

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF THE NO FENCING AT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the No Fencing at the United States Supreme Court Act, which would prohibit the installation of permanent fencing at the U.S. Supreme Court. Since 2021, I have also introduced a bill that would prohibit the installation of permanent fencing at the U.S. Capitol complex.

After the Supreme Court's draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson, Women's Health* was leaked in May 2022, the Supreme Court installed temporary anti-climb fencing around its grounds, which remained in place until late August 2022. While the Supreme Court has not announced plans to install permanent fencing, temporary security measures often become permanent.

While I understand the importance of protecting the Supreme Court building, Supreme Court Justices and Supreme Court employees, we can and must maintain our commitment to security without sacrificing public access by using the least restrictive means necessary to address security.

Permanent fencing would send an un-American message to the Nation and the world by transforming our democracy from one that is accessible and of the people to one that is exclusive and fearful of its own citizens. The Supreme Court has long welcomed First Amendment demonstrations without becoming a fortress.

Public property should be open to the public. The distance between government and the people has grown, with trust in government, including the Supreme Court, at an all-time low. We should not increase that distance by placing intimidating barriers between public servants and the people they serve. There are more effective, less obtrusive security solutions than archaic fencing.

Moreover, the Supreme Court is in a residential neighborhood in the District of Columbia. The Supreme Court grounds are widely used by both Washington, D.C. residents and visitors. Permanent fencing would block that use.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JEFFERSON SHREVE

OF INDIANA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 190, Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act.

### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR (RET.) BRUCE VAN ZUIDEN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

#### HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bruce Van Zuiden, who is retiring after 39 years of dedicated service to this great Nation both in our military and civilian service.

Bruce Van Zuiden was born in Fulton, Illinois, the youngest boy of the family's six children. From his early days, he was an intrepid explorer who had a heart for service. One of his proudest accomplishments was becoming an Eagle Scout.

In February 1976, five months before graduating from Fulton High School, soon-to-be Airman Basic Van Zuiden signed up for delayed enlistment in the Air Force. He entered basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in August 1976 and left as an Honor Graduate enroute to technical training at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

Upon graduation from Aircraft Maintenance school, Airman Van Zuiden was assigned to 376th Strategic Wing, Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. At Kadena, Airman Van Zuiden was assigned to KC-135Q Strategic Tankers whose primary mission was aerial refueling SR-71 Reconnaissance aircraft. On August 4, 1977, he was promoted to Airman First Class.

In September 1978, Airman First Class Van Zuiden was assigned to 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, where he was a crew chief on the venerable C-141 aircraft. During that time, he was promoted to Senior Airman and then to Staff Sergeant, continuing to excel in every mission assigned. He also continued to challenge himself during off-duty time, taking and excelling in college courses at Trident Technical College and The Citadel.

Because of his demonstrated leadership and exceptional performance, Staff Sergeant Van Zuiden was selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program in June 1982 and headed off to be a full-time student at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. In May 1985 he earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and reported to Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in September 1985.

Second Lieutenant Van Zuiden's first assignment was as a Tactical Communications Engineer with the 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where he deployed to support several real-world operations including Honduras during the Contra Affair, Jordan during United States escort duties of oil tankers in the Persian Gulf, and several Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises. In September 1987, he was promoted to First Lieutenant.

Again, because of his proven leadership, strong academic acumen, and performance,

First Lieutenant Van Zuiden was selected to attend an Air Force Institute of Technology program at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, graduating in 1991 as an Air Force Captain with a Master of Science in Systems Technology.

In July 1995, Captain Van Zuiden was assigned to NATO E-3A Airborne Warning and Control Systems at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, one of only two operational Airborne Early Warning and Control wings in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In July 1997, he was promoted to Major and assigned as Chief Systems Engineer at the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, overseeing numerous major systems integration programs until his retirement in May 2000.

In February 2011, Bruce Van Zuiden returned to public service and began his civilian career with the Air Force as the lead engineer of Global Strike systems for the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. In 2015, he was promoted to the Branch Chief of the Integration Management Branch where he was responsible for the mid-tier technical environment hosting all nuclear planning applications. In 2018, he led migrating Integrated Strategic Planning and Analysis Network systems to the new United States Strategic Command headquarters building. In 2019, after the new Command and Control Facility was operational, he focused on transitioning all Air Force Life Cycle Management Center offices, networks, and staff to another location.

In 2020, Bruce Van Zuiden was selected for assignment to Headquarters European Command as the Chief Architect of the European Theater where he was responsible for information technology support for allied nations supporting United States operations in the Ukraine conflict. Because of his expertise and proven success, he was tasked to support information operations for activities related to the Gaza crisis.

In April 2024, Bruce Van Zuiden returned to Offutt Air Force Base as Branch Chief Rogue Blue Software, skillfully leading a team of over 30 professionals who provided invaluable support to the Nuclear Weapons Center, resulting in his team receiving multiple quarterly awards and recognition for going above and beyond.

