

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote 56 on March 4, 2025. Had I been present, my vote would have been: Nay on Roll Call No. 56.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I recently gave birth and am unable to travel to D.C. to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56, and NAY on Roll Call No. 57.

RECOGNIZING OWEN ZHANG FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Owen Zhang as a top 40 finalist for the 2025 Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS). Regeneron STS is the most prestigious science competition for high school seniors in the country and has been held annually as a program of Society for Science since 1942. Alumni from Regeneron STS have gone on to become recipients of the world's most distinguished science and math honors, including the Nobel Prize and National Medal of Science.

In this 84th year of Regeneron STS, Owen is one of the top 40 finalists that were selected from nearly 2,500 entries. For his project, he developed a solution to a problem about 3-uniform hypergraphs. This project, "Tetrahedron-Intersecting Families of 3-uniform Hypergraphs," utilized computer programming techniques to answer a long-standing question about the maximum number of unique connection conformations that can be found in 3-uniform Hypergraphs with the same vertices. Owen believes the result of his project is the first time such a problem has been solved in a hypergraph setting.

Owen Zhang, the son of Yunjing Ma and Geqiang Zhang, attends Bellevue High School in Washington's 1st Congressional District, where he leads the math club and competes in DECA events. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Owen Zhang and this victory for science education in Washington state. We are grateful for his contributions to the scientific community and wish him a successful career.

HONORING COLONEL MYRON CHARLES HARRINGTON, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 19th, America lost a true hero and distinguished alumnus of The Citadel of Charleston, South Carolina. I am grateful for his service to the country and my thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Ann Randolph Hurst, children, family, and friends.

The following is the obituary of Colonel Myron Charles Harrington, Jr. from the Stuhr Funeral Home of Charleston:

"Retired United States Marine Corps officer, community leader and academic administrator, Colonel Myron Charles Harrington, Jr., formerly of Charleston, South Carolina, passed away peacefully at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 19, 2025. Colonel Harrington was a highly decorated combat veteran who was revered in retirement for his dedication to the Lowcountry. He will be greatly missed by those he both inspired and served in his 86 years.

Colonel Harrington was born on August 13, 1938 in Augusta, Georgia, to Myron Charles Harrington and Stella Irene Craig Harrington. He graduated from Decatur High School class of 1956, and was a graduate of The Citadel, class of 1960. In 1961, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, USMC. His education continued at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and he received a Master of Science in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College.

His distinguished Marine Corps career included: Company Commander Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Republic of Viet Nam 1968 in The Battle of Hue City, Tet Offensive; Assistant Naval Attache, American Embassy Canberra, Australia; Commanding Officer 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, SC; Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Amphibious Unit, Beirut, Lebanon; Operations Officer Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic; Chief of Staff Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC. After being called upon during countless times of crisis throughout his distinguished military career in Vietnam, Beirut and Grenada, Colonel Harrington retired from the Marine Corps as the Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, The Citadel, in 1991.

Colonel Harrington's personal decorations include: The Navy Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third award, Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of second award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, and the Vietnamese Staff Honor Medal First Class.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1992, Colonel Harrington, joined the staff at Trident Academy as Headmaster. He was active in the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, Past President of the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools and was the recipient of the Dr. Charles Almar Award for Education Leader-

ship. Upon retirement from Trident, he was designated Headmaster Emeritus.

Colonel Harrington served not only his country, but the State of South Carolina, and the city of Charleston. He received the State of South Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto in 2010. He was involved in many philanthropic and historical societies and was the first South Carolinian elected Governor General of the General Society of Colonial Wars. He served as a board member and Historian of the Washington Light Infantry, Honorary member of the Society of the Cincinnati State of South Carolina, Legion of Valor, German Friendly Society the Charleston Club, Kappa Alpha Order, Order of St. John, the Clergy Society, Rotary Club of Charleston, and the Carolina Yacht Club. He was also recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution with their highest award, the DAR Medal of Honor, stating, "He has demonstrated through ethos and action the ideals of servant leadership."

The Citadel commanded his unwavering allegiance. He served as Secretary, Alumni Elected Member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Visitors respectively from 2006 to 2021. In 2023, he received an Honorary Doctor of Leadership in recognition of his lifetime of service to both the country, community, and the Citadel. The core values of The Citadel: Honor, Duty, and Respect were fully embodied in Colonel Harrington allowing him to fulfill The Citadel's mission to become a leader in all walks of life.

A devout Christian, Colonel Harrington was dedicated to his beloved church home, St. Philips Church of Charleston. He served in the lay ministry as a Chalice Bearer, participated in Bible Studies, and shared his testimony with men in the community. He also served on the Vestry, finishing his term as Senior Warden.

Colonel Harrington is survived by his beloved family: his devoted and supportive wife of more than 60 years, Ann Randolph Hurst, and their children, Ann Hunley and Mike (Kathleen) Harrington, grandchildren; Emma Grace, Lily, William, Charlotte, Forbes, and Ryan, sisters, Sara (Miller) Byne of Charlotte, NC, Ann (Ernest) Dinkins of Augusta GA, and close cousins, Craig (Martha Ann) Wardlaw of Charlotte, NC and Barbara Sims of Augusta, GA.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Summerall Chapel on the Citadel Campus on Thursday, March 6th, at 10:00 am. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 5th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Mt. Pleasant Chapel, 1494 Mathis Ferry Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC. The Service will be livestreamed. Colonel Harrington will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on a future date to be announced."

