II veteran whose unique contribution as a bugler brought both service and music to the war effort.

Born in 1925, Mr. Goudy enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 4, 1943, in Indianapolis, Indiana, ready to serve his country in a time of great need. Assigned as a bugler in the 343rd Regiment, Mr. Goudy played a key role in maintaining the morale of his fellow soldiers. The sound of his bugle not only communicated critical orders but also brought comfort and unity to troops during some of the war's darkest moments.

Music has always had the power to inspire and heal, and Mr. Goudy's service as a bugler did just that. In times of uncertainty and hardship, his bugle calls served as a reminder of home, resilience, and the camaraderie that bound these men together. Whether signaling the start of a new day or honoring the fallen, his music was a source of strength and hope.

Mr. Goudy's enlistment during World War II reflected his dedication to both his nation and his fellow soldiers. A high school graduate, Mr. Goudy left his civilian life behind to serve for the duration of the war and beyond, ensuring that his service did not end until victory was secured.

On behalf of the people of Indiana's 5th District, I thank Mr. Jules D. Goudy for his service to our Nation, for the music he brought to the battlefield, and for the lasting impact he had on his fellow soldiers. His dedication will forever be remembered.

## PROTECTING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

### HON. JAKE ELLZEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2024*

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Newhouse for bringing H.R. 9456 to the House floor, and for his good work leading the Western Caucus.

The Chinese Communist Party is infiltrating America. Over the last decade the CCP has spread its tentacles into our backyards by the purchase of airable lands—the very ranches and farmlands we need to feed our country and the world.

Their acquisitions of agricultural land in the U.S. have increased tenfold, posing a serious threat to our national security, economic stability, and food supply.

We can better protect ourselves from foreign adversaries, like the CCP, through support

of Mr. Newhouse's H.R. 9456, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act.

This bill would prohibit foreign adversaries, such as the CCP, from buying U.S. agricultural land.

Just like making sure weeds do not overtake a field, this legislation better allows us to weed out bad foreign actors from our ag lands.

By passing this legislation, Congress is standing firm against our adversaries and making it clear: we have the backs of the American people. We are taking a strong stance to protect our land, our economy, and our food supply from foreign enemies like the CCP.

This is a direct action to safeguard our Nation's future, and we will not allow those who seek to harm us to gain control over America's agricultural resources. We're not just strengthening our defenses—we're sending a message that we will always stand against those who threaten our security and way of life.

I urge my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

God bless our farmers and ranchers.

## RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL SANITATION FOUNDATION

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2024*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) on the 80th anniversary of their founding. For the last 8 decades, NSF has been setting the standards for food and water sanitation in Michigan, North America, and around the world, and their contributions to the health of our people and our planet is worthy of commendation.

NSF was founded in 1944 by Walter Snyder, Henry Vaughan, and Nathan Sinai as a part of the University of Michigan School of Public Health in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Shortly afterwards the NSF formed the Council of Public Health Consultants, which introduced NSF Standards 1 and 2, marking the inception of food equipment standards in the United States. To date, NSF has developed more than 80 public health and safety standards that have been accepted by the American National Standards Institute.

In the decades since, the mission of NSF has become much larger and more diversified. They now not only have a Food Division, but also Health Sciences, Consumer Products, and Biological Safety. Education and training in food safety, water, health sciences, and consumer products is also offered to those in the industries. Serving manufacturers operating in over 180 countries, NSF has earned the Collaborating Center designations by the World Health Organization (WHO) for Food

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and Water Safety and Indoor Environment. Its 1,200+ staff includes microbiologists, toxicologists, chemists, engineers, food safety specialists, food scientists and public health professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring NSF for their accomplishments over the last 80 years. Their commitment to public health, safety, and the protection of the environment has fundamentally changed how the world operates, and their influence is crucial as we try to tackle the challenges facing our people and the planet in the 21st century. We thank them for their dedication and are excited to see the developments they make over the next 80 years. Thank you to NSF.

## U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 2024*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, history has a way of “upending” best laid plans or the logical outcome; the wishful thinking; or even the old admonition that “things work for the best”.

It was a beautiful calm day . . . until it wasn’t—at 4:30 a.m. in Charleston on April 12, 1861; 7:55 a.m. Honolulu time on December 7, 1941; at 8:46 a.m. on that spectacular early fall day of September 11, 2001; and, horrifically, at 5:07 a.m. on an overcast cold morning of February 22, 2022, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Wishful thinking is not a strategy.

Across our Nation there is a growing movement of wishful thinking that somehow the United States is best when isolated from the world’s woes of war, and authoritarian communism and radical religious fanatics who are “committed to the death” of America or Western Values.

I witness it on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I see and hear it in both mainstream and social media.

And I am face to face with it in regular conversations at home in Arkansas.

The consistent line goes something like this:

We should give no money to other nations because we are running huge deficits.

We should only spend national security money here on our borders and our defense, not the defense of some other nation’s freedom or their sovereign borders.

We should abandon the United Nations because our contributions there just fund those who hate us.

We must end our support of Ukraine as Putin has no beef with us; Ukraine and Crimea are Russia’s anyway; and Ukraine is a failed, corrupt state.

Some even argue why bother to continue to support Taiwan—it belongs to China anyway.

