

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF CIRILO TIRADO DELGADO

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Cirilo Tirado Delgado, who passed away this month at the age of 86. Mr. Tirado was a respected public servant, educator, and attorney in the great Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

He served in the Puerto Rico House of Representatives from 1973 to 1984, worked in the executive branch from 1984 to 1988, and returned to the legislature as a Senator from 1988 to 1996. After that, he practiced law in the town of Guayama.

I would like to extend my condolences to his widow, children, and grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

SALUTING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT BRIAN M. FRICK

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a Congressional Veterans Commendation to Lieutenant Brian M. Frick, U.S. Navy, for his exemplary service. His unwavering commitment to our Nation and his efforts to improve his community have made lasting, positive impacts on countless lives.

LT Frick served honorably in the U.S. Navy as a member of the operational team. During his eight years in the Submarine Service, he held key roles as a lead sonar operator/technician, sonar watch supervisor, and sonar supervisor. Throughout his service, LT Frick earned numerous awards and accolades, including the Navy Achievement Medal for his exceptional submarine tracking abilities and technical expertise.

After leaving the Navy, LT Frick pursued higher education at the University of Texas at San Antonio, earning a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. He continued his dedication to public service by beginning his civilian career with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

At DPS, LT Frick worked with the Highway Patrol and served as a K-9 handler before joining the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) as a Narcotics Agent in Amarillo, Harlingen, and Brownsville, Texas, where he focused on Border and Drug Interdiction issues. Later, as a Senior Agent in Amarillo, he mentored new agents in surveillance techniques, conducted criminal investigations, and drafted search warrants. He now leads the CID Training Unit, supervising eight Training Agents/Coordinators.

I am honored to join LT Frick's friends and family in celebrating his years of dedicated service and sacrifice. I applaud his work and wish him success and safety as he continues to serve our community with pride and honor.

HONORING MRS. YASHICA SUDDETH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an amazing employee of the Jefferson County School District, who is continuously nurturing futures daily.

Mrs. Yashica Suddeth has been recognized as one of the employees for the month of February 2025. Her unwavering dedication to the prekindergarten scholars at Jefferson County Early Learning Collaborative is profoundly shaping their educational journeys. From warmly greeting each child to meticulously planning engaging learning activities, Mrs. Suddeth is cultivating a deep appreciation for learning among the young learners.

The Early Learning Collaborative is one of many exemplary initiatives within the Jefferson County School District, designed to prepare children for future success by fostering essential social skills, self-control, and readiness for reading. Mrs. Suddeth's contributions are very vital in creating a strong foundation for these scholars and ensuring they not only meet but exceed academic standards.

Superintendent Adrian Hammitte expressed, "Mrs. Suddeth's genuine love for children shines through in everything she does. Her commitment to nurturing the scholars not only enriches their lives but also strengthens our entire school community. We are immensely grateful for her dedication and passion."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Yashica Suddeth for her extraordinary contributions to our educational community and the Jefferson County School District.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO LOANN PHAM

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Loann Pham of Richardson. She has been a dedicated volunteer with Feed My Starving Children since 2019. Over the past six years, Loann has contributed to nearly 500 food-packing sessions and organized 900 volunteer groups, playing a key role in engaging the community.

Feed My Starving Children Richardson is a nonprofit committed to providing nutritionally

complete meals to starving children in need around the world. Through their efforts, volunteers pack meals in the U.S. and they are distributed to over 70 countries worldwide.

We thank Loann for her commitment to the fight against childhood hunger and her efforts to inspire others to give back. Her passion makes a lasting impact on our North Texas community and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on March 27, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 77; NAY on Roll Call No. 78; YEA on Roll Call No. 79; NAY on Roll Call No. 80; NAY on Roll Call No. 81; NAY on Roll Call No. 82; and NAY on Roll Call No. 83.

SALUTING THE SERVICE OF LIEU- TENANT COLONEL BARBARA MACMILLAN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a Congressional Veteran Commendation to Lieutenant Colonel Barbara MacMillan, U.S. Army, Retired. Her life and career reflect hard work, selfless service, and dedication to her Nation and Central Texas.

LTC MacMillan served from 1976 to 1999, amassing experience at Fort Liberty, West Point, Fort Cavazos, and others. As a 1st Lieutenant with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2ACR), she managed the operation of a Top-Secret Telecommunications Center and served as the Communications Security (COMSEC) Custodian. Her duties took her to the East German border, where she routinely inspected COMSEC procedures to ensure they remained uncompromised.

A trailblazer throughout her career, LTC MacMillan became a jumpmaster at a time when few women served in airborne units. In 1994, she was deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy with the 1st Corps Support Command, XVIII Airborne Corps, as the G1 (Human Resources Director). She was responsible for theater-wide missions, including organizing a USO show with the Gatlin Brothers on October 24, 1994. Her exemplary service earned her numerous accolades, including the Legion of Merit and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

After retiring, LTC MacMillan continued her commitment to service, joining the Fort Cavazos Retiree Council and working with

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The Caring Place, speaking to schools about selfless service and visiting veterans at homes and local events. LTC MacMillan works tirelessly for youth in her community, both as a Scout leader for over 21 years and through her involvement with the American Legion's mentorship, scholarships, and outreach programs. Her efforts continue to make a lasting impact on the next generation.

LTC MacMillan's determined efforts for veterans and youth are a powerful reflection of her commitment to selfless service. Her patriotism, honor, and commitment to excellence reflect the very best of Central Texas.

