

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MEYER LUSKIN

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of visionary philanthropist Meyer Luskin. For decades, Mr. Luskin and his wife, Renee, have been civic and philanthropic leaders supporting academic and social causes throughout Southern California. Today, the impact of the Luskins' wide-ranging philanthropic giving can be seen across the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles, at local public schools and at leading medical centers in Southern California. It is my honor to celebrate his legacy on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Meyer Luskin came from humble beginnings. Born in 1925, he was raised on the Lower East Side of New York where he lived until he was fourteen years old. His family then moved to Boyle Heights on the East Side of Los Angeles, one of LA's most densely populated and historic neighborhoods.

In 1942, Meyer began his college education at the age of seventeen, traveling seventeen miles every day by streetcars and buses to attend the University of California, Los Angeles. He left following his first year to serve in World War II with the U.S. Army Air Corps but returned thereafter to complete a bachelor's degree in economics in 1949. To this day, Meyer emphasizes that his ability to return to college was because of a \$30 scholarship he received, deepening his appreciation for philanthropy in support of higher education. After UCLA, Meyer went on to earn a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University in 1951.

Taking a risk, Meyer left his job as a stockbroker to found and develop Scope Industries, a company that was ahead of its time in recognizing the benefits of transforming food waste into profitable and useful resources. As a result, Meyer became a trailblazer in the recycling industry and served as company president, CEO and chairman over the course of his leadership. Alongside the growing success of Scope Industries, opportunities also grew for Meyer and his beloved wife, Renee, to pay forward their achievements.

The Luskins have played a transformative role in shaping UCLA's future through major philanthropic gifts focused on innovation, education and public service. In 2008, Meyer and Renee founded the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, an institute that develops ongoing programs focused on sustainable urban solutions including smart water systems, parklets, electric vehicle plans, solar power options and more. Their charitable commitment to the university deepened even further in 2011 with a transformative \$100 million gift that established the Luskin Conference Center. UCLA renamed the university's policy school to the Meyer and Renee Luskin School of Public Af-

fairs in their honor. This philanthropic donation by the Luskins reflected their belief in the institution's ability to tackle society's most pressing issues and foster effective collaboration across various academic and professional disciplines.

In 2019, the Luskins were awarded the esteemed UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, in acknowledgment of their extraordinary contributions and lasting legacy. They were later named the Edward A. Dickson Alumni of the Year in 2020, another prestigious award for outstanding service to the university. Continuing their generosity, the Luskins made a historic \$25 million donation in 2024 to UCLA's Department of History, marking the largest single donation to both the department and the Division of Social Sciences. Most recently, Meyer was a founding donor to the California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy, part of the new UCLA Research Park at the former Westside Pavilion, which aims to support groundbreaking medical research and treatments.

In addition to pivotal donations to UCLA, Meyer has been involved in the university community and beyond through multiple leadership roles. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, and the boards of the UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, and the Luskin Center for Innovation at UCLA. Meyer also serves on an advisory board to UCLA's Chancellor called the UCLA Second Century Council. Several of his past roles include Chairman of the Board of both the UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital and the Orthopedic Institute for Children, as well as a member of the UCLA Centennial Campaign executive committee and the UCLA Foundation board of directors.

The Luskins' philanthropic support extends across the greater Los Angeles area, including the backing of arts and cultural entities such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Opera, Center Theatre Group and many other organizations.

This October, Meyer Luskin reaches the age of one hundred years old. The decades of leadership and generosity that he and his wife Renee have shown have served countless residents of Southern California and beyond. Los Angeles County and its institutions are stronger because of Meyer Luskin's civic engagement and generosity.

### HONORING DR. SHEILA MCCABE AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Sheila McCabe as she is honored as one of Califor-

nia's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her outstanding dedication and service to education and the community. Dr. McCabe has served the district for over twelve years, leading efforts to expand educational opportunities for more than 21,000 students. Under her leadership, innovative programs such as the Public Safety Academy, Early College High School at Solano College, and a virtual school have been successfully established, providing diverse pathways for student success. Her commitment to building authentic community partnerships has been transformative. Dr. McCabe spearheaded the Inspire career fairs for 8th graders and industry tours for 10th graders, programs that have reached over 12,500 students across four school districts in Solano County. This exemplary work was recognized with the prestigious Kl Jones award from the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce. Beyond education, Dr. McCabe has contributed extensively through civic engagement. She has served as Past-President and Literacy Chair of the Rotary Club of Cordelia, is a member of the Solano Economic Development Corporation Board, and currently leads the Fairfield Community Services Foundation Board as its President. She also serves as an Honorary Commander for the Band of the Golden West and represented Solano County at the Air War College's National Security Forum in 2015. Her tireless efforts continue to inspire and uplift the families of Solano County, making her truly deserving of this community award. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Dr. Sheila McCabe for her invaluable contributions to our community.

### CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEORIA COUNTY

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of Peoria County, located in the heart of Illinois. Along the Illinois River, Peoria County spans 629 square miles and is home to more than 181,000 residents who embody the resilience, innovation, and community spirit that define central Illinois.

For two centuries, Peoria County has served as an economic anchor for our state. From its fertile farmland producing corn, soybeans, and livestock, to manufacturing giants like Caterpillar and Komatsu, the region's foundation remains strong. Over time, Peoria County has diversified into healthcare, education, research, and entrepreneurship, with a thriving reputation for innovation and investment.