Of course, these type of arguments are not new.

We have faced these movements as a part of our politics since our founding.

In stark contrast, without allied financial support, no one denies that there would simply be no United States of America.

Our beacon on liberty would have been still born.

Yet thankfully the Continental Congress took the risk based on Benjamin Franklin’s wise ob-

servation that “we must all hang together, or most assuredly we will hang separately” by dispatching Dr. Franklin and John Adams to French Court and the Dutch bankers, respectively, to achieve essential military and financial aid.

In a modern context we have learned the age-old maxim that appeasement does not work—and, as successive U.S. Presidents in both political parties have urged: peace is, in fact, achieved through strength.

Appeasement of Hitler was advocated by many in the 1930s, including famous Americans, flyer Charles Lindbergh and FDR’s own ambassador to the United Kingdom, JFK’s father, Joseph Kennedy.

These partners in a Munich Mentality were in stunned silence after Hitler’s invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Appeasement coupled with weak, ineffective security capabilities—demonstrated by history, and reality—result in failure, misery and subjugation.

So, we must ask ourselves, what is the response to these arguments by these successors of Lindbergh?

Yes, our federal spending levels are unsustainable. We all agree on this.

And, yes, I will also agree that there could be tremendous improvements in the scope and effectiveness of U.S. defense spending.

But, our support of our allies’ freedom, strategic foreign aid in key regions, and our global military and economic leadership are not driving our deficits.

Our deficits are driven by our unreformed mandatory spending programs and big government advocates that continue to initiate new massive, multitrillion dollar federal spending programs as well as enormous, often overdone and poorly structured federal intervention as in the 2008 financial crisis or the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

Such intervention is always clouded by the fog of the “unknown unknowns” of the particular predicament.

To those Americans that continue to resist NATO, the United Nations, and are cool on our allies in Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan, my message to them is that these institutions and alliances are a key to peace through strength.

America is a less prosperous place when we abdicate leadership. Global leadership without the United States is a “Venn Diagram” with no intersection. And, very importantly, to be successful, peace through strength is not achieved alone.

And this is the lesson of the post-Cold War decades. Looking at the world through the lens of the post war period of 1945 to 1995 is a mistake.

We now reside in a multipolar world with changing alliances and new risks.

The binary choice of Soviet Union vs. United States is dead.

In that post war period, the United States rode in as the cavalry in any conflict pitched as counter to our national interests or “the heads we win, tails you lose” cold conflict with the Soviets.

Today, achieving open seas, improved trade market access, deterrence of warfare and invasion on land, under the sea, in space or via a computer network are all at the core of the U.S. led global order.

But in a multipolar environment, accomplishing these agreed upon outcomes require more complex diplomacy and partnership.

To be against the global order is to be for chaos and expanding threats and destruction.

This will result in fewer sales and fewer jobs for the world’s largest economy and her families—us, our home, our country, the United States.

I believe that to be for America First, then one must support U.S. diplomacy crafting flexible alliances that while built on the foundations of the post war period, are in no way nostalgic.

Standing against this global order of open seas, open markets, deterrence of invasion of sovereign nations, safe and secure use of cyber and space are the self-described “axis of resistance”—China, Russia, Iran, North Korea.

And, in my view, their very active proxies around the world: state actors like Cuba, Syria, and Belarus, and nonstate fundamentalist terror groups like Hezbollah, Hamas, Al Qaeda, ISIS; and the Houthis.

Their coordinated malevolence has only grown since the 2002 now almost quaint description by President George W. Bush of this group of actors as the “axis of evil.”

Unfortunately, through “resets, unenforced red lines, and appeasement, the Obama Administration empowered this axis of resistance and any constraints imposed by Trump officials have, for the most part, been dismantled by the Obama 2.0 policies by the Biden-Harris administration.

Iran sells 80 percent of its oil—free from sanctions by President Biden—to China.

Iran takes this funding, and additional funds freed by President Biden in frozen accounts in South Korea and Iraq and uses it to build its weapons arsenal and spread its disorder:

Sending drones and missiles to Russia to kill Ukrainians.

Sending Shia militia to Iraq and Syria to protect the murderous Assad regime, and to kill Americans along with Syrian women and children.

Sending missiles and targeting technology to the Houthi rebels in Yemen to kill Yemenis, attack cargo ships and U.S. and Allied vessels in the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

Sending money and weapons to Hamas in the Gaza Strip to kill Israelis and start the now 11-month long war.

Sending millions of dollars in weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon to attack and kill Israelis and, ensure that beautiful Lebanon is a bankrupt, failed state.

China and North Korea are aiding Russia with material necessary for its continued economic advance as it bombs children’s hospitals in Ukraine.

North Korea and Iran continue to advance their offensive nuclear weapon capabilities.

And, in the midst of its invasion of Ukraine, Russia, according to public reporting, is launching a nuclear weapon in space in violation of treaties and as a threat to the entire global civilization.

The December 1950 Time magazine quoted one of Putin’s role models, Lenin as saying—“the road to Paris lies through Peking” signaling Russia will partner with China to advance global domination of communism.

Never has it been more true.

These new authoritarian axis powers have set out to achieve global domination by way of countering the United States and the rule of law and by poisoning the minds of millions with cyber warfare propaganda.