

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT P. BRESNAHAN, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, this vote closed prior to me being able to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 71.

RECOGNIZING EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT CORPORAL THOMAS "WADE" TICE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eules Police Corporal Thomas "Wade" Tice, a dedicated public servant who has devoted more than three decades to serving our community. Raised in the rural community of Burleson, Corporal Tice went on to attend Texas A&M University and later Tarrant County Junior College before entering the workforce. After several years in the construction industry, he sought a more fulfilling career, leading him to law enforcement.

In 1989, Corporal Tice began his career in public service as a jailer with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. Committed to advancing in the field, he attended the night police academy at Tarleton State University while working full-time. His hard work and determination paid off when, in May 1990, he was hired by the Eules Police Department. Corporal Tice served as a field training officer and bicycle patrol officer before being promoted to Corporal in 1993. In 2002, he was assigned to the Tarrant County Regional Auto Theft Task Force before returning to the patrol division, where he still serves today.

Throughout his 34 years in law enforcement, Corporal Tice received over 50 commendations and was honored with the department's Distinguished Service Award. He holds a Master Police Officer license and completed specialized training in areas such as basic bicycle tactics, intermediate accident investigations, mental health peace officer certification, and crisis intervention training. Corporal Tice's proactive approach to law enforcement resulted in numerous felony arrests, and his compassion for victims of crime was evident in every interaction. He consistently went above and beyond the call of duty, ensuring that those in need received the help and support they deserved.

Corporal Tice's service has made a profound difference in the lives of many, and I express my deepest gratitude for his dedication to our community. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF MR. DOUG NGUYEN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long career of Mr. Doug Nguyen, who is retiring after over three decades of service with the Social Security Administration. I want to share my gratitude for a job well done. I want to thank Doug for all that he has done for my constituents. While Mr. Nguyen's retirement is well-earned, I have no doubt that residents will miss his unselfish and diligent work on their behalf.

Doug Nguyen's life story is emblematic of a mantra that I repeat over and over as I meet residents of my congressional district: our Nation is stronger because of its diversity. Arriving in America after fleeing a tragic situation in Vietnam as a child, Doug set down roots and has spent decades improving his community and helping his neighbors live better lives.

Doug's dedication to setting the highest standard of public service is outstanding and his insistence that everyone who interacts with the Social Security Administration receives respectful and helpful treatment will have a lasting impact long beyond his many years of service. My staff have nothing but respect for Doug and his contributions and they actively looked forward to collaborating with him at every opportunity. We could not have asked for a better partner.

It is clear from Doug Nguyen's many acknowledgements and awards that our Nation recognizes the value he brought into whatever role he served on our behalf. Whether it is with his service with Social Security, with the White House Initiative on Asian American Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, or on the various boards upon which he has served, Doug has always been a strong leader who is helping to improve Americans' lives and pull our community and our Nation in the right direction.

Our Nation no doubt faces some difficult challenges in the months and years ahead. Federal employees like Doug Nguyen who have devoted their professional lives to serving our Nation are under siege. But I have confidence that we can emerge victorious from these challenges because of the foundation that Doug and so many like him have laid over their decades of work on our behalf.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I again want to thank Doug Nguyen for his many years of service. Doug successfully bridged the gap between a federal agency and the human beings it serves, and that is an accomplishment that deserves endless praise. I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

VOTING ONLY THROUGH ENGLISH ACT (VOTE ACT)

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to present before the House H.R. 2054, the Voting Only Through English Act, or the VOTE Act. This bill requires states to use only English language ballots to qualify for federal election funds; in compliance with President Trump's Executive Order which made English the language of the United States. When my family arrived in America, we, like millions of others, accepted the language and the culture of this nation. That is what makes America special—we are a nation of immigrants with one set of values and one language. The naturalization process requires English proficiency for a reason—it is the basis of full participation in American civic life. However, we have got it so that we are spending taxpayers' money on printing ballots in dozens of languages although citizens have previously established their English proficiency. It does not just muddle things—it erodes the unity which is the essence of any nation. I have been heartened by the backing this bill has got, including from Latino civic groups like Conserva Mi Voto. As they put it, requiring standard ballots in English is not about keeping people out—it is about making sure every voter goes into the booth knowing that their vote will be counted. The VOTE Act is not only reasonable—it is revolutionary, and a common sense action to restore election integrity. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this rational proposal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MOORE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 70.

HONORING MR. DORIAN PACE

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Dorian Pace, a Cleveland Heights School Bus Driver, whose heroism, service, and character saved the lives of fifteen students.

It was the morning of February 27th when Mr. Pace heard a loud boom from under the bus. This is when the experience he accumulated from his eleven years working with the

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Cleveland Heights School District kicked in to save the lives of students as the bus began to be engulfed in flames.

From the moment the school bus doors open in the early morning to dropping out children off at the bus stop in the afternoon, school bus drivers are vital to ensuring that the most precious among our community have a safe passage to and from school. Mr. Pace is a proud member of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees/American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME) Local 4 and The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

Prior to working for the Cleveland Heights School District, he worked with the Bellefaire JCB, mental health facility, which provides 24/7 treatment for youth and adolescents in Northeast, Ohio. Mr. Pace's commitment to public service is a testament to the many hardworking individuals of OH-11.

