

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FRANK PEPE PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, there are few things that define my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut and my childhood neighborhood of Wooster Square more than a specially crafted food that draws people from across the country. It is called apizza, which is pronounced "ah-beetz" and is the original way "la pizza" was pronounced in Southern Italy. This year, the institution that started it all, Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana, is celebrating its centennial anniversary. I could not be prouder to stand today to join the Pepe family, the City of New Haven, and the Wooster Square community in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

Frank Pepe's story is that of the quintessential American immigrant, the story that we all conjure when we refer to the American Dream. Immigrating to the United States as a teenager in 1909, Frank served this Nation in the military during World War I, before returning to New Haven where he worked in a pasta factory and then a bakery on Wooster Street. He aspired for more and one day inspiration struck in the form of apizza, a style of pizza from his hometown of Naples. Frank first began selling his tomato pies by walking through the Wooster Square market, the pies stored on a uniquely fashioned headdress, eventually saving enough money to buy a wagon. His pies grew ever more popular and in June of 1925, Frank took over the bakery and established "Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana."

Frank met and married his wife Filomena and together they not only ran the pizzeria but raised a family. The business continued to flourish, employing a crew of relatives, some of whom branched out to open their own restaurants after learning the ropes at Pepe's. Over the years, both the menu and restaurant expanded as has the Pepe family. Today, Pepe's is a fourth-generation family-owned business that has built its reputation on two of its most famous pies. The first, known as a classic New Haven, is topped with tomatoes, grated pecorino cheese, garlic, oregano, and olive oil; and the second is a wholly New England inspired white clam, which boasts fresh clams, garlic, oregano, grated pecorino romano, and olive oil. The original location at 163 Wooster Street is now known as the Spot, and, if you find yourself dining there, enjoying a slice while drinking a Foxon Park soda, made by the Naclerio family in nearby East Haven since 1922, then you are probably eating the exact same meal in the exact same place that someone did 100 years ago.

There is something special about New Haven apizza. Some say it is the coal-fire; some say the brick ovens; some say it is the

char; some say it is the water used to make the dough. Personally, I believe it is generation after generation of dedication to the craft. One thing is for certain; it all began with Frank and Filomena Pepe, their entrepreneurial spirit and their dream of something their own.

Wooster Square is the heart of New Haven's Italian American community and at its center are the immigrant families around which it grew. Frank and Filomena Pepe, the patriarch and matriarch of the Pepe family, were pillars of the Wooster Square community. They ran a successful business in the center of the neighborhood on Wooster Street and were deeply engaged with their community and neighbors. Today, the City they called home will recognize them by dedicating the street corner across from their family business in their honor, a most fitting tribute to their invaluable and innumerable contributions.

As a daughter of Wooster Square, a New Haven native, a Member of Congress, and a family friend, I am so proud to stand today to join all of those gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Pepe Family as they mark the centennial anniversary of Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana. The legacy they have created, both as a successful business and as the epicenter of New Haven's pizza culture is indeed remarkable. As we say in Italian—One Hundred Years "C'ent Anni."

RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS IN LAUREL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of first responders in London and Laurel County who swiftly responded to rescue individuals after a deadly EF-4 tornado ripped through our region, leaving behind a 55-mile trail of destruction through three counties.

The violent storm took the lives of 19 individuals, 17 of whom were in Laurel County. Had it not been for the rapid response and coordination between police, fire, medical professionals, and good Samaritans, the loss of life would undoubtedly be higher. Within 24 hours, every life had been accounted for, despite the mass destruction. Heroic stories of rescues and make-shift tourniquets in the field have flooded our news sources, giving our entire Commonwealth a renewed sense of hope and confidence in those who serve and protect us here at home. Every department responded, along with support from the Kentucky National Guard and other emergency teams from across the state. Local churches and schools were opened in the early hours after the storm to give tornado survivors a safe place to shelter and recover. In the days following the storm, law enforcement officers from every department provided extra security for tornado survivors, holding ruthless looters accountable,

setting up posts at disaster recovery centers and securing temporary housing locations with extra patrols.

The local first responders have gone above and beyond the call of duty throughout the rescue and recovery efforts, providing additional assistance to families in need of food, supplies, medicine and much more. It has become much more than emergency operations in London, Kentucky, this has been a mission of hope for a community that braved a harrowing disaster.

I salute every first responder and unsung hero who bravely responded to this disaster, including: London Police Department, Laurel County Sheriffs Office, London Fire Department, London Public Works, London/Laurel County Rescue Squad, Kentucky State Police Post 11, Bush Volunteer Fire Department, Campground Volunteer Fire Department, Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, East Bernstadt Volunteer Fire Department, Keavy Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel County Fire Department, Lily Volunteer Department, McWhorter Volunteer Department, West Knox Volunteer Fire Department, Bald Rock Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel County Road Department, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 11, Saint Joseph Hospital, Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County, Laurel County Schools Police, London Laurel 911 Center, Phi Air Medical Team and the AirEvac Medical Team.

The people of southern and eastern Kentucky have proven to be resilient through every storm and I have the utmost confidence that we will fully recover and rebuild once again.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE NATHAN SUBER, III

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and fond remembrance that I rise today to honor a dedicated community leader, faithful servant of God and dear friend of long standing, The Honorable Nathan Suber, III. Sadly, Nathan transitioned from labor to reward on June 16, 2025. A Homegoing Celebration of his remarkable life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, in Columbus, Georgia.

