

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. MICHAEL NORMAN

**HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition and honor of Dr. Michael Norman, for his contributions to Christian Music and leadership at the 2024 State of the Church Summit, in Miami, Florida.

Whereas, Dr. Michael Norman, the second of five siblings, born in Orlando, Florida, to Carey and Mary Norman, has displayed exceptional talents and contributions throughout his life; and

Whereas, from the tender age of five, Michael exhibited prodigious skills in playing the piano, evolving into the primary church musician by the age of eight, laying the foundation for his future as a performer, orator, and proficient leader; and

Whereas, Michael's journey began as a gifted musician, attributing his musical prowess to his mother's prayers and divine intervention, turning away from potential pitfalls during the challenging times of the 80s; and

Whereas, his remarkable musical journey has culminated in numerous accolades, including multiple awards for Best New Artist, highlighting his ability to resonate with diverse audiences through the universal language of music; and

Whereas, Dr. Michael Norman is a native of Orlando, Florida, and, for the past 25 years, has been in a sacred union with Prophetess Francina Norman, demonstrating a commitment to marital bliss and spiritual partnership. Dr. Norman and Prophetess Francina Norman have traversed the globe, establishing churches, overseeing ministries, and providing valuable consultation to Pro Athletes, Celebrities, and Political figures, contributing to the betterment of societies both foreign and domestic; and

Whereas, Dr. Michael Norman, alongside his cherished wife Francina, serves as pastors of The Movement Church in Orlando, FL, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the spiritual growth and well-being of their community; and

Whereas, Dr. Michael Norman holds a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Counseling, as well as an Honorary Doctorate from All Nations Christian University, attesting to his scholarly pursuits and commitment to expanding his knowledge for the betterment of others; and

Whereas, Dr. Michael Norman is the esteemed founder of MCN Productions International, a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence in the realms of recording artistry and production; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FedERICA S. Wilson, a member of the United

States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, recognize Dr. Michael Norman's outstanding accomplishments, unwavering commitment to community, and his dedication to the betterment of individuals and relationships.

HONORING DANIEL EAGLE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Eagle, an officer with the Clearlake Police Department. I have named Mr. Eagle as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Eagle was born in Clearlake, California, and grew up in Lake County, California, graduating from Middletown High School in 2013. Mr. Eagle attended college in New Mexico where he obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management.

From an early age, Mr. Eagle had the desire to become a police officer and to help our community. Today, at the Clearlake Police Department, Mr. Eagle serves as a police officer, field training officer and canine handler. Mr. Eagle has been with his canine partner, Zeus, for several years now. Mr. Eagle is also the president of the Police Officer Association and enjoys working with local leaders on community improvement projects.

Mr. Eagle has a passion for traffic enforcement and investigations. This includes infractions such as driving under the influence (DUI), stolen vehicles and traffic collisions. Mr. Eagle has conducted numerous DUI investigations which resulted in the prosecution of over 25 DUI arrests. For his selfless work, Mr. Eagle received an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2023. Mr. Eagle was also presented with the Law Enforcement and Prosecution Recognition award. Mr. Eagle's dedication to our community continues as he strives to address traffic-related issues within the city of Clearlake, making it a safer place to live, work and visit.

Outside of his service, Mr. Eagle enjoys playing golf with friends, restoring vehicles and participating in off-road activities. Mr. Eagle is proudly married to Taylor Eagle and is the father of a 2-year-old daughter named Brinley.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Eagle for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

**HON. BURGESS OWENS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary achievements of the Salt Lake Community College Cross Country program, a testament to the dedication, hard work, and indomitable spirit of Utah's student-athletes. In just 18 short months since its inception, Salt Lake Community College's Cross Country program has soared to remarkable heights. The women's Cross-Country team achieved an outstanding 3rd place at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Cross Country National Championship, securing victory at the 2023 Scenic West Championship.

Equally impressive, the men's team claimed the 8th spot nationally and conquered the 2023 Scenic West Championship. Unsurprisingly, 77 percent of the women athletes and 65 percent of the men's team hail from the great state of Utah, showcasing the program's commitment to nurturing local talent. On November 11, 2023, the men's team displayed their prowess as Runner-Ups at the NJCAA National Championship in Huntsville, Alabama, with JQ Harris, an SLCC runner, clinching the men's Individual Championship.

The women's Cross-Country team went even further, securing not one but two national championships. On November 11, 2023, they triumphed at the NJCAA National Championship in Huntsville, Alabama, and two days later, they emerged victorious at the Half Marathon National Championship. These victories marked a historic moment for SLCC, claiming their first national championships in women's sports. The college now boasts an impressive tally of five national championships across women's and men's sports.

Behind this success are the dedicated coaches and leaders I would like to recognize: Head Coach Isaac Wood, named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year for Cross-Country; Assistant Coaches Kelsey Gilbert, Aiden Carlson, Tom Gruenewald; and Athletic Director Kevin Dustin.

As a former athlete and Chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee, I am proud of the Salt Lake Community College Cross Country program's remarkable achievements, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship, resilience, and dedication. I thank them for their example as their continued success inspires aspiring athletes across Utah and beyond.

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HONORING DR. TRAGIL WADE-JOHNSON

**HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tragil Wade-Johnson, a distinguished entrepreneur, philanthropist, inspirational speaker, life coach, and author.

Dr. Wade-Johnson has dedicated her life to the pursuit of improving the lives of others through education, empowerment, encouragement, and enlightenment. As the former caregiver and devoted sister to retired NBA Champion Dwyane Wade, her family's journey from tragedy to triumph inspired her to commit her life to supporting underprivileged youth. Dr. Wade-Johnson's passion for children led her to found America's Big Sisters Foundation which seeks to change the narrative for youth facing challenges similar to those she and her brother overcame.

