

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING DALVINDER MULTANI
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dalvinder Multani, who recently retired after 20 years of serving the House, five years as a Software AG contractor and fifteen years as the Director of Legislative Information Management Systems (LIMS) in the Office of the Clerk. In his job as the director of LIMS, Dal lead a team of highly skilled professionals responsible for developing, maintaining and supporting one of the most important applications used in the House, a system that records and tracks all legislative activities, creates official records, and disseminates legislative data to our partners, the Senate, the Government Publishing Office, and the Library of Congress's Congress.gov platform.

As the one in charge of LIMS, it was his duty to make certain that LIMS was operational and fully supported each and every day. Dal's depth and breadth of expertise in the products he managed as well as his understanding of the legislative process was invaluable in navigating multitudes of complex changes required of LIMS over the years of his tenure. He could always be counted on to respond to support requests in a timely and accurate manner, often during late nights and weekends. Dal was and is a consummate professional, excelled at his craft, and understood the importance of his mission to serve the House. He was always proud to serve this great institution.

Dal looks forward to retirement and spending time with his wife and family, traveling to our national parks, and dedicating more time to his second passion: performing arts and theatrical work. I wish Dalvinder Multani many years of health and a well-earned retirement. Congratulations to Dal.

HONORING RANDY KENDRICK

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Randy Kendrick for her many years of support and commitment to Arizona and our Nation.

For as long as I have known her, Randy has been a strong advocate and supporter of candidates and organizations that promote the values and principles that have made our Nation great.

In the early 2000s, I met Randy while I served as a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Federation of Tax-

payers, an organization that fought for low-taxes, opposed wasteful government spending, and supported free-market principles.

Randy not only advocates for common-sense policies like these in Arizona, but she supports conservative candidates, especially women candidates, from across the country. Before I ran for Congress, I attended events at Randy and Ken Kendrick's home, where Randy hosted conservative women candidates running for federal office.

When I ran for Congress, Randy was there to support and encourage me.

As I end my time in Congress, I want to thank Randy Kendrick for her passion, encouragement and support for not only me, but for the countless number of people and projects she has had a positive impact on throughout Arizona and the United States.

I know Randy cares about the future of our state and Nation. I can hear it when I talk to her. She is a true American patriot and for that I am truly grateful.

May God continue to bless Randy and her family now and for evermore.

HONORING THE CAREER OF STEVE
BAKER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Steve Baker, longtime principal of Bluffton High School (BHS), who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Steve Baker has dedicated over 25 years as the head of BHS, having served the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District in some capacity for a remarkable 40 years. Shortly after college, he began his career in Bluffton as a high school math teacher and coach. After 11 years, he transitioned to become the assistant principal at the middle school before returning to the high school as its principal—a role he has meritoriously held ever since.

Under Mr. Baker's leadership, Bluffton High School has achieved notable success. The school earned Four Star School standing by the Indiana Department of Education five times and was recognized as an "A" school 14 of the last 15 years.

Beyond his direct responsibilities at BHS, Principal Baker has been a continuous advocate for the students of Bluffton. He contributed to numerous Indiana Department of Education committees, has advised state and federal legislators, and served on the Governor's Indiana Educational Roundtable and the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Additionally, Mr. Baker was named the quarterly Principal Advocate Champion in 2018 and Indiana State Principal of the Year in 2012 and is known throughout northeast Indiana as a trusted and supremely qualified voice on education.

Alongside this long list of accolades and achievements, Principal Baker's students, staff, and fellow principals will remember his mentorship, warmth, and unwavering dedication to his school. He leaves a tremendous legacy and big shoes to fill at Bluffton High School.

It is an honor to present this official congressional document as a token of appreciation for his exceptional service to our community. I wish Principal Baker the best as he heads into retirement with his wife and family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARGO
GOODWIN-GORDON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Margo Michelle Goodwin-Gordon, who passed away at the age of 59 on July 11, 2024, in Oakland, California.

Margo was born on March 25, 1965, in St. Louis, Missouri. She later moved to the Bay Area and attended El Cerrito High School. She loved to learn and pursued higher education at Contra Costa Community College, UC Berkeley, and the Academy of Art in San Francisco.

Margo had a thriving career, spanning different fields including finance, entrepreneurship, architecture, and design. She was dedicated to giving back to the community, and held leadership roles at the Black Repertory Theatre, Women's Alliance Program, Crescent City Harbor District, and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts.

Margo had many hobbies, including writing, photography, fashion, and cooking. She was known to be a master gardener with a love for nature and spirituality. She said she would live forever in the gardens she nurtured over the years.

Margo was preceded in death by her mother Marcella Goodwin and her siblings Frank Alan Goodwin, Truman Durely, Terry Goodwin, Avis Hall, and Julie Von. She is survived by her husband John M. Gordon, siblings Risa Durely, Gina Johnson Stelly, Ellen Arlon, Todd Goodwin, Toby Goodwin, Steven Goodwin, and Greg Goodwin, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Margo Goodwin-Gordon was a phenomenal woman and loving wife, sibling, cousin, and aunt. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her generous and loving spirit will live on in those whose lives she touched. May she rest in peace and power.

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HONORING MANNION'S IRISH PUB
AND RESTAURANT'S 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant on their 25th anniversary. I am extremely honored to be able to celebrate this impressive milestone with Mannion's and the Somerville Community. Mannion's Irish Pub and Restaurant harbors a warm environment where food, music, conversation, and laughter all find a home.

