

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

#### HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to Amendment No. 43 offered by Mr. ROY, to eliminate the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund.

In 1941, more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers responded to President Roosevelt's call-to-arms in the Philippines and elsewhere and fought bravely for the U.S. and our allies during World War II. They endured the horrors of the Bataan Death March and wartime prison camps. They waged a relentless guerrilla campaign and eventually rejoined American forces that eventually returned to the Philippines. Filipino soldiers ultimately paved the way for the liberation of the Pacific and the end of the Second World War.

After sacrificing for our country, many returned home from the war only to be denied the benefits promised for their service. Because of the Rescission Acts of 1946, most Filipino World War II Veterans did not receive compensation on par with United States veterans for their service.

To help right this wrong, in 2019 Congress passed and the President signed into law legislation that created the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund. It set up one-time payments to eligible Filipino veterans who aided American troops during World War II, Filipino veterans who were United States citizens were eligible for a one-time payment of \$15,000, and veterans who are non-citizens were eligible for a one-time payment of \$9,000.

Despite efforts to make a payment to every possible beneficiary, many Filipinos struggled to obtain the documentation needed to prove their eligibility given the many decades that passed since World War II. The federal government has held onto these funds to allow these veterans who fought for our Nation every chance possible to prove their service and receive a payment in the final years of their lives to ease any hardships they may have and to pay off a small part of the debt owed to them for the benefits they earned yet were taken away from them.

Rather than close this program, we should redouble our efforts to help those who struggled to obtain the document to prove their service. We must help and not again abandon these Filipino veterans, most of whom are now in their late 90s or over 100 years old.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FATHER PETER PABST, S.J.

#### HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues, Representative ZOE LOFGREN and Representative JIMMY PANETTA, to honor the life and legacy of Jesuit Reverend Peter Pabst, S.J., who passed away peacefully on May 2, 2026. Affectionately known as Father Peter, he believed a family's income should not determine a child's access to world-class, Jesuit college-preparatory education. Guided by that conviction, he founded Sacred Heart Nativity Schools and Cristo Rey San José Jesuit High School, expanding opportunities for hundreds of students from low-income Latino neighborhoods and transforming countless lives.

Father Peter joined the Society of Jesus in 1974 and proceeded to dedicate more than five decades to serving others through education, ministry, and pastoral care. His journey carried him through many Jesuit institutions, including Bellarmine College Preparatory, Santa Clara University, and Brophy College Preparatory, while earning degrees from Gonzaga University, the Jesuit School of Theology, and Santa Clara University.

In 2000, Father Peter embarked on a mission to help children from low-income families find success in school. In 2001, he helped launch the Sacred Heart Nativity School for boys, and in 2006, Our Lady of Grace Nativity School for girls. These urban Catholic middle schools in San José prepare students—most of whom are Latino and speak a language other than English at home—for success in high school and beyond.

In 2013, Father Peter took the helm as Founding President of Cristo Rey San José Jesuit High School, part of the Cristo Rey Network, and later led the school as Chancellor. Cristo Rey has a unique model, seeking to lift the aspirations and ambitions of children from first-generation families whose parents have the lowest incomes in the community. They often come into high school a year or more behind in learning, but through intensive summer learning and Saturday classes, Cristo Rey helps the kids catch up, and excel, with college coursework. There is more: each of the students spend a day each week working for a local employer; in a city like San José, Cristo Rey exposes kids to the world's leading tech companies, ranging from Adobe and Alphabet to Zoom. The students thrive and learn in a work environment with college-educated coworkers, gaining "soft skills" and building networks of caring adults who help them achieve career success.

Father Peter's vision of student success transformed the lives of thousands of San José families: 97 percent of Cristo Rey graduates, primarily from low-income households, enroll in college immediately after high school.

In each of the last three years, four-year colleges and universities accepted 100 percent of graduating seniors—nearly all of whom are the first in their families to go onto higher education. These achievements reflect not only institutional excellence, but Father Peter's unwavering conviction that young people thrive when trusted, challenged, and supported.

On a personal level, we remember Father Peter for his humor, his warmth, and his remarkable ability to make every young person feel seen and valued. Whether leading spiritual Kairos retreats, celebrating Mass, greeting families, or simply sharing a joke in the hallway, Father Peter radiated joy and compassion. He also loved his Hawaiian shirts, which he often wore, and fine wines. He connected deeply to our community, presiding at more than 600 baptisms, weddings, and funerals in his lifetime, and many families regarded Father Peter as a spiritual mentor.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Father Peter Pabst as we share condolences with the Pabst family, and with his extended family in the community—his Jesuit brothers and his many, many friends. May his memory continue to inspire all who share his conviction in the transformative power of education and the boundless promise of every child.

### HONORING SERGEANT MICHAEL "MIKE" McLOONE

#### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Sergeant Michael "Mike" McLoone. Today, Friday, May 15, 2026, family, friends, and members of the community will gather in the gymnasium of Merchantville School in the Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey, to honor and recognize Sergeant Mike McLoone for his service to both his community and the United States of America.

Mike McLoone is a first generation American, born to Irish immigrants in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1945. After graduating from LaSalle College, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Still, Oklahoma for his training. By May 1968, he was serving active duty in Vietnam, where he was deployed in the Delta Region with the 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery, 9th Infantry. Sergeant Mike McLoone served as an artillery crewman, specifically as the gunner of the cannon.