RECOGNIZING CHANCELLOR JOE
GARCIA

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chancellor Joe Garcia on his retirement from the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). Joe spent more than 35 years working in higher education and leaves CCCS in a strong position for the future.

Joe is the former Lieutenant Governor and Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, becoming the first person in our state's history to hold both roles at once. Joe was a strategic advisor to then-Governor John Hickenlooper to increase the state's investment in higher education and expand opportunities for students from low-income backgrounds. Throughout his career, he has prioritized access to education for students of all ages and backgrounds, fought for college affordability, and invested in workforce development efforts to meet the needs of our changing economy. Joe is a true public servant, and generations of students will remember his dedication to higher education long after his retirement.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Joe Garcia and thank him for his commitment to the people of Colorado.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF HUEY PAUL WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Huey Paul Williams, Sr., a devoted man of faith, a trailblazer in gospel music, and a proud native of Mississippi.

Born to the late Leon "Pop" Williams and Mrs. Amanda Williams in Smithdale, Mississippi, Huey was raised in a household where faith and music were intertwined. His parents instilled in him the values of worship, perseverance and dedication to spreading the Gospel through song. With their encouragement, Huey embarked on a journey that would make him a beloved figure in the gospel music community.

A dedicated family man, Huey was supported throughout his life by his loving wife,

Mamie Williams, his son, Huey Paul Williams, II, and his daughters, Dee Dee, Wanda, Shononda, and Joy. Their unwavering support allowed him to pursue his calling in gospel music, ensuring that his message of faith and inspiration reached audiences across the nation and beyond.

Huey began his musical journey singing gospel alongside his brothers in their youth. Though he was the last remaining original member of the group founded by his late father, he carried forward its mission and propelled the Jackson Southernaires to national and international recognition. Under his leadership, the group became one of the most influential gospel recording artists in Mississippi and the United States. Their music resonated deeply with fans of all generations, securing them a place in gospel history.

The Jackson Southernaires, originally formed in 1940 and becoming active in recording in 1969, have released more than 34 albums. From 1969 to 2010, they released 28 albums that consistently ranked among the top in gospel music. Huey's songwriting, arranging, and powerful vocals contributed to the group's longevity and success, ensuring their music became a staple in gospel households. His contributions not only enriched the gospel music industry but also uplifted countless individuals through the power of song.

Beyond his musical achievements, Huey was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. Even when he was not on the road ministering through music, he found solace in these simple joys of life.

On March 24, 2025, at the age of 87, Huey Williams passed away, leaving a remarkable legacy of faith, music, and perseverance. His voice and message will continue to inspire future generations of gospel artists and listeners alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Huey Paul Williams, Sr. His impact on gospel music and his devotion to his faith and family will never be forgotten. We celebrate his contributions and extend our deepest condolences to his loved ones and the countless fans who cherished his music and ministry.

HONORING BOSWELL HIGH
SCHOOL'S LADY PIONEER BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
TEXAS' 6A DIVISION 2 STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boswell High School's Girls Basketball team for winning Texas' 6A Division 2 State Championship. The Lady Pioneers defeated Fort Bend Hightower with a final score of 51–42. This victory marks not only Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District's first girls basketball state title, but also the City of Fort Worth's first in over 18 years.

The Lady Pioneers' dominance was evident throughout the season. The team finished with an outstanding 39–2 overall record, including a 12–0 district record and an undefeated

home record of 14–0. Their success extended beyond team achievements, with several standout individual performances. Head Coach John Reese was named 3–6A Coach of the Year and is the Lady Pioneers' all-time winningest coach. Throughout his career, Coach Reese has amassed over 200 overall wins, more than 100 district wins, and now a state championship title. Team Captain Camille Williams was awarded District 3–6A MVP, while Haleigh Jackson earned District 3–6A Defensive Player of the Year honors.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Boswell High School's Lady Pioneers Basketball team for its historic season. Their remarkable record and numerous accolades stand as a testament to their dedication, talent, and relentless hard work. Their success has brought immense pride to our community. I wish Coach Reese and the Lady Pioneers continued success in all their future endeavors, both on and off the court.

SALUTING THE SERVICE OF
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR AN-
GELA WILSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary career of Command Sergeant Major Angela Wilson, U.S. Army, Retired. Throughout her life, she has dedicated herself to her country, fellow heroes, and neighbors. I am proud to present her with the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

CSM Wilson's 30 years of service in the U.S. Army exemplify strength, compassion, and duty. CSM Wilson was and continues to be a trailblazer. Selected in 1996, she served as the first-ever female Command Sergeant Major in the Military Police Corps. Then in 2004, she became the first female Command Sergeant Major to lead a Combat Brigade, the 89th Military Police Brigade, into a combat zone.

Throughout her service, CSM Wilson demonstrated true and unwavering commitment to her fellow soldiers and the civilians she protected. She served in various locations, including Taegu, Korea, Fort Lewis, Guantanamo Bay, Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and served her last assignment at Fort Cavazos. Her extraordinary service has been recognized with more than 20 military medals, awards, and commendations, including the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

CSM Wilson's service on and off duty reflects the true meaning of "Soldier for Life". After retirement, she worked as an elementary school teacher in KISD for 20 years, chaired the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Committee for 12 years, and coached youth soccer for over a decade. Her selfless work has positively impacted the lives of countless young people. Today, she continues to serve as a Wounded Warrior member and volunteer and has been a member of the Fort Hood Retiree Council for the last five years.

CSM Wilson's life stands as a model of selfless and genuine care for those around her. Her fearless dedication, devotion to service