RECOGNIZING MR. BHARAT PATEL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bharat Patel for his incredible career and contributions to our community.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

In 1976, the Patel Family acquired the original Peter Pan Motor Lodge, located right across the street from Disneyland, and began renovating and expanding it to its current size. Almost 50 years later, Mr. Patel's leadership has helped transform this small business into Castle Inn & Suites, a true Anaheim staple. This charming hotel has become a popular destination for vacationing families, and is known for its castle theme, friendly staff, and Mr. Patel's own personal customer service as its owner-operator.

Mr. Patel is much more than a business leader; he is an active philanthropist and sits on the boards of Whittier College, California Lodging Industry Association, Visit Anaheim, Anaheim Transportation Network, and Chapman University. Mr. Patel is much more than a local business leader; he is an active philanthropist and a homegrown product of our community. A fellow California State University, Fullerton, alumni, he shows his dedication to our community through his work with the Anaheim Family YMCA and Anaheim Police Association.

I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Patel for the positive change he has helped create in Anaheim and Orange County, and congratulating him on being honored by Cypress College's Americana Awards as Citizen of the Year.

Our community is grateful to Mr. Patel for his leadership and contributions. I thank him for his steadfast support for our hometown—these honors are well-deserved.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL AMUSEMENT PARK RIDE SAFETY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Amusement Park Ride Safety Act. This month, 22 patrons were suspended in the air for two hours on a pinwheel ride at Knott's Berry Farm in Orange County, California. Incidents like the Knott's Berry Farm accident happen far too often, and it is time for the federal government to start regulating permanently affixed amusement park rides to protect the American public. This should never have happened and was preventable. I believe that we need better oversight and enforcement of existing laws, and we also need to close the gap in coverage, particularly since there is currently no federal oversight of permanently affixed amusement park ride safety. That's why I'm introducing this legislation today.

Over 300 million people visit amusement parks every year in the United States. From school groups to family vacations, amusement parks are an integral part of our culture and have a significant impact on our economy. Ensuring that every rider has a safe experience on these rides is of paramount importance.

The National Amusement Park Ride Safety Act will investigate accidents, develop and enforce action plans to correct defects, help improve safety training for ride operators, and

act as a national clearinghouse for accidents and defect data. These enforcement efforts would be under the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and would increase their budget to ensure that experts in the commission can effectively develop safety standards for permanently affixed and no affixed amusement park rides.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation and ensuring every American can enjoy a safe experience on permanently affixed amusement park rides.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND CONVERSION ACT OF 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Conversion Act of 2025. This bill would require the United States, beginning on the date that the president certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have begun the verifiable and irreversible elimination of such weapons under the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty), to redirect resources that are being used for nuclear weapons programs to be used for addressing the climate crisis and human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care and restoring the environment.

In 1993, District of Columbia peace activists were successful in getting a ballot initiative in D.C. passed that called for nuclear disarmament. Since then, I have introduced a bill each Congress based on that initiative, including this bill. In March 2019, the D.C. Council passed a "Sense of the Council" resolution urging the United States to approve the Treaty. These actions show that D.C. residents were early, prescient leaders on this important issue. It seems that the rest of the world is, thankfully, starting to catch up to D.C.

As the only Nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses one of the largest nuclear weapons arsenals, this bill would help the United States reestablish its moral leadership in the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO ANGIE STONE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolinian who left an indelible mark on hip-hop, R&B, and soul and was an icon of American music. Angie Stone tragically passed away on March 1, 2025, resulting from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her career spanned nearly five decades, defined by innovation, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to her craft.

Born on December 18, 1961, in Columbia, South Carolina, Angela Laverne Brown grew

up in the Saxon Homes housing project. Immersed in the sounds of gospel music at an early age, Angie sang in the First Nazareth Baptist Church choir as a young woman. It was there that Angie gave her first public solo. That foundation in the Black Church helped her to develop the rich, soulful voice which would later captivate audiences worldwide. Angie attended CA Johnson High School, where she excelled academically and was an athlete and a cheerleader.

In 1979, at just 17 years old, Angie co-founded The Sequence, one of the first all-female hip-hop groups. Their 1979 single Funk You Up became a landmark in hip-hop history, showcasing Angie's ability to blend rap with R&B melodies. After The Sequence disbanded, she joined the R&B trio Vertical Hold in the early 1990s, achieving success with the hit Seems You're Much Too Busy.

Her breakthrough as a solo artist came in 1999 with the release of Black Diamond, an album which showcased her remarkable vocal dexterity and deeply personal songwriting. The lead single, No More Rain (In This Cloud), topped the Adult R&B charts and became an anthem of resilience and renewal. Her follow-up album, Mahogany Soul (2001), featured the timeless hit Wish I Didn't Miss You, a song that resonated with audiences across the world and solidified her place in contemporary soul music. Over her career, she released ten solo albums, collaborating with artists like Prince and Anthony Hamilton. Angie also earned three Grammy nominations and numerous awards, becoming one of the most influential voices of her generation.

Beyond music, Angie Stone made her mark on stage and screen. She starred as Mama Morton in Chicago on Broadway, appeared in films such as The Fighting Temptations and Ride Along, and was a familiar presence on television, including roles in Moesha and Girlfriends, where she also performed the theme song. Her natural charisma and talent transcended genres, making her a beloved figure in entertainment.

Angie's legacy extends beyond her artistry—she was a mentor, a mother, and a trailblazer. She is survived by her daughter, Diamond, her son, Michael, and two grandchildren. Though we lost Angie too soon, her music and influence will continue to inspire generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Angie Stone. She was not just a singer or songwriter. A proud daughter of the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina, she was a cultural force who broke barriers and uplifted others through her music. As we remember her today, let us honor her spirit, her contributions, and the timeless artistry she shared with the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.