

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS HOME RULE ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Home Rule Act. This bill would give the Council of the District of Columbia authority over the jurisdiction and organization of the local D.C. courts. The D.C. Home Rule Act (HRA) prohibits the Council from enacting any law with respect to title 11 of the D.C. Code, which relates to the jurisdiction and organization of the local D.C. courts.

More than 50 years after passage of the HRA and notwithstanding the importance of the local D.C. courts to D.C., the Council, which is the legislative body accountable to D.C. residents, is left on the sidelines while Congress, which could not care less about the local D.C. courts, remains the only legislative body that can amend title 11 of the D.C. Code.

Under the HRA, the Council has no authority to “enact any act, resolution, or rule with respect to any provision of title 11 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the District of Columbia courts).” Title 11 of the D.C. Code primarily relates to the rules of criminal and civil procedure, court administration, the branches of the courts, jury service and admission to the bar.

D.C. has never had authority over its local courts, even when it was responsible for paying for them. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, the federal government assumed from D.C. the costs for several state-level functions, including the courts. This bill would not change the federal government’s responsibility for funding the local D.C. courts or the authority of the President to nominate, and the Senate to confirm, local D.C. judges.

This bill is an important step to increase self-government for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support it.

#### HONORING PHIL AND TONI SCULLY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phil and Toni Scully, leaders and public servants who have been named the 2025 Lake County Farm Bureau Lifetime Achievement Award Winners.

Phil was born and grew up in San Francisco, California while Toni grew up in Galt, California. Phil earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from UC

Davis. Toni also attended UC Davis, where the two met and later married while still students. Toni earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish, followed by a teaching credential. Their diverse academic backgrounds—Phil’s in agriculture and economics, Toni’s in language and education—proved to be a powerful combination, laying a strong foundation for the success of their family business: Scully Packing Company.

Phil and Toni’s commitment to our community is evident from their long history of advocating for agricultural policy. Toni has served as a powerful voice and bridge between Lake County agriculture and policymakers at every level. In 1996, while I was in the California State Senate, I had the honor to work with Toni to pass SB 1988, a bill that safeguarded the ability of Lake County teens to work during the pear harvest. In 2006, Toni partnered with U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein to support and promote the Agricultural Jobs Bill, aimed at providing a more stable, legal workforce for American agriculture while safeguarding the rights and livelihoods of farmworkers. Meanwhile, Phil has been a true innovator in the pear industry. He has introduced River Pears to Lake County, extending the marketing season. Additionally, he pioneered the use of electronic sizers, plastic bins, and PLU stickers in California’s pear industry.

Toni and Phil stay busy around the district. Toni is a current member of the AgVenture Steering Committee, past President of California Women for Agriculture, a former member of the Executive Committee for the California Grape and Tree Fruit League and has been a member of the Lake County Farm Bureau Presidents’ Club for over 30 years. Toni was also the recipient of the 2014 Common Threads North Award. Phil is a former member of the California Tree Fruit Agreement, a former board member of the California Pear Advisory Board, and a former board member of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League.

Together, Phil and Toni have four children: Tom, Pat, Katie, and Andy. Today, Pat and Andy serve as co-owners of Scully Packing Company, continuing the family legacy. Katie is a food scientist and a floral farmer, and Tom is a flight instructor and pilot for United Airlines. Toni and Phil are proud grandparents to nine grandchildren and great-grandparents to two. This year, they celebrate 61 wonderful years of marriage—a testament to their enduring partnership in both life and business.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Phil and Toni Scully for their dedicated service to California’s 4th District. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

#### HONORING THE KRITZECK FAMILY

#### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kritzecks, a remarkable Minnesota

family whose commitment to public safety spans five generations and more than 220 years of combined service in law enforcement. The Kritzeck family’s legacy of service spans five generations and includes time in Stearns, Wright, Hennepin, and Hubbard counties.

The family’s law enforcement service began nearly a century ago when Paul Kritzeck was elected sheriff of Wright County in November 1930. He was re-elected five times and served as sheriff for 22 years. His watch ended tragically in 1951 as he was killed while responding to a call when his patrol car was struck as he turned onto a county road. The collision pushed his vehicle into the path of an oncoming semi which struck his vehicle and resulted in his death.