Peoria County serves as a hub for arts, culture, and recreation, with attractions such as the Peoria Riverfront Museum and Peoria

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Civic Center, embodying the best of the Midwest and providing metropolitan amenities within a welcoming, mid-sized community. Peoria is also home to Bradley University and Illinois Central College, preparing the next generation of leaders in Central Illinois.

Above all, Peoria County is a wonderful place to call home. The many diverse communities which compromise Peoria County carry forward a tradition of family values, hard work, and small-town charm that continue to define the region.

As we celebrate the bicentennial of Peoria County, we honor its proud past and look forward to the continued leadership role in Illinois and across the Midwest. I am pleased to represent this remarkable community and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peoria County on 200 years of history and progress.

#### RECOGNIZING DANNY CHARLES MASUR WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Charles Masur, of Rockdale, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His persistent efforts in fostering beliefs of sacrifice and respect reflect his value as a leader during service and in retirement.

After completing his early education in Lockhart, Texas public schools, Danny enrolled at Southwest Texas State College. Within his first week there, he recognized the potential of the ROTC program, and after his first experience with them he was set on a path to earn his pilot's license, graduate, and head to Air Force Pilot Training as soon as possible. He dedicated five years and one day of service to his country before his release from active duty.

Beginning in June 1968, Danny spent a year at Del Rio's Laughlin AFB Pilot Training, and upon completion he was assigned to Dover AFB, Delaware's Military Airlift Command. He flew the C-133 Cargomaster, the largest military transport aircraft at that time. Danny flew special missions world-wide including flights into Vietnam, followed by European and Middle Eastern trips supporting our Nation's Cold War military exercises. He also flew into other various conflicts such as the Israel-Jordan Crisis, and across the world to Pakistan, Ethiopia, Panama, Greenland, and Libya. Danny had the privilege of flying the last C-133 to the Boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

After leaving the Air Force, Danny became a tracking pilot/recovery supervisor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. He was located in Palestine, Texas at their Balloon facility, wherein, alongside some of the world's top scientists and astrophysicists, he contributed to invaluable scientific discoveries in the facilities critical outer space work.

Danny then moved to work at the ALCOA plant in Rockdale, Texas, where he began

dedicating his life to his family and several community volunteer organizations. For twenty-two years he was a board member of the Rockdale Fair Association, as well as the Goat Superintendent and Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs. In 1982, he joined the Rockdale Knights of Columbus, serving as Columbus Club treasurer for 18 years and spending significant time as a Crew Leader. Since 2012, Danny has served as a Board Member for Minerva Water Supply Corporation; and for 17 years has served the Minerva community as a volunteer fireman where he currently serves as their treasurer.

Alongside his wife, Linda Matocha Masur, Danny has dedicated 58 years of marriage to raising four children and has extended his love and commitment to nurturing nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Danny's heart has never left the sky. As a pilot in the Rockdale Flying Tigers Flight Club, Danny is an EAA member and works with the Young Eagles Flight Program giving introductory flights. He has been an instructor pilot for years, serving as a technical, emotional, and mental mentor to many students who have made piloting their career.

It is with great honor and respect that I present Danny Charles Masur with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. His exemplary service to our Nation and continued contributions to his community stand as an inspiration to us all.

#### HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DONNA R. WILLIAMS, RETIRED

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, who has been named the 2025 Honorary Chairperson of the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Brigadier General Williams was selected for this honor in recognition of her longstanding community involvement and her distinguished service to our Nation. She served honorably for over 31 years in the United States Army, culminating her career as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the 412th Theater Engineer Command, located in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A native of Vicksburg, Brigadier General Williams graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1982. She went on to earn her commission in 1986 through the Senior Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program at Jackson State University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Beyond her military career, Brigadier General Williams continues to contribute to her community. She is an active member of the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Vicksburg Branch of the NAACP, and Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority. She is also a lifetime member of the United States Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, and congratulating her on being named the 2025

Honorary Chairperson of the National Alliance on Mental Illness local chapter. Her career of service and dedication to community uplift exemplify the best of Mississippi and our Nation.

#### HONORING DIANE POWER ZIMMERMAN AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Diane Power Zimmerman as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Diane is a fifth-generation Solano County resident whose lifelong dedication to education, leadership, and community service has left an enduring mark on her community and the State of California. Diane began her journey in her family's longstanding local business, where she served as a manager and helped sustain a legacy of entrepreneurship and community connection spanning five generations. Her commitment to excellence and growth led her to pursue higher education, earning a Ph.D. in Organizational Management, a testament to her belief in lifelong learning and professional development. Over the course of a distinguished 36-year career in public education, Diane served as a speech pathologist, educator, and school administrator before culminating her service as Superintendent of Schools in Petaluma. Her leadership inspired innovation, equity, and collaboration across classrooms and districts, ensuring that generations of students had access to the tools and opportunities they needed to succeed. Even after retiring from public education, Diane continued to share her expertise and passion for learning. She has authored five books on education and business, offering valuable insight to educators, leaders, and professionals across the country. Beyond her professional achievements, she is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers her time at local museums, housing shelters, and with neighbors in need, embodying the values of service and compassion that have defined her life's work. Diane Power Zimmerman exemplifies the finest qualities of Solano County, with a proud legacy rooted in family, education, and civic responsibility. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Diane Power Zimmerman for her extraordinary leadership and her lifelong contributions to education and community service.

#### HONORING LANGHORNE BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF JOHN GODZIEBA ON 46 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief of Police John Godzieba of Langhorne Borough, Pennsylvania, upon his retirement following an extraordinary 46-year career in law enforcement.