

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING JON C. TELLER

HON. DEREK TRAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 7, 2025

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a loving husband, devoted father, award-winning attorney, and good friend, Jon C. Teller. Jon, a pinnacle in the Los Angeles trial attorney community, passed away much too soon this month after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jon was a celebrated Senior Trial Attorney at Wilshire Law Firm, known for his dedication to fighting large insurance corporations and holding them accountable. His excellent work at Wilshire led to his nomination for both Attorney of the Year by Consumer Attorneys of California in 2020, and Trial Lawyer of the Year by Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles in 2022 and 2023. Perhaps most importantly, Jon maintained a reputation as someone who cared for those around him, always finding time to mentor fellow attorneys and share his knowledge and expertise. Jon believed that assisting fellow trial attorneys

would help the most injured people receive the justice they deserved, and he dedicated his life to that belief.

Jon was also a beloved husband and father and is survived by his wife Rachie and their children Jordan, Nicky, and Ally. I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Jon's life and contributions to his community. Jon will be dearly missed by his friends and family, and his legacy will continue in the minds of everyone who met him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) over non-federal real property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under EOs, the CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in D.C. "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act.

The federal government, including the CFA, whose members are appointed by the President, should not have any authority over D.C. land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property a violation of home rule, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in D.C.

This bill is an important step to increase home rule for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support it.

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