In August of 1969, Sergeant Mike McLoone was among the first that President Nixon removed from Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Sergeant before he was honorably discharged in May of 1970. For his time in the armed services, he was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

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Upon returning to the United States, Sergeant Mike McLoone married his wife of 55 years, Maureen McLoone and bought their first home in the Borough of Merchantville in 1974 at the corner of Centre Street and Chestnut Avenue. He became a certified public accountant and briefly moved out of Merchantville until returning once again in 1979 and has now lived for 47 years on Chestnut Avenue. There, Maureen and him raised their sons Andrew and Peter, who now both reside with their families in the Borough of Merchantville.

Today, we recognize both Sergeant Mike McLoone's service to his country and his community. He has served on the Railroad Planning Committee in years past and served as both a coach and officer for the Merchantville Bambino Baseball League throughout the 1990's. Mike also has served on the Merchantville School Board for 7 years, including two years as president of the board. He is a member of American Legion Post 68 in Merchantville, VFW Post No. 6650 in Ocean City, and a member of the Merchantville Historical Society. He and Maureen have worked diligently to restore and preserve their home, the Centennial House, which has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1991. He and his family have supported businesses and organizations throughout Merchantville, buying a lifetime supply of chocolate nonpareils from Aunt Charlotte's.

RECOGNIZING TAIWANESE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

**HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Taiwanese American Heritage Week and to celebrate the many contributions Taiwanese Americans have made to our communities and our Nation.

Taiwanese Americans have played an important role in shaping the cultural, economic, scientific, and civic life of the United States. Across generations, they have strengthened communities through public service, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, technology, and the arts.

In Northern Virginia and across the Washington metropolitan region, Taiwanese American families and organizations continue to enrich our communities through cultural engagement, business leadership, and civic involvement. Their contributions have helped foster stronger communities and deeper connections across our region.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week also serves as an opportunity to recognize the rich history and traditions of Taiwanese culture and the importance of preserving and sharing that heritage with future generations. Cultural celebrations and community events throughout the week help promote understanding, strengthen community ties, and highlight the diversity that makes our Nation stronger.

I would also like to recognize the many Taiwanese American community leaders, advocates, educators, and volunteers whose efforts continue to make a meaningful difference throughout Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Taiwanese American Heritage Week and in celebrating the many contributions Taiwanese Americans continue to make to our communities and our Nation.

CONGRATULATING ATZENHOFFER  
CHEVROLET IN VICTORIA, TEXAS  
ON 100 YEARS OF OPERATIONS

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Atzenhoffer Chevrolet in Victoria, Texas, for over 100 years of business. Founded on April 19, 1926, by Ed Atzenhoffer, this dealership began as a modest operation with just two employees in a small downtown building. Through determination, hard work, and a commitment to treating people right, Ed built a business and a lasting institution of the region. Known for his larger-than-life personality, he set a standard of service and integrity that continues to define the company today.

Their success is deeply intertwined with the story of Victoria itself. Over the past century, Atzenhoffer Chevrolet has played a vital role in the economic growth and development of Victoria and the surrounding region. From the early days of South Texas expansion to the modern era, the dealership has provided reliable transportation, created jobs, and supported countless local families.

This milestone is especially remarkable because of the continuity of leadership across four generations. Each generation of the Atzenhoffer and Greeson families has carried forward the founder's vision while adapting to changing times. From Ed Atzenhoffer, to Milton "Bully" Greeson, to Milton Greeson, Jr., and now to current dealer-principal Tommy Taylor, the business has remained rooted in the same values of hard work, community commitment, and long-term stewardship.

Reaching 100 years in business is no small feat. It reflects resilience through economic downturns, industry shifts, and changing consumer needs. It is a testament not only to strong leadership, but also to the loyalty of employees and the trust of generations of customers throughout South Texas.

Today, Atzenhoffer Chevrolet stands as a cornerstone of the Victoria community and a shining example of the American entrepreneurial spirit at work. Their century-long legacy demonstrates what is possible when dedication, family values, and community spirit animate the principles of an organization. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Atzenhoffer Chevrolet on their 100th anniversary and for their continued work in representing the best of what Victoria has to offer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 169 on H.R. 6260, I mistak-

enly recorded my vote as AYE when I should have voted NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP THOMAS  
G. WENSKI ON THE 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF HIS PRIESTLY OR-  
DINATION

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant of God and our South Florida community, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, on the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination.

For five decades, Archbishop Wenski has dedicated his life to faith, service, and the defense of human dignity. Throughout his ministry, he has been a steadfast spiritual leader for the people of South Florida and a strong voice for the oppressed, especially those suffering under tyranny and persecution around the world.

As Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, he has guided countless families with compassion, wisdom, and unwavering faith. His commitment to serving the poor, welcoming the vulnerable, and defending freedom has left a lasting impact on our community.

Archbishop Wenski's leadership has strengthened the moral fabric of South Florida and inspired generations through his humility, courage, and devotion to Christ and His Church.

On behalf of Florida's 28th Congressional District, I congratulate Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski on this extraordinary milestone and thank him for fifty years of faithful service to God, the Church, and our community.

May God continue to bless Archbishop Wenski and the Archdiocese of Miami.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed one vote on May 14, 2026, due to personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 173.