Paul was not the only member of the Kritzeck family to serve in Wright County. His sons, Lawrence “Brownie” Kritzeck, and his brother, Willard Kritzeck, were Wright County deputy sheriffs while their father, Paul, served as sheriff. Willard ended up taking over as Wright County Sheriff following his father’s passing. He held the title for more than 12 years until he became the police chief for Winsted, Minnesota in 1963. Brownie also changed departments in 1963 after relocating to Stearns County, where he served as the deputy sheriff for several years.

Jack Kritzeck, part of the third generation of Kritzecks to work in law enforcement, was a captain in Stearns County from 1967 until he retired in 1999. Another family member, Steve Kritzeck, has worked as a law enforcement officer in Hennepin County, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce Fraud Bureau.

Mark Kritzeck, a member of the fourth generation of Kritzecks to serve their community in law enforcement, is a patrol sergeant for the city of Eagan, Minnesota. Craig Kritzeck, another member of the family, started his career in law enforcement in 2002 and was hired as the Police Chief in Nevis, Minnesota in 2004. Later, Craig was hired by the Park Rapids Police Department, where he worked until his family moved to Cold Spring in 2010.

Craig now works for the Hubbard County Sheriff’s Office where he serves as a Deputy. Last month, Craig had the special privilege of swearing in the fifth generation of Kritzecks into law enforcement, when he deputized his son, Lucas, as a member of the Hubbard County Sheriff’s department. Inspired by his family’s legacy of service, Lucas recently completed his associate’s degree in applied science in peace officer training and education at Alexandria Technical and Community College. Following graduation, he passed the state law enforcement officers exam and will now complete a 14-week training program with the Hubbard County Sheriff’s Office.

The Kritzeck family’s story is one of resilience, sacrifice, and service. Their 220 years of combined law enforcement reflects not just their individual careers, but a family-wide call to protect and uplift our communities. On behalf of Minnesota’s entire 6th Congressional

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District, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Kritzeck family and pray that God will protect them, and all our law enforcement officers, as they work to keep our communities safe.

HONORING THE THIRD ANNUAL  
PEACH WEEK IN MOORE COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 3rd annual Peach Week, taking place in my home county of Moore, North Carolina, this week. Peach week is a kickoff to summer fun but also shows the importance of peaches in our agriculture industry and as a staple of our state.

This year, Peach Week will run from July 18 to July 27, featuring a variety of events. Due to its popularity, Peach Week has garnered a record number of nearly 40 participating restaurants, specialty outlets, and food trucks taking part in the Peach Week promotions. Attendees will have the opportunity to try a variety of peach-themed dishes ranging from breakfast, appetizers, entrees, desserts, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

In addition to these promotions, ticketed and complementary events will be available, such as the Run Your Peach Off 5k, Putt n' Peach mini golf, and the Peachgrass festival at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities. To complement the activities, farmers markets from Southern Pines, Vass, and Carthage will also be offering peaches and peach products during the celebration.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 3rd annual Peach Week, in North Carolina's 9th District, as a fun and exciting week celebrating the peach, a major agricultural product of my home state of North Carolina and a symbol of summertime.

HONORING PEMBA SHERPA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pemba Sherpa, a leader and community-rooted entrepreneur who has been named California's 4th Congressional District 2025 American Dream Award Recipient for Sonoma County. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in our district who have made remarkable contributions to our communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Mr. Sherpa was born and raised in Namche, Nepal, a small village in the Himalayas. Mr. Sherpa came to the United States in 1997 with a dream of pursuing a college education. In 2002, he received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Manchester College in Indiana. Mr. Sherpa then moved to the town of Sonoma where he and his business partner opened the first location of the Taste of the Himalayas in 2003. In 2009, while pur-

suage his master's degree, Mr. Sherpa enrolled in the International Culinary Center in Campell. Today, Sonoma County knows Pemba for his tireless work ethic, entrepreneurship and leadership. He is the owner of Farmhouse Sonoma and multiple locations of Taste of the Himalayas. Mr. Sherpa is also president of the Himalayan Sherpa Club and a member of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sherpa's most important role is that of a proud husband to his wife, Tenzin, and father to their children, Osel and Rigsel.

