

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

HON. NICK LaLOTA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. LaLOTA. Mr. Speaker, one in ten American adults lives with a disability, yet there are only about 16,000 accredited service dogs nationwide. These dogs provide more than assistance—they offer independence, dignity, and healing for children, adults, and especially our veterans carrying both visible and invisible wounds. This is why I rise today to recognize September as National Service Dog Month.

Organizations like Canine Companions, Paws of War, and America's VetDogs, headquartered in my home state of New York, are leading the way. They prepare and place service dogs that make life-changing impacts, while continuing to stand behind each partnership well beyond the first match. This month is an opportunity to educate the public about the vital role service dogs play and the protections in place to guarantee their access. It is also a time to honor the trainers, volunteers, and families who make this work possible.

As a Navy veteran, I've seen firsthand the impact these dogs have on our service members. So I want to thank all of those organizations who are doing this important work.

We see them. We thank them. We stand with them, and we support them. I encourage all Americans to join me in celebrating service dogs and the life-changing bond they share with those they serve.

HONORING THE CITIZENS FOR EAST SHORE PARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP), an extraordinary community organization founded in 1985 to protect open space and wildlife habitat and to provide recreational opportunities along the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay.

Through their tireless advocacy and partnership with community allies, CESP was instrumental in the creation of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, which preserves and protects 8.5 miles of shoreline habitat and open space from the Bay Bridge to Richmond. This remarkable park provides Bay Area residents access to natural beauty and recreational opportunities in one of the Nation's most urbanized regions.

Over four decades, CESP has helped transform the East Bay shoreline from neglected dumping grounds into a connected landscape of parks, trails, and ecological preserves. Their

efforts have supported the creation and protection of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, Point Molate Park, Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex, the Bay Trail connection at Golden Gate Fields, and the Albany Bulb.

Today, CESP continues to lead with vision and purpose, working toward incorporating the Golden Gate Fields property into McLaughlin Eastshore State Park and ultimately restoring the site to wetlands and marshes that will provide a resilient shoreline in the face of sea level rise. In this effort, CESP is committed to collaborating with Native American communities to restore these historically vital landscapes.

CESP's long-term vision is bold and inspiring: a connected, accessible shoreline of open space and parkland stretching from the Carquinez Strait to San Jose. Their work has created a legacy of preservation, environmental stewardship, and public access that will benefit generations to come.

On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th Congressional District, I commend Citizens for East Shore Parks for their outstanding contributions to our region and our environment, and I congratulate them on 40 years of remarkable achievement.

HONORING ANNA ESHOO ON HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Bay Area delegation, I rise to honor the service and career of The Honorable Anna Eshoo. Former Congresswoman Eshoo served in Congress for 32 years, representing parts of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo Counties. Throughout her tenure, Congresswoman Eshoo showed a remarkable commitment to public service and to my district. Today, we recognize Congresswoman Eshoo as San Mateo County's 2025 History Maker for her exceptional leadership.

Congresswoman Eshoo is a proud graduate of Cañada College and the CORO Foundation, also holding an Honorary Degree from Menlo College. She started her career in public office in 1982, when she was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Congresswoman Eshoo served on the county board for 10 years, then was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 to represent southern San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County.

Throughout her tenure in Congress, Congresswoman Eshoo worked tirelessly to advance healthcare, technology, and environmental policy. She advocated for strengthening public health services, expanding access to health insurance, and lowering healthcare costs for Americans. More than half of the bills she authored were health-related.

A champion of technology and innovation, Congresswoman Eshoo's influence is felt

around the country today through the numerous bills she helped author. She represented Silicon Valley as tech continued to grow in my region and worked hard to show tech leadership in Congress. She advocated for the growth of the internet and online privacy, and was recognized as one of the most influential people in AI. Her dedicated efforts to improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of my communities exemplifies true commitment to the American people.

