

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR ERIK SHOBERG

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Assistant Director of Border Security for the Houston Office, Erik Shoberg.

For the last 30 years, Mr. Shoberg has demonstrated unwavering loyalty and dedication to protecting America's borders through his work at the United States Customs and Border Protection. He served in posts across the Nation and abroad, including Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Houston, and Toronto. During his time at the U.S. CBP, he has had oversight into immigration processing, biometric programs, firearms/canine programs, intelligence and targeting processes, and external task force officers.

Throughout his career, Mr. Shoberg has showcased his intellectual versatility by consistently being at the forefront of innovating efforts to modernize the work being done by the U.S. CBP. Many of these efforts have focused on the identification of high-risk travelers and the integration of intelligence into operations, allowing for a more harmonized effort focusing on national security concerns. Mr. Shoberg's commitment to improving processes has led to the identification of numerous persons of interest. For his service, Mr. Shoberg has been the recipient of multiple Commissioner's Anti-Terrorism Awards throughout his career and has received a Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Award for Team DHS Excellence.

It is the hard-work, dedication, and faithful service by our U.S. CBP officers like Mr. Shoberg that are the backbone of American security. We thank Mr. Shoberg for his 30 years of incredible service to our Nation and wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING ADELYN KIM

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adelyn Kim. Adelyn is a member of Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore, Troop 4255. She 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, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Adelyn's project, "The Pink Journal", in partnership with Community Food Club Grand Rapids, addressed the various stereotypes and misinformation surrounding periods in our community. Adelyn took action by designing and producing digital and printed bilingual period information resources. These resources are being shared throughout West Michigan, which will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, I congratulate Adelyn Kim for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. I thank Adelyn for her leadership and for making such a positive, enduring change in our community.

REMEMBERING DETECTIVE  
MIOSOTIS FAMILIA

**HON. RITCHIE TORRES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the anniversary of Detective Miosotis Familia's tragic passing, I want to honor not only her unwavering courage as a detective, but also the profound impact she made on her community and family.

Detective Familia answered the call to public service with honor and determination. She pursued justice for all because she believed in the promise of a safer, more just New York. This was a promise she carried out and every day she went to work.

Detective Familia's children, Genesis, Peter and Delilah, her friends, and all the people she touched, carry her memory and legacy forward every day. May we all draw inspiration from her selflessness and resolve. I echo the voices of so many who mourn her loss and salute her sacrifice. Let us devote ourselves to honoring her legacy by building a city that reflects her values: courage, justice, and community.

CONGRATULATING JAN JERNIGAN

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Jan Jernigan,

First Vice President with Morgan Stanley in Columbia, South Carolina, on being awarded South Carolina's highest civilian award, as authorized by Governor Henry McMaster: The Order of the Palmetto.

The Order of the Palmetto is awarded to the State's most accomplished and esteemed individuals who make a significant contribution to a particular community. Jan represents all that this award entails as she has devoted her life to helping those in need.

In 1984, Jan began her career in wealth management with Merrill Lynch in Columbia and has helped clients ever since.

Jan is a founder of Pawmetto Lifeline, one of the most successful animal rescue organizations in the state. She has served as president of the USC Board of Dance since 2010 and is the current Chairwoman of the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Board.

Jan also serves on the boards of the Midlands American Heart Association, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Columbia Sailing Club.

Additionally, in 2017, Jan was given a key to the City of Columbia in recognition of her lifelong service.

Jan is a person of honor, dependability, and exceptional distinction. She has many accomplishments to be proud of and has contributed greatly to the state.

I send my warmest congratulations and best wishes. I am appreciative for all she has done for South Carolina.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF FRANK ROYCE BROWNELL, III

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true Iowa original, Frank Royce Brownell, III. Frank was not only a towering figure in the American 2nd Amendment and firearms community, but a servant-leader whose legacy reaches far beyond the walls of his family's business in Montezuma.

Born in 1939, Frank graduated from Montezuma High School in 1957 and earned his degree in Advertising from the University of Iowa, magna cum laude, in 1961. He married his college sweetheart, Nancy Denton, before commissioning as an officer in the United States Navy. He served aboard the USS Caliente, a fleet oiler stationed out of Long Beach, California, where he served with the same sense of duty that would later define his business career.

Frank joined Brownells full-time in 1965. What began with catalog layout and product marketing soon grew into full operational leadership. Over the decades, he helped build Brownells into one of the Nation's most respected names in gunsmithing and firearms tools, establishing a national standard for quality and service. His stewardship as President,

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CEO, and later Chairman of the Board turned a small-town company into an all-American brand.

Frank was at once a marketer, a mentor, and a modern-day pioneer. He welcomed generations of shooters and builders into the Brownells family, always guided by a steadfast commitment to excellence in every part machined and every cartridge sold.

But Frank's greatest title wasn't CEO or Chairman—it was Dad, Grandpa, and neighbor. For more than 50 years, he served on the Montezuma City Council, serving with quiet dedication and the same unwavering sense of duty he brought to Brownells.

Frank is survived by his sons Bob, Pete, and Matt, and six grandchildren. I offer them my sincerest condolences and wish them peace as they carry forward his remarkable legacy.

Mr. Speaker, Iowa may have lost a legend, but his example endures. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Frank Royce Brownell, III.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 27, 2025, as I was detained due to unforeseen circumstances following the highly sensitive bipartisan national security briefing. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 185, H. Res. 516.