I thank Mr. Pace for saving the lives of fifteen children and for dedicating his life to serving our community.

THANKING MR. JEFFREY ASKEW

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we thank Mr. Jeffrey Askew for his storied career in Marion County.

A native of Auburn, Alabama, Jeffrey joined the U.S. Navy in July 1977 after completing his high school studies. He completed his basic training in San Diego, California and his first duty station was Naval Air Station Pensacola where he worked as a plane captain for A-4s and T-2s. While there he qualified for the A-4 back seat rider before transferring in 1980 to the USS *Coral Sea* CV-43 which was stationed in Alameda, California. While on the Coral Sea he visited the Philippines, Thailand, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, and a host of other countries. He says his most rewarding job on the ship was the Primary Fly Control Tower Supervisor.

Jeffrey participated in the Iran Hostage rescue where he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He also participated in Operation Desert Shield and the Liberation and Defense of Kuwait, earning 12 medals in his 22-year tenure, including four Navy Achievement Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals. His duty stations include USS *O'Bannon* (DD-987), USS *Lexington* (CVT-16), USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN-69), and various Shore Commands.

His final duty station was Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Detachment Astor, located in the Ocala National Forest. He served as an operations officer where he conducted training with 50 air squadrons in various air to land operations. Retiring in 1999 as a Navy Chief, Mr. Askew went on to serve as Marion County's Veterans Services Director and the Administrator of the Ocala/Marion Veterans Memorial Park. He and his staff were awarded the "Service Office of the Year" in 2009 and 2012, making Marion County the only county to have received the award twice from the Department of Florida and the VFW.

I congratulate him on an incredible career and thank him for his service. We wish him the best as he moves on from Marion County and continues to make a tremendous difference in the lives of our heroes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BILL SMITH

HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bill Smith, a lifelong resident of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Bill was more than a neighbor—he was a light in our community. As a child, I grew up alongside Bill and his sister, Kim, forming a bond that has lasted a lifetime.

Bill gave his heart to Jesus at a young age and lived his faith every day. He witnessed many miracles, but he himself was one.

A proud graduate of the Jackson County Exceptional School, Class of 1982, Bill was a dedicated worker, spending years at Wendy's, Checkers, and Jerry Lee's Deli. He was a cherished member of the Sanctuary of Pascagoula and a shining example that Jesus works through all of us, no matter our abilities. Bill's legacy of faith, kindness, and unwavering belief in God's power will not be forgotten. May we all strive to share his heart for prayer and compassion.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise to celebrate Women's History Month and its 2025 theme—Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations. This year's theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations—both past and present.

As we celebrate the women who have devoted their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, I would like to take this time to honor a lifelong educator in Northwest Indiana, Ms. Janice Jordan. Ms. Jordan was born and raised in Hurtsboro, Alabama and earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Auburn University. In 1982, she moved to Gary, Indiana to continue her education at Indiana University Northwest, where she earned a master's degree in education. Ms. Jordan went on to serve the School City of East Chicago as a teacher and administrator for 33 years, where she shaped the lives of countless students. Throughout her career, Ms. Jordan demonstrated a deep commitment to her students by creating enriching learning experiences and ensuring they had the support to grow and thrive.

Although she retired in 2016, Ms. Jordan's passion for teaching led her to return to the

classroom. Since 2023, Ms. Jordan has taught preschoolers at St. Mark Early Learning Academy, a Head Start facility in Gary. Ms. Jordan loves engaging her students through the curriculum, which promotes language development, literacy, and individualized instruction tailored to each child's needs. Her favorite part of the day is when children explore different learning centers to create, build, use their imagination, and share new discoveries with their peers. Her philosophy in life is, "Set the atmosphere, engage the community, and get to work!"

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Jordan is also an active member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, a sister of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a volunteer with the Gary Literacy Coalition, Inc., demonstrating her unwavering commitment to education and community service. For her dedicated contributions to students, families, and communities throughout Northwest Indiana, Ms. Jordan is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Women's History Month and recognizing the lifelong service of Ms. Janice Jordan and so many other extraordinary women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership.

HONORING ELEANOR "ELDIE" ACHESON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eleanor "Eldie" Acheson, who retired from Amtrak on February 1, 2025, after 18 years of service to our country's passenger rail system.

Coming from a long line of public servants, Eldie's family instilled in her the value of public service and an appreciation for her country from a young age. Eldie's father, David Campion Acheson, worked as an attorney for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and later as a U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. Her grandfather, Dean Acheson, served as Secretary of State under President Truman. Her great-grandfather, Louis Stanley, was a railroad attorney. Eldie's family history also includes painters, such as her grandmother, Alice Acheson, and great-great-grandfather, John Mix Stanley, the renowned painter of Native American life in the West.

The principles of service and advocacy are values that Eldie has carried with her over the years. Throughout her career, Eldie strove to create greater opportunities for women and other underrepresented groups, dating back to her time as an undergraduate student at Wellesley College. Prior to 1969, Wellesley College never had a student commencement speaker. Although Wellesley's commencements included remarks by college administrators and special guests, students were not granted the opportunity to address their peers during graduation. Eldie spearheaded efforts to have a student commencement speaker. Despite facing opposition from administrators, Eldie's efforts ultimately proved successful, and her class was the first in Wellesley College's history to have a student commencement speaker. That speaker was then student-