Establishing America's Big Sisters Foundation in 2017 as a 501(c)3 organization, Dr. Wade-Johnson continues her mission to empower, encourage, and educate young ladies in underserved communities. The foundation's annual Empowerment Conference, uniting girls across backgrounds and providing strategies to overcome societal challenges, has grown exponentially, impacting the lives of thousands. With a city tour reaching multiple states, this visionary leader aspires to touch the lives of 2,500 girls in 2023 alone.

Dr. Wade-Johnson's educational achievements, including degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education, coupled with her certifications in ministry, leadership, and trauma-informed care, underscore her commitment to lifelong learning and personal development.

Her illustrious career path encompasses roles as a teacher, principal, and executive director, reflecting her diverse skill set and dedication to shaping young minds. Notably, as the Executive Director of Wade's World Foundation from 2006 to 2017, she led the organization in raising more than \$3.4 million and garnered numerous awards. Recognitions such as the BET Humanitarian Award, Woman of Excellence, and the Dr. Rita Marley Ambassador Award underscore her impactful presence in the philanthropic landscape.

Dr. Tragil Wade-Johnson's dedication to positive change and her unwavering commitment to uplifting the next generation epitomizes the transformative power of education, resilience, and compassionate leadership, inspiring us all to strive for a better future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Tragil Wade-Johnson for all she has achieved, and for her commitment, dedication and service to our community.

RECOGNIZING MS. AMY CHAVERS BOWDEN, OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Okaloosa County School District

Teacher of the Year. Ms. Amy Chavers Bowden, for her exceptional efforts in advancing youth education and dedication to positively impacting the lives of countless students at Antioch Elementary School.

A fourth-grade teacher, Ms. Bowden's reputation precedes her as a woman of motivation, kindness, inspiration, and most of all, an unwavering commitment to the betterment of her students. Her leadership with the Hope Squad, Drone Team, and Young Astronauts Club exemplifies her message that all children are capable of achieving success. Each Monday, the scent of freshly made hot chocolate fills her classroom as her students each contribute to their class newspaper, demonstrating elementary comradery made possible through a teacher who serves as a role model and leads by example. Ms. Bowden's aspiration to evoke joy in her students makes her beloved by her students.

I am proud to know that so many children in my district have had the opportunity to have been taught by Ms. Bowden. Her stated mission to change the world has certainly been achieved and her lessons of leadership are sure to remain through many generations to come. It is for these reasons that I congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHRISSY VALADEZ

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chrissy Valadez, a paramedic and fire captain with the Northshore Fire Protection. I have named Ms. Valadez as Public Safety Heroes of the Year from Lake County in California's 4th District because of her extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Ms. Valadez was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Robert and Tina Allen. She attended Mendocino College Fire Academy and Paramedic program and earned her associate degree in emergency management from Coastline College in Costa Mesa, California. Ms. Valadez began her career in 2003 with Lucerne Fire Department which consolidated and formed Northshore Fire Protection District in 2006. She has served as Northshore Fire Protection District's EMS Liaison since 2007. She is also a part of the Lake County Emergency Medical Care Committee and has been a Field Training Officer precepting paramedic interns since 2008. Having worked for nearly 21 years in Lake County, she has assisted in many of the major wildfires, including the 2018 Ranch Fire that devastated our community.

Ms. Valadez has been serving her community for over two decades. She teaches CPR to a wide range of community members including high school students and school staff. She's also been educating community and tribal organizations on Narcan administration, tackling the opioid crisis head-on. As the driving force behind the Every-15-Minutes program at Upper Lake High School, she has been helping students understand the dangers of driving under the influence. Ms. Valadez is currently finishing her bachelor's degree in science education with an end goal of teach-

ing health science and emergency medical services (EMS) to high school students.

Three years ago, Ms. Valadez started working on a new passion in her spare time. She serves as a Regional Advisor for International Student Exchange, facilitating and supporting high school students in Lake and Mendocino Counties who are studying abroad in the United States for a cultural exchange experience. She is a local point of contact for any inquiries and emergencies, ensuring that the students have a positive and enriching experience while adjusting to life in a new culture. Ms. Valadez also organizes events and activities to promote cultural exchange and community integration to better connect international students and their host communities.

When she is not on duty, Ms. Valadez enjoys spending time with her husband, Ronnie, and three daughters, Regan (14), Charlotte (9) and Clara (2). Her crew members at the firehouse describe her as a dedicated worker who does her best to provide solutions even in the most stressful of times. She is a wonderful daughter, a caring sister, an amazing mother and a loving wife, and our community is grateful for her hard work and service.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Valadez for her persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING LEE CAPLIN

**HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON**

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lee Caplin, a businessman and philanthropist.

As an attorney, entrepreneur, and educator, Mr. Caplin's contributions span over 25 years, including co-founding Penske Media and serving as the Special Assistant Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Duke University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia Law School, Mr. Caplin has been an influential figure in various fields, embodying a commitment to education, innovation, and the arts.

Mr. Lee Caplin generously donated \$10 million to Florida International University College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) to establish the CARTA Lee Caplin School of Journalism & Media, marking one of the most substantial contributions to a journalism and media program in the history of the State University System of Florida.

The donation will empower a multitude of initiatives to support students, encompassing the strengthening of the curriculum, faculty, and professional staff to ensure graduates are well-prepared for interdisciplinary, high-demand professions. Additionally, it will involve the enhancement of the renowned South Florida Media Network, now rebranded as Caplin News, providing immersive professional learning experiences with news bureaus in Miami and Washington, D.C. The initiative extends to the development of engaging and inclusive coursework, fostering an experiential "learn by doing" teaching philosophy and equipping students with essential skills to combat misinformation and disinformation. Furthermore, it