#### RECOGNIZING EMIKO MUKAI

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emiko Mukai of Golden, Colorado. Emiko was selected as one of 250 high school students across the country to participate in the Department of State's prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Program.

Launched in 1983, CBYX selects high achieving youth from both Germany and the United States to live in each other's country for one academic year. During their year abroad, students will foster meaningful relationships between America and Germany, while giving participants new perspectives on peoples and cultures beyond their own. Many CBYX alumni go on to distinguished careers in foreign affairs and public service using the language skills gained through this scholarship program.

This year, Emiko will travel to Germany to attend school, live with a host family, and collaborate with the Department of State to promote cultural exchange between Americans and the German people.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Emiko Mukai for this impressive accomplishment and wish Emiko all the best in this upcoming year in Germany.

HONORING DR. SORAYA M. COLEY

### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Dr. Soraya M. Coley, on her upcoming retirement, and to honor her four decades of service to higher education in the Inland Empire and beyond.

Dr. Soraya Coley began her journey in higher education by completing a bachelor's degree in sociology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. She then earned a master's in social planning and a doctorate in social research from Bryn Mawr College, where she was recognized as a distinguished alumna.

For many years, Dr. Coley has been dedicated to creating opportunities in higher education for Californians. As an accomplished educator and administrator, she served as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Bakersfield from 2005 to 2014. From 2011 to 2012, she served as the university's interim vice president for university advancement. Demonstrating her dedication to uplifting children and students, she also immersed herself in various roles at California State University, Fullerton, the National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, and Alliant International University.

In 2015, Dr. Coley became the sixth president of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) in my district, making history as the university's first woman and African American president. Under her leadership, Cal Poly Pomona grew into the most diverse polytechnic university in the country. She established Cal Poly Pomona as an inclusive polytechnic university that motivates all its students, staff, and faculty to excel.

As president, Dr. Coley managed almost 30,000 students and nearly 2,700 faculty and staff. Under her tenure, enrollment and graduation rates at Cal Poly Pomona reached historic levels.

Dr. Coley has also been deeply involved in serving the wider California community. In 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Dr. Coley to the California Future of Work Commission where she advised the Governor and Legislature about the types of jobs that would be available to Californians in the decades to come, the impact of technological advancements, different ways to promote job quality and labor protections, and how to prepare the state's workforce through lifelong education.

Additionally, Dr. Coley is a fierce advocate of furthering higher education interests for women. In 2000, Orange County Metro Magazine named her as "One of Ten Women Making a Difference." In 2023, she earned the American Council on Education Donna Shavlik Award, demonstrating her dedication to supporting women in higher education through leadership, career development, and mentoring.

She has been an incredible leader in our region and has created opportunities for the success of thousands of students. For her outstanding accomplishments and remarkable career, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Soraya M. Coley. Her service and commitment to advancing higher education are worthy of the highest commendation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL ESTEP

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise, today to pay tribute to Kentucky journalist Bill Estep, who is retiring from the Lexington Herald Leader after 40 years of dedicated news and investigative reporting in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As a resident of Somerset, Kentucky, Bill is one of my constituents, giving him personal insight into the generational challenges that we have faced in Kentucky's Appalachian region. He has written about our coal mines, our education system, historic flooding and tornado disasters, while also holding elected leaders accountable in the courtroom of public opinion, and never failing to keep facts at the core of his journalistic integrity. With the uprising of "yellow journalism" in the form of social media's sensational opinions and unchecked rumors, 24-hours a day, Bill has remained consistent in his news coverage, keeping his pen steady, balanced, fair and accurate.

Over the last four decades, Bill and I have sat down together to talk about every issue that impacts the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. We built a trusted relationship with the understanding that we both had an important job to do, requiring tough questions and, at times, tough answers. In 2003, Bill embarked on an investigative series called "Prescription for Pain" that would prove to have a monumental impact on my public service. The series exposed a rapidly growing opioid epidemic more than 20 years ago that was spreading like wildfire throughout our small communities, taking the lives of high school beauty queens and local leaders alike, while revealing local corruption and criminal drug trafficking in the depths of our mountain communities. His collective work inspired me to not only respond, but to take action. In the following weeks, I called together a group of leaders from across our region to launch a non-profit organization called Operation UNITE—Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education—the Nation's first multi-pronged approach to help save lives and curb the drug crisis. In 2012, Operation UNITE took its mission to the national stage by establishing the National Rx and Illicit Drug Summit, which has grown into the largest convention of its kind with more than 3,000 annual attendees and highlighted by keynote speakers from federal agencies across the country, including four U.S. Presidents. Bill's reporting inspired a life-saving movement in Eastern Kentucky that is now impacting collaborative efforts nationwide—a feat worthy of a Pulitzer Prize and more.

In 2013, when the downturn of the coal industry was exacerbated by the Obama Administration's war on coal, we lost more than 12,000 coal mining jobs in Eastern Kentucky alone. Once again, turning to action rather than words, former Governor Steve Beshear and I co-founded a bipartisan initiative called SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region—to reimagine the future of southern and eastern Kentucky. Since inception, SOAR has focused on expanding access to high performance broadband, more diversified industrial development, workforce training, innovative tourism