

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HARRY CHRISTENSEN REMEMBERED FOR DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Harry Christensen, a devoted public servant, attorney, and United States Marine Corps veteran from Marblehead, Massachusetts, who passed away earlier this month at 86.

Harry Christensen exemplified what it means to live a life of service. He was a highly decorated veteran of the United States Marine Corps, receiving numerous awards, including the prestigious Silver Star for gallantry in action. After his military service, Harry returned to Massachusetts and built a respected legal and civic career. He was deeply committed to his community, especially his hometown of Marblehead, serving for decades on the Marblehead Board of Selectmen.

Beyond his official roles, Harry shared his wartime experiences with local students, believing that personal stories brought history to life in ways textbooks could not. For over a decade, he spoke to classes at Marblehead High School, helping students understand the human cost of war through his firsthand accounts. His honesty and devotion left lasting impressions on Marblehead students, making the lessons of history real and deeply felt.

Harry never wanted to be far from Marblehead Rock. He loved the Marines, his country, his town, and—most of all—his family.

May Harry's life remind us all that public service is a calling grounded in humility and honor. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the countless members of the community whose lives he touched. We miss Harry. *Semper Fi.*

RECOGNIZING GARRETT COOK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Garrett Cook of Norwalk, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Garrett's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2029. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education

while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Garrett brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending St. Paul High School, he participated in National Honor Society becoming president, Teen Leadership Corps, and was on the honor role. Throughout high school, Garrett was involved in basketball, baseball and marching band. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Garrett Cook on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Garrett will excel during his career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. HERN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on its centennial anniversary.

Established in 1925, this parish has served Tulsa and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for a century. The Church continues to be a strong and dedicated partner in the Tulsa community.

This impressive anniversary highlights the congregation's devotion to the greater Tulsa community, as well as their unwavering faith in God and commitment to His will. One hundred years of service is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The rich traditions of the Orthodox Church extend back to the earliest days of Christianity, established in the lands surrounding the Mediterranean, where the first Christian communities lived and worshipped. These traditions have survived millennia, connecting the modern Orthodox Church to the earliest practitioners of our faith and welcoming congregants of all races and cultures.

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Tulsa for reaching this significant milestone. I join the congregation and Tulsa community-at-large in celebrating this centennial anniversary, and I sincerely wish the Church sustained success and prosperity for years to come.

RECOGNIZING HANNAH DICKINSON, GOLD AWARD

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hannah Dickinson. Hannah is a member of Sandy Beaches Service Unit within Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1–2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Hannah's project, Kindness Counts, in partnership with Port Charlotte High School and the National Honor Society and Key Club, was an excellent endeavor to address mental health and bullying in our community. Hannah took action by coordinating with school administrators, educating community members about the harmful effects of bullying, and creating a motivational mural to be displayed at her school, which will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of the 17th Congressional District of Florida, congratulations to Hannah for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Hannah for her leadership and making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

CONGRATULATING THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF CAROL HAMILTON

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the work and dedication of Carol Hamilton, who is retiring on May 1, 2025, from her role as Group President for Acquisitions, Business Development, and West Coast Headquarters at L'Oréal. Carol has been a business leader and a champion of philanthropic causes for decades.

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Carol started her career at L'Oréal in 1984, joining the Consumer Products Division as Marketing Director for L'Oréal Paris in the United States. She continued to foster her passion and built the L'Oréal flagship brand from a small indie brand in the 80's into the No. 1 global beauty brand worldwide, behind the iconic phrase "Because I'm Worth It."

In 2008, Carol transitioned from mass to the world of luxury beauty, taking the helm as U.S. President of L'Oréal Luxe. During her tenure, Lancôme became the No. 1 luxury beauty brand in the U.S., surpassing the established market leader.

Alongside her acquisition role, in 2020, Carol was charged with a new responsibility: the creation of and leadership over L'Oréal USA's new corporate office in El Segundo, California, which brought L'Oréal's west coast brands under one roof for the first time.

Beyond her professional achievements, Carol has been a tireless champion for women's empowerment and philanthropic causes. In 2009, she spearheaded the Armani Acqua for Life program with UNICEF and subsequently joined both the National Board and New York Regional Board. In 2013, Carol created the Women in Power course in gender equality for L'Oréal executives with the Harvard Women's Leadership Board.

With retirement, Carol will have the time to continue doing what she loves: travel around the world with her husband Rodney, gardening, and spend time with her cats, Rosie and Elvis.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
POLICE CHIEF DAVID HOOVER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Logan Township Police Chief David Hoover, who retired after 35 years of service in law enforcement in Blair County, Pennsylvania.