For the past 25 years, Mannion's has showed its commitment by serving authentic Irish specialties and fostering a "proper Irish pub" by ensuring friendly service, making it feel as if you are entering not just a restaurant, but also a home.

As we look back on the past 25 years of Mannion's, they have exceeded the expectation of what an Irish pub can provide for a community. I am honored to have such an amazing establishment in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to what is to come.

HONORING SOPHIA SORIANO'S
COMMITMENT TO COMBATING
THE OPIOID CRISIS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sophia Soriano, who worked in partnership with her peers to put together a Fight Back Against Fentanyl PSA.

Sophia is from St. Paul, Minnesota. She has proven her commitment to combating the opioid crisis through her advocacy and work with the Devin Norring Foundation. The Devin Norring Foundation was established to honor Devin's legacy and raise awareness about the dangers of illicit drugs and fentanyl.

On April 4, 2020, Devin passed away from fentanyl poisoning. He was seeking relief from blackout migraines and dental pain. He bought what he thought was Percocet marketed by a drug dealer on Snapchat. That pill turned out to be 100 percent fentanyl.

Devin was 19 years old.

The Devin Norring Foundation, in partnership with Sophia, produced an impactful and heartfelt PSA to fight back against fentanyl. In turning grief into activism, Sophia has shown strength and courage beyond her years. I am proud to have her as an ally in this fight against the fentanyl crisis.

I thank Sophia for demonstrating a commitment to combating the opioid crisis.

HONORING THE SAN JOSÉ DE
GRACIA CHURCH AND THE COM-
MUNITY OF LAS TRAMPAS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the community of Las Trampas, and the generations of New Mexicans who built, maintained, and protected the San José de Gracia Church. The community of Trampas was settled in 1751 by 12 Spanish families who painstakingly carved out an existence in one of the most beautiful parts of our state and country. They relied on the strength of family, the power of community, and faith in God; so much so, that after more than 10 years of backbreaking work they raised up the San José de Gracia Church. The church, which is designated as a National Historic Landmark, is approaching its 250th anniversary.

After spending nearly a decade handcrafting, carving, shaping, lifting, and tenderly decorating; the community of Las Trampas spent the next 250 years upkeeping this gem of 18th Century culture, architecture, and faith. For 250 years, it was their faith that kept the candles burning, the vigas and planks intact, and the adobe plaster fresh and strong. For 250 years this community has worked as one to preserve their faith and heritage in such a way that is unmistakably New Mexican—and unmistakably a reflection of unwavering faith in God and in one another. The San José de Gracia Church is the only distinctly Spanish Colonial building that remains completely intact within the original historic district of Las Trampas.

Walking in, you are reminded of the original builders, members of the community from all walks of life, the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters who lent any talent they could to their community for the sake of honoring God and creating a remarkable place to worship. The original floorboards, under which are buried countless members of the Trampas Community creak and pop as you approach the original 18th century altar. The altar, which is covered in frescos, is unlike anything else standing in this country—and still vibrant enough today to steal the breath and inspire awe from all who behold it. In addition to the faith that it has taken for a community to continue such painstaking work for so long—I also wish to honor the love that it took to keep this church alive. It is love that makes it more than just a structure, but a symbol of resilience, survival, and compassion. I wish that every single American could open their heart and draw from that example as we live and work with one another today and into the future.

For the countless hours spent on its construction, for the countless hands that plastered its 6-foot-thick adobe walls, for the thousands of hearts that looked to God for salvation in its pews, and for the 250 years that it has graced the mountains of northern New Mexico, I honor the San José de Gracia Church, and the community of Las Trampas. Mr. Speaker, members of Congress of the United States of America, I also pray that God grants at least 250 more.

HONORING JANAE SHAMP

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, I want to recognize Arizona State Senator Janae Shamp, whose commitment to service throughout her life has impacted many lives.

Shamp has called Arizona her home for over 30 years, earning degrees from Arizona State University and Grand Canyon University to become a registered nurse.

In 2022, she began her public service career in the State Legislature, where she has served as Vice Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and as a member of the Finance and Commerce Committee, Government Committee, Military Affairs, Public Safety, and Border Security Committee, Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee, and the Senate Ethics Committee.

Senator Shamp has been a champion for strong border security, conservative values, and free-market health care. In all aspects of life, Senator Shamp has proven herself as a committed, hardworking, and outspoken leader, who will always look out for those in need.

I thank Senator Shamp for her service and dedication to the state of Arizona.

IN MEMORY OF
JOHN SKIPPER, JR.

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a faithful husband, friend, father and grandfather, John Durwood Skipper, Jr.

He graduated from Dothan High School in 1970 and from Troy University in 1974. He served in the Coast Guard for 31 years and was a Regional Sales Manager with DPC Enterprises. John was an active member of the Mobile County Republican Party and of the Mobile Sunrise Rotary Club. Additionally, he served on the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee for over 15 years. He was a man of deep faith and a devout member of West Mobile Baptist Church for over 30 years.

I am honored to have known such a courageous civic leader and friend. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAX
ANDERSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Max Anderson, a beloved Berkeley activist and public servant who passed away on July 5, 2024. Max Anderson was born on December 15, 1944, in Decatur, Illinois. At age 18, he enlisted as a Marine and served in Vietnam. He