Mr. Sherpa has created more than jobs, cultivating a welcoming space for different cultures to blend. Mr. Sherpa prioritizes local sourcing, sustainable practices and uses his businesses to support community events. Mr. Sherpa has organized and contributed to numerous fundraisers benefiting wildfire relief, local families in crisis and public-school initiatives. Whether feeding first responders or helping a neighbor in need, he consistently shows up to provide generosity and care for our community.

As president of the Himalayan Sherpa Club, Mr. Sherpa leads efforts to preserve Himalayan heritage. He has played a key role in organizing cultural festivals, fundraising dinners and community aid drives, particularly during natural disasters and local emergencies. His involvement spans civic, cultural and philanthropic engagement always with a commitment to support others in Sonoma County, the place he now calls home.

His journey is a testament to the American promise of opportunity and his strength of character. Admired for his generosity, resilience and innovation, Mr. Sherpa embodies all pillars of what it means to not only achieve the American Dream, but also share it with others.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Pemba Sherpa for his innovation, leadership and dedication to California's 4th Congressional District.

HONORING U.S. COAST GUARD  
VICE ADMIRAL ANTHONY  
TIONGSON

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize United States Coast Guard Vice Admiral Anthony Tionson on relinquishing his command of the Pacific Area in Alameda on Friday, July 18, 2025.

Vice Admiral Tionson has dedicated his entire adult life to education and national service. After high school he attended the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1989 with a BS in electrical engineering. He went on to earn two master's degrees from George Washington University, one in mechanical engineering and another in environmental and energy management. From there, he went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a System Design and Management Fellow, earned an MS in Engineering and Management, and completed the Seminar XXI program on foreign affairs and international relations.

A career cutterman, Vice Admiral Tionson served aboard five Coast Guard Cutters and the United States Navy Ship, USS *Normandy*,

including deployment during Operation Desert Storm.

Ashore, he served as assistant project officer for a \$30 million configuration management project as well as a nearly \$1 billion Rescue 21 project. He held key positions in the Office of Budget and Programs as a budget coordinator and office chief. He also served in the Office of Congressional Affairs as senior policy advisor to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives on domestic and international drug issues. This is all in addition to his service as Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Since 2022, Vice Admiral Tionson has served as Commander of Coast Guard Pacific Area and Commander of Defense Force West. His distinguished service has been recognized with the Defense Superior Service Medal and four Legions of Merit.

Over more than three decades, Vice Admiral Tionson has left an indelible mark on the United States Coast Guard and the broader maritime community, protecting coastal communities and upholding international law. His leadership and dedication exemplify the mission and values of the Coast Guard. As he concludes his commendable career, his legacy will continue to set a high standard and benefit our Nation for years to come.

HONORING JEFF CRANE

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Crane on his upcoming retirement as President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF). Mr. Crane will conclude his illustrious career after over forty years of public service.

Mr. Crane's dedication to improving our environment and providing opportunities to all outdoorsmen is constantly inspiring. He has served as President of the CSF since 2002, guiding the organization from a small group of only five staff members to become the Nation's preeminent sportsmen advocacy group. While at the helm of the CSF, Mr. Crane helped grow the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus to the largest bipartisan caucus in Congress. He also aided in the creation of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), which has nearly 2,500 members across all 50 states, and the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus.

While expanding the scope of the CSF, Mr. Crane tirelessly worked to pass countless bills to enhance opportunities for hunters and anglers. He vigorously fought for our environment, passing legislation to fund conservation efforts at the state and federal levels. Other advocacy organizations would often defer to Mr. Crane's vision and judgment on policy matters, a high compliment to his knowledge and ability.

Beyond the CSF, Mr. Crane served as the Chairman of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council (HSSCC) and of American Wildlife Conservation Partners, along with many other leadership positions. Mr. Crane has been consistently recognized for his humility, grace, and team-oriented approach. His dedication and passion for our environment