Throughout her time in Congress, Congresswoman Eshoo passed 68 pieces of legislation, signed into law by five Presidents. Congresswoman Eshoo spent 30 years serving on the Energy and Commerce committee, including chairing the Health Subcommittee for four years and being the Ranking Member of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee for six. She was the first woman to serve in either role. Congresswoman Eshoo had a strong record of working across the aisle to support the needs of the American people.

Above all, Congresswoman Eshoo embodied a deep devotion to the people she represented and found joy in serving them. Her warmth, authenticity, and rare gift for making personal connections earned her not only a loyal following but also enduring friendships across every chapter of her career.

I have the immense honor of serving Congresswoman Eshoo's former district and celebrating her numerous accomplishments in Congress. Her exemplary work in Congress will continue to serve my district for generations. Congresswoman Eshoo's legacy of public service is exceptional, and she has truly left her mark on our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIJAH CRANE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, regarding the vote on H. Res. 719.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 282.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES W. "JIM" MCGLOTHLIN

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. James W. "Jim" McGlothlin who passed away on August 6th, 2025, at the age of 85.

Mr. McGlothlin was born on June 18, 1940 in Richlands, Virginia. His subsequent upbringing in Buchanan County, Virginia, influenced his growing love for rural Appalachia and Southwest Virginia. His affinity for our region

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lasted the rest of his life, no matter where he and his family lived.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctorate from the College of William & Mary, Mr. McGlothlin began a distinguished law career. This career track shaped his quick return to Buchanan County where he became cofounder of a law firm.

One of Mr. McGlothlin's greatest achievements was the founding of the United Coal Company, which became the building blocks for the United Company. Over time, the company specialized in coal, oil and gas, real estate, hospitality and finance. The company grew into a well-known and influential privately owned business in the Commonwealth which helped fuel economic growth in regions like Southwest Virginia.

Known for his generous philanthropy, Mr. McGlothlin supported many communities in Southwest Virginia, particularly children. His charitable efforts included his support of the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia, an institution where at-risk children can access special educational opportunities.

Mr. McGlothlin's tenure as a business leader and community spokesman are credited for the legalization of commercial casinos in Virginia and the subsequent founding of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Bristol, Virginia.

Other significant accomplishments and pursuits of Mr. McGlothlin included the creation of the William & Mary McGlothlin Teaching Award in 2016. He also continued to mentor students over the years, along with speaking about business, leadership and ethics. In 2015, he was granted with the Citizens-Lawyer award, the highest alumni distinction at William & Mary.

Besides his accomplishments at William & Mary, Mr. McGlothlin and his family have generously invested in the arts, education and health care. The McGlothlin American Art Galleries and McGlothlin Wings, well known for its beautiful artwork, were established in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. McGlothlin is survived by his loving wife, Frances, and his children, Martha Bowman (Mark), Tara Verkuil (David) and Gibson Verkuil (Dena); his six grandchildren, and his siblings, Michael McGlothlin and Tom McGlothlin.

I join my friends and public figures across Southwest Virginia in mourning the loss of a titan. Mr. McGlothlin leaves behind legacies of riches, friendships and inspirations that span much of Southwest Virginia. Through his actions as an entrepreneur, public servant and family man, he will be remembered as a leader, mentor and friend to many.

HONORING HALEY DENG ON BECOMING A UNITED STATES CITIZEN

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor one of my former interns, Ms. Haley Deng, who is taking the oath of citizenship and officially becoming a citizen of the United States.

Haley was born in China and moved at an early age to Marlboro, New Jersey, in my dis-

trict, where she grew up. From a young age, she demonstrated a deep curiosity about the world around her and a strong commitment to serving others. Today, she is pursuing degrees in Biological Sciences and Government at Cornell University, with the goal of entering public service and helping to improve our healthcare system.

This past summer, Haley brought her talents to my congressional office as an intern. She displayed a remarkable ability to understand and clearly communicate complex healthcare policies—always with empathy, clarity, and respect. She spoke compassionately with constituents seeking assistance, supported our caseworkers in processing inquiries, and participated in policy meetings with professionalism and a consistently positive attitude. Haley never hesitated to share her perspective, drawing from her experience growing up in an immigrant family and the challenges and opportunities that shaped her.