Chief Hoover began his tenure as an officer in Logan Township in 1992 and was promoted to sergeant and detective sergeant in 2004 and police chief in early 2023.

Chief Hoover's achievements include helping to acquire equipment that was needed by officers to effectively perform their duties and supporting the adoption of rules and policies that contributed to a positive work environment for the officers.

The mandate of the Logan Township Police Department is to fulfill its public safety mission with honor and integrity and to conform to the highest ethical standards.

The leadership of Chief Hoover reflected an enduring commitment to that mandate, and his retirement is a perfect time to recognize his success in perpetuating it.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Police Chief David Hoover on his retirement and express fond wishes for joy and contentment in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER
KREPICH

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christopher Krepich for his career in the U.S. House of Representatives.

An Altoona, Pennsylvania native, Christopher began his near decade long career on the Hill a year after graduating from Pepperdine University in 2014. Christopher has served in many different roles during his tenure and worked for Representatives Sean Duffy (WI-07), Keith Rothfus (PA-12), Jim Sessenbrenner (WI-05), and Brad Wenstrup (OH-02). I came to know Christopher when he began working as a Press Secretary for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce under Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers in 2022, where he served a vital role informing the public of the work the Subcommittee on Health was fighting for while I was Subcommittee Chairman. Christopher then went on to become the Communications Director of the full Committee on Energy and Commerce. Since becoming Chairman of the full committee, Christopher has been an expert policy communicator as a dependable and reliable member of my team serving as Senior Communications Advisor.

Recently, Christopher departed the Committee on Energy and Commerce to accept a role as the Director of the Office of Communications for the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services—a role I know he is sure to succeed in. I wish him the best, congratulate him on his new role, and thank Christopher Krepich for his near decade long service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING CONNOR BENDER ON
HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO
ATTEND THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Connor Bender of Avon Lake, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Connor's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2029. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Connor brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Saint Ignatius High School, he participated in student government, Saint Ignatius Broadcast Network, and was on the honor role. Throughout high school, Connor was involved in

rugby, earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Connor Bender on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Connor will excel during his career at the Naval Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

CONGRESSIONAL EDUCATION
AWARD

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding school employees in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

School employees work tirelessly because they understand that their efforts are not just about fulfilling a job description, but about shaping the future.

They deserve recognition because they are the architects of knowledge, the mentors of tomorrow's leaders, and the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Eleven years ago, I established the Congressional Education Awards program with the aim of providing special acknowledgment to administrators, educators, and support staff within Florida's 16th Congressional District for their outstanding achievements in both teaching and inspiring students.

The following school employees were nominated and selected to receive Florida's 16th District's 2025 Congressional Education Award for their accomplishments:

Leadership Award: Joseph Hougland, Stewart Elementary School.

Hurricane Shelter Award: Laura Roark, Sylvia Sorto and Andrea Keezer, Williams Elementary School; Joanne Gushue and Hayley Rio, Harvey Elementary School; Angelia Thompson, Lillian Parsons and Deanna Fisher, Shields Middle School; Miriam Jordan, Scott Samsoe and Bradley Scarbrough, Buffalo Creek Middle School; Kimberly Coulson, George Coulson and Rebecca Sargable, Collins PK-8 School; Tiffany Staton, Flor Pardo and Melissa McCullough, Daugherty Elementary School; Maricely Mendez, Olga Castillo and Aliya Norman, Reddick Elementary School; Ginger Thomas, Ana Miranda and Kate Barlaug, Mona Jain Middle School; Brenda Rau, Charles Parsons and Gary Graham, Durant High School; Kristen Bowden, Anissa McDuffy and Kimone Cooper, Lee Middle School; Sara Walker, Patti Heffner, Juliette Gjini, Michelle Liemann and Carol Pope, Freedom Elementary School; Carmen Palacios, Lenny Draper and Connie Dixon, Gene Witt Elementary School; Kevin Harrington, Tracey Shank and Sheila Waid, McNeal Elementary School; Leslie Bothke, Mike Brabrandt and Todd Richardson, Gullett Elementary School; Annie Mousseau, Jennifer Pettas, Cristal Garcia and Debra Riley, Miller Elementary School; Crystal Pagan, Joshua Fuentes and Christine Wasylkiw, Sumner High School; Premdai Hansraj, Mohammad Hammad and Tamara Brooks, Mulrennan