

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### APPRECIATING JAKE MOORE

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina, this week, will recognize the newest recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, extraordinarily proven Community Visionary Jake Moore, awarded by Governor Henry McMaster.

S. Jahue "Jake" Moore was born September 8, 1951. His family is from near Lake City, South Carolina, though he grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jake was raised in humble circumstances but received a gift through which he was able to attend Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, where he graduated in 1973.

Jake was then admitted to the University of South Carolina School of Law where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1976.

While studying at the USC School of Law, Jake worked as a law clerk for the firm Kirkland, Taylor, and Wilson in West Columbia—hired by JOE WILSON who co-signed a bank note for him to upgrade his wardrobe for professionalism. In the next generation, Jake hired my son Alan, as a law firm runner leading to Alan being elected the youngest state Attorney General in America in 2010.

When he graduated, he was employed permanently at the firm and later became a partner. The firm now bears his name as Moore Bradley Myers Law Firm, P.A.

Even though an ardent Democrat in a Republican community, he represented Republicans tirelessly in election disputes. As Republicans visited his office, I advised them not to comment on his office picture of Al Gore which would result in an hour soliloquy which they would be billed for Jake's defense of Al.

Jake's practice is a general litigation practice. He has tried hundreds of cases during his almost fifty-year career. These include criminal cases in which he has defended people accused of crimes ranging from driving under the influence of alcohol to murder. He has also prosecuted cases on behalf of the Town of Irmo which he has represented for many years. Jake also practices both plaintiff and defense civil law.

Jake has been hired by many large organizations to defend cases. He also brings cases on behalf of injured people, establishing professional law enforcement and stopping predatory Columbia annexation. He has represented the Town of Irmo for many years while representing Lexington County School District Two.

Jake has been a guest lecturer at the University of South Carolina School of Law classes on trial advocacy and has also taught Continuing Legal Education classes on trial advocacy and spoken to numerous groups regarding the legal profession.

Jake is a founding member of Ashland United Methodist Church in the St. Andrews

community of Lexington County. He and his wife Becky were original members of the Church from a mission in 1978. He has taught high school Sunday School classes and adult Sunday School classes at Ashland Methodist Church since that time.

Jake served four years on the Board of Visitors for the University of South Carolina and served as chairman on the Board of Visitors. During his time on the Board of Visitors, he advocated for beautification of the campus by the planting of trees.

Jake founded the Irmo Arbor Day Committee which has been responsible for millions of dollars of landscaping work in the Irmo/St. Andrews area including landscaping for churches and five schools. He was also instrumental in creating a Veteran's Park in the Irmo area and a public park in that area at very low costs to the Town through securing donations. Jake was also a founding chairman of the West Columbia Beautification Commission and has spearheaded many beautification and landscaping projects in West Columbia, especially Sunset Boulevard, through securing donations for the improvement of the area.

Jake has served as a member of the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council and was named Ambassador of the Year by the Irmo Chamber of Commerce and Citizen of the Year by the West Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

He has received the Golden Acorn Award from the South Carolina Forestry Association and the Leadership Award from the Mid-Carolina Cooperative Lexington Soil Conservation District. He and his wife Becky have established a scholarship fund at Presbyterian College.

Jake and his daughter Katherine wrote the children's book "Bruce the Moose." He has given copies of this book to many children and classes in the area as well as visiting elementary classrooms to read the book. He has been significantly involved in the Family Promise Ministry which is an ecumenical project dedicated to lifting working homeless families out of poverty.

Professionally, Jake has tried hundreds of jury trials both criminal and civil. He has been recognized for his trial excellence by the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation only society dedicated to the practice of jury trials. He is a member of the South Carolina Association of Justice, the South Carolina Bar and the Lexington County Bar. Jake has also been recognized by Super Lawyers as an outstanding lawyer and holds an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbe, a lawyer rating service.

Jake and his wife Becky have three children—Jake Moore, Jr., John Moore, and Katherine Moore-Merrel, with six grandchildren—Callahan Moore, Jake Moore, Josh Moore, Ben Moore, Mary Dawkins Merrell, and Sam Merrell.

### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. EILEEN TROY

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the occasion of Ms. Eileen Troy's 100th birthday. Her life is a remarkable story of love and resilience, which we celebrate as she reaches this significant milestone.

Born on May 25, 1925, in Western New York, Ms. Troy has witnessed a century of history and shaped the lives of those around her with her spirit and unwavering dedication to her community. For the last 25 years, she has been an active and devout member of her church, North Presbyterian Church, where she served in the Presbyterian Women's Association and as a deacon.

In the Presbyterian Women's Association, Ms. Troy worked to raise funds for church events, building improvements, and mission work. She also played an integral role in organizing events and cultivating relationships throughout the congregation. As a deacon, Ms. Troy's compassion was frequently reflected by visiting the sick, elderly, and grieving, closely mirroring her faith and the church's mission that service to others is fundamental to living as a Christian.

Ms. Troy's life is a testament to enduring love. She is the proud mother of four, grandmother of seven, and great-grandmother of six. Her compassion, banter, and talents are cherished by all who have crossed her path. As she looks to the future, her goals remain simple: she plans to continue to explore her love of reading, ice cream, and watching her favorite western shows and movies.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Ms. Eileen Troy for her lifetime of service, love, and faith to both her family and community. Ms. Troy's life is a testament to the power of goodwill and dedication to others. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Ms. Troy a joyful and blessed 100th birthday.