The genesis of Nathan Suber's life occurred on July 20, 1950, in Phenix City, Alabama with his birth to the late Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Nathan Suber, Jr. and Helen Woods Douthit. In 1968, Nathan graduated from South Girard High School in Phenix City and furthered his education with an Associate Degree from City College of San Francisco and a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Columbus College, now Columbus State University, in Georgia.

Nathan began his career journey in law enforcement as a Patrol Officer with the Police

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Department of the Consolidated Government of Columbus Georgia. He advanced to the rank of Detective. Serving and protecting the people of Columbus, Nathan was part of the incredible team that investigated and resolved the infamous "Stocking Strangler" serial murder cases that terrorized the city of Columbus for more than 6 months in the late 1970's. His career path then led him to the private sector where he excelled as a Sales Manager for Bell South Yellow Pages, and Davis Broadcasting, Inc., before becoming Sales Representative for AFLAC Insurance. He concluded his professional career as Manager for Krispy Kreme, under 755 Restaurant Corporation, a family business owned by his uncle and aunt, Henry "Hank" Aaron and Billye Suber Aaron, icons in American sports, business, education and philanthropy. Nathan gave good account for his stewardship in all his career endeavors.

Beyond his career achievements, Nathan was a pillar of strength in his community, serving 12 years as District 1 Councilor for the Consolidated Government of Columbus Georgia, including as Chairperson of the City Council Budget Committee. Moreover, Nathan served as Board Chair of the Metro Columbus Urban League and held positions with the A. J. McClung YMCA, Columbus Board Initiative and the Midtown Project, demonstrating his enduring commitment to bettering his community. It has been said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." Nathan Suber paid his rent and paid it well.

Nathan Suber was a man of deep faith and a servant of God. For more than 50 years he served God through the ministries of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church. For 20 of those years at Fourth Street, Nathan and I were in the same Sunday School class and sang and traveled together with the Inspirational and Mass Choirs. Nathan went on to serve as Superintendent of Sunday School and Chair of the Trustee Ministry. He was truly a pillar of the church.

On a personal note, Nathan was my friend for more than half a century. He supported me in every endeavor I took in public life and undertook on many roles that proved vital to my success. And, like the Biblical Nathan who counseled King David, Suber and I counseled each other over the years through good times and bad, offering our best advice to one another on personal, public, and confidential matters. Nathan was brutally honest, telling me not what I wanted to hear but what he felt I needed to hear. I will always be grateful for the fidelity of his friendship and the timbre of his character.

Nathan accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God and the love and support of his devoted wife of 48 years, Charlene Brown Suber; his two daughters, Kelley Suber Jones and Cynthia Denise Suber Huffman; his three cherished grandchildren, Morgan, Austin, and Charleston; his sister, Artie Suber Cobb and brother, Michael Suber; as well as his aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews and other extended family.

As we reflect on Nathan's life, we honor his unwavering faith, his tireless commitment to serving others and his passion for making his community better. Columbus, Georgia, our state, our Nation, and the world have been enriched by the contributions of the Honorable Nathan Suber, III.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Nathan Suber, III and in extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. Moreover, we pray that we will all be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on debris removal after Hurricane Helene.

DEAR FRIEND: There has been an important development regarding debris clean-up efforts from Hurricane Helene. After hearing from residents and stakeholders about improper debris removal, FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have agreed to improve oversight and precision in debris removal operations.

The action plan moving forward is:

Property owners are encouraged to mark debris areas of concern with a red flag.

Flagged areas will not be disturbed until the property owner, the county, and USACE engage in a consultation.

Counties will then make final decisions based on the need to protect downstream infrastructure while respecting private property.

This agreement will help address the top concerns my team has heard from Western North Carolinians affected by debris removal by:

Preventing the removal of more debris than necessary.

Adequately protecting wildlife habitat.

Ensuring landowners receive due consideration through the process.

I believe this plan will increase the quality of clean-up efforts, and my office will continue to assess the debris removal process and listen to your concerns as we work together to return to normalcy as quickly as possible.

For additional information on debris removal projects, visit my website. You will find maps that note areas where debris removal has been completed (marked in green) and plans for upcoming debris removal projects.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,

Member of Congress.

CONGRATULATING WYATT
SPAULDING

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Wyatt Spaulding, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting

force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Wyatt's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Wyatt. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING WAR SURVIVOR
REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor to recognize War Survivor Remembrance Day—a day that commemorates the sacrifices of those before us and the strength of those still with us from Guam's Greatest Generation. The generation that survived the atrocities of the Japanese occupation during World War II.

From 1941 to 1944, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese soldiers occupied Guam and forced our ancestors to endure hardship and unspeakable violence that has left scars long after the war. Many were uprooted from their homes, suffered the loss of loved ones, and were coerced into manual labor without food or medical care to prepare our island against an invasion.

Our people were forced into camps—where resources were scarce and many lives ended in starvation or massacre, and where they were beaten for any signs of disloyalty, including the practice of our culture. And yet, in the face of this darkness, it was our people's quiet resistance and sense of community that kept some alive.

For us in Guam, this event not only honors the sacrifices of our ancestors but reminds us of the power of the CHamoru people. Today, we honor our Greatest Generation and thank them. Without their perseverance through three years of relentless tragedy, we would not be here.

I thank our Greatest Generation for holding on for the freedom of tomorrow. I thank them for persevering and rebuilding our community on the foundation of family and cultural virtues. Words will never fully capture the severity and intensity of your experience, but know our gratitude is immense.

As we celebrate our War Survivors from World War II, let us not dwell only on the horrors of war, but rather highlight the unwavering spirit and strength of the generation that carried our people through a truly difficult time. May this inspire future generations to do the same in the face of unspeakable hardship.