For Haley, one of her greatest aspirations was to become an American citizen. She fell in love with our Nation's freedoms and with our democratic system, even while acknowledging its imperfections. Today, she has fulfilled that dream. I am proud to say our country is stronger because of it. For when we welcome a new citizen like Haley, we reaffirm the promise that America is not defined by blood or birth, but by the shared belief that freedom and opportunity belong to all who seek them.

As a citizen, Haley will continue to apply her education, experience, and New Jersey values to the work of building a brighter and more inclusive future for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Haley Deng on this milestone in her life and in welcoming her as one of our Nation's newest citizens.

RECOGNIZING HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Hawaiian History Month this September, I want to again express the pride and appreciation of my Hawaii in the unique history, culture and contributions of the Native Hawaiian people.

Because of Hawaii's geographic distance from the continental United States and the general lack of education nationally about Hawaiian history, many Americans remain unaware that there are over 700,000 now who identify in whole or in part as Native Hawaiian. Roughly half continue to reside in their homeland of Hawaii, and I am deeply humbled to join my Hawaii Congressional delegation colleagues in our kuleana (responsibility) to represent them and their 'ohana (family) everywhere in Congress.

The Native Hawaiians, also known as Kānaka Maoli, trace their origins to the extraordinary voyages from their ancestral homeland of Kahiki—today's Tahiti and Marquesas—hundreds of years before the arrival of other recognized Pacific peoples in their homelands. By the time of first Western contact with Captain Cook in 1778, Native Hawaiians had developed a complete and vibrant

culture with their own language, religion, values and sophisticated systems of governance, agriculture and navigation.

Yet, like so many other indigenous peoples, post-contact Native Hawaiians endured marginalization, suppression and loss of their traditions in their own homelands. While estimates vary, it is believed that there were more than 300,000 Native Hawaiians prior to the arrival of Captain Cook, but by 1920, that number had fallen to just under 24,000, on the verge of losing bedrock cultural practices such as hula, traditional chanting called oli and the Hawaiian language itself due to mass population loss and laws preventing the teaching of Hawaiian.

But beginning in the 1960s–70s, a cultural renaissance took hold. Kumu hula (master teachers in the art of hula) like George Na'ope, who founded the Merrie Monarch Festival, worked tirelessly to preserve and revive ancient hula traditions. Language advocates like Larry Kimura launched 'Aha Pūnana Leo preschools to nurture a new generation of 'Ōlelo Hawaii (Hawaiian language) speakers. The Polynesian Voyaging Society, through the construction and voyages of the Hōkūle'a, reawakened the ancient art of navigation and connected Native Hawaiians with their voyaging ancestors.

Today, Native Hawaiians continue to embody resilience and leadership. Their revival across all enriches not only Hawaii but also the entire Nation, offering a living example of perseverance, identity and contribution. We see this in the half-century now of traditional navigation of Nainoa Thompson, the first Hawaiian master navigator in 600 years, the music and cultural leadership of Keali'i Reichel and Kumu Hula Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, the athletic achievements of Max Holloway and Akebono Taro, and the groundbreaking scientific work of Dr. Isabella Abbott, the world's foremost expert on Pacific marine algae.

As we mark Hawaiian History Month, let us honor the Native Hawaiian people, recognize their unique history and culture, and recommit ourselves to ensuring that this heritage remains a living, thriving part of our shared American story.

HONORING ASHLEY MILLER FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE 2025 3M CLASH OF THE GRINDERS COMPETITION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ashley Miller, who placed 2nd in 3M's 2025 Clash of the Grinders, a national welding and fabrication competition.

The Clash of the Grinders competition is an annual event hosted by 3M's Abrasive Solutions division at FABTECH, North America's largest metalworking trade show. This metalworking competition challenges the skill and speed of welding school students across various applications in welding and grinding. It serves as an inspiration for young individuals to pursue careers in skilled trades. This year, only six applicants from across the Nation were invited to compete in the competition to showcase their skills.