### COMMENDING LAKE SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR HONORING THE LEGACY OF AMERICAN VETERANS THROUGH THE WILLIAM G. HOUSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL VETERANS MEMORIAL

#### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the William G. Houston Civics Club in Angola, New York, and to commend the entire Lake-shore Central School District for fostering a

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culture of gratitude, patriotism and civic responsibility in the next generation of Americans.

Behind the school now stands a veterans memorial—conceived, designed, and brought to life by eighth-grade students as a permanent tribute to those who served. This project is more than just a monument—it is a testament to the values of patriotism and reflection, cultivated in the classroom and carried forward into the community.

The newly established Veterans Memorial at William G. Houston Middle School stands as a permanent and growing tribute to over 120 local veterans—men and women who either attended Lake Shore (Evans-Brant) schools or now reside within the district. These heroes served across all five branches of the United States military, representing a broad spectrum of service, sacrifice, and commitment to this country.

This memorial is not dedicated to a single war or era. Rather, it honors the full sweep of service—veterans whose lives have intersected with this community and who answered the call of duty. Their names are now etched into history through this tribute, with space intentionally left to recognize even more veterans in the years to come. It is a living monument—one that will grow alongside the students and community it inspires.

This initiative did not happen by accident—it was made possible by a school community that believes in teaching not only the facts of history, but the weight of its meaning. I thank the teachers, administrators, and advisors who guided this effort, and I applaud Lakeshore Central School for its enduring commitment to shaping thoughtful and engaged citizens.

Let this memorial stand not just as a symbol of remembrance, but as a proud reminder that patriotism begins at home—and sometimes, behind a school, where students dared to imagine something worthy of the heroes who came before them.

#### RECOGNIZING NEVA MELLOW, GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT

#### HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Neva Mellow. Neva is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 317, 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 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distin-

guishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Neva Mellow created “The Art of Letting Go”. There is a common misconception that young people do not experience grief, which is untrue. In the first class she presented to, out of 15 students, 10 had suffered the death of a loved one. Of those 10, four had suffered the loss of a parent, three the death of a sibling, and two had experienced losing someone to suicide. Neva hosted five seminars for Carson City School District freshmen, educating them on 16 types and five stages of grief. She emphasized the importance of support groups and self-care in navigating these emotional challenges. Following the seminars, students created art pieces to express their journey of overcoming grief. These artworks were then donated and displayed at the Brewery Arts Center and local organizations focusing on mental health, helping to raise awareness and foster healing within the community.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Neva Mellow for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Neva for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

#### RECOGNIZING MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE LIEUTENANT MICHNIEWICZ'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district—Lieutenant John Michniewicz of the Middletown Township Police Department—who is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service in law enforcement.

Lieutenant Michniewicz began his career in 1990, graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served in a wide range of roles, including Patrolman, K-9 Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He earned numerous awards and commendations for his exemplary service and unwavering commitment to public safety.

Among his many contributions, Lieutenant Michniewicz conducted numerous background investigations for police recruits. His diligence and attention to detail ensured that only the most qualified candidates were selected to serve the Middletown community—upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

He is also a graduate of several prestigious police leadership programs, including the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program. For the past 15 years, he served as a member of the department's command staff, playing a pivotal role in implementing key initiatives that enhanced the department's responsiveness and strengthened community relations.

After a long and honorable career in law enforcement, Lieutenant Michniewicz now looks

forward to a well-earned retirement, where he plans to spend time with his wife Diane and family, enjoy the beach, and travel.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant John Michniewicz on his retirement and thank him for 35 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the citizens of Bucks County and the Middleton Township Police Department.

#### THANKING JAMES TIANI FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank James Tiani, who is retiring June 17, 2025, after over twenty years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives in the Office of Acquisitions Management. He lives in Oakton, Virginia, and I am proud to represent him here in Congress.

Originally from New Canaan, Connecticut—just 35 miles outside of New York City—Jim spent his early years enjoying the city's nightlife before diving into his professional journey. Working with Mobil Oil in sales and marketing, Jim was known as “Pitbull” for his sharp negotiating skills, intensity and passion. He transitioned to the contracting side when his company moved to Virginia, where he was asked to set up a marketing purchasing group. He retired from Mobil after a 30-year career in 1998.

Jim was enjoying life as a retiree from Mobil Oil and doing part-time consulting. After 9/11, he decided to give back his corporate knowledge to the Government and he accepted a part-time position at the House in 2001, as a contractor in Acquisitions Management. After two years, he accepted a permanent position as Contracts Specialist, which he thought would be for just a few more years but continued until now. Jim is retiring after having lent his talents and skills to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for over twenty years.

A devoted sports fan, he roots for the Washington Commanders in football and splits his baseball loyalties between the Nationals and the Yankees. Outside of work, he treasures time with his two grandchildren, ages 6 and 4, and enjoys Italian food, lamb, and a classic martini. He's an avid reader of David Baldacci, a fan of Top Gun: Maverick, and a proud Corvette enthusiast. Travel is another one of his passions—especially to Italy, where his family roots run deep. A Count by lineage, his family, the Tiani's, were knighted by Napoleon and once protected the king and the pope. With strong ties to Rome and nearby Sete Frati, Jim is proud of his Tuscan heritage. He's looking forward to his next adventure—an Alaskan cruise this July.

I congratulate Jim and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his distinguished service to the House and the Nation it serves. I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.