In March 2025, he was selected as lead engineer of the Mission Planning and Analysis System and collaborated with the Chief Engineer and Chief Architect on future Strategic Mission Planning and Execution System efforts. His efforts resulted in a technology road map for the Strategic Mission Planning and Execution System for the next five years.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Bruce Van Zuiden for his 39 years of selfless service to this Nation. Despite receiving numerous achievements, medals, and awards, Major Van Zuiden remains focused on his faith, his family, his community, and his Nation. We thank him, his wife Sarah, their five children—Stacey, Heather, Holly, Tyler, and Cody—for their sacrifice and service, and wish them well in the years to come.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JASMINE CROCKETT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 187; NAY on Roll Call No. 188; YEA on Roll Call No. 189; NAY on Roll Call No. 190; and NAY on Roll Call No. 191.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
KERRY ALLEN MCDANIEL**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kerry Allen McDaniel of Horse Cave, Kentucky.

Kerry Allen McDaniel dedicated his life to public service and the betterment of the Commonwealth of Kentucky through a distinguished career spanning decades. For 27 years, he served with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection, where he played an integral role in advancing and enforcing regulations across air, waste, and water systems. His breadth of expertise and commitment to protecting Kentucky's natural resources made him a respected leader in his field and a trusted steward of the environment.

Following his retirement from state service, Mr. McDaniel continued his commitment to his community by serving as the Emergency Management Director and Solid Waste Coordinator for Hart County. In these roles, he worked tirelessly to ensure the safety, preparedness, and environmental well-being of local residents. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kerry was among the first frontline workers in Hart County and the surrounding region, working tirelessly to secure and distribute critical personal protective equipment and ensuring the community remained as safe and protected as possible. Known for his generosity, leadership, and tireless work ethic, Kerry McDaniel leaves behind a lasting legacy defined by service to others and a steadfast commitment to making Kentucky a better place for future generations.

HONORING DAVID WIENER'S 100TH  
BIRTHDAY**HON. PETE AGUILAR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of my constituent, Mr. David Wiener, a Holocaust survivor, a philanthropist, and a businessman whose incredible life is a testament to resilience and courage. His story is one of strength and perseverance that must be remembered and honored.

Born on May 30, 1926, in Lodz, Poland, David was one of Moshe Chaim and Hannah Sur Wiener's nine children. At the age of 13 during February 1940, after the Nazi occupa-

tion turned Lodz into a ghetto, David escaped alone. During the war, David survived slave labor camps, prison, and Auschwitz. Tragically, his parents and all but one of his siblings were killed by the Nazis.

Despite these unbelievable horrors, he endured and did not just go on to survive, but to thrive. After the war, David immigrated to the United States and began a new chapter and a new life. He married, had two children, and became a successful businessman, founding an upholstery company, while also contributing to causes close to his heart. Alongside his wife, also a Holocaust survivor, David has supported organizations such as the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Boys and Girls Club of Fontana, and the United Hatzalah of Israel. In 2024, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law awarded him an honorary Juris Doctor degree in recognition of his lifelong dedication to education about the Holocaust. Through his memoir, *Nothing to Lose But My Life*, he details his full story and ensures that future generations understand what he and millions of others faced as well as the importance of confronting hatred wherever it exists in the world.

Today, I am proud to honor David Wiener for his extraordinary life, his unparalleled commitment to truth telling, his work to uplift communities and preserve history, and so much more. May we all continue to be inspired by his dedication to remembrance. I wish him the best in this next year.

TESTIMONY OF MARIA FARMER,  
"SURVIVORS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE:  
EXPOSING EPSTEIN'S  
CRIMES IN PALM BEACH AND  
ACROSS THE WORLD"**HON. ROBERT GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, 2026, Oversight Committee Democrats convened the first-ever hearing to solicit testimony from survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes. The hearing, "Survivors Fight for Justice: Exposing Epstein's Crimes in Palm Beach and Across the World," marked a critical step forward in the fight for justice and accountability.

On behalf of all the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes, I rise to include in the RECORD the testimony offered by Ms. Maria Farmer:

My name is Maria Farmer. I am the whistleblower who reported Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, Les Wexner, and others to the FBI 30 years ago in 1996.

Today I apologize for my appearance. I was not well enough to attend this hearing in person and have recently been released from the hospital. That's the result of thirty years of fighting. For three decades, I have carried a weight that no survivor should ever have to bear. I reported what I believed were heinous crimes against children, and these individuals responsible were involved in an international pedophile ring. I reported their crimes in real time, and the government continues to ignore me to this day.

In 1996, I reported Epstein and his co-conspirators to my local New York City Sixth Precinct. The Commanding Officer told me local police could only address the local arson crimes, and he instructed me to imme-

diately report the whole story, spanning several states, to the FBI. He told me that it was vitally important that I tell the whole story to the FBI, which I did. The FBI asked me questions, said they were familiar with some of the perpetrators I identified, and gave me every reason to believe they would respond. That failure—that single moment when law enforcement refused to take action—set off a cascade of injustice and grave repercussions to my sisters, my family, and so many others, and to me personally, including my health and well-being.

The FBI's decades of failure and inaction led to countless more girls and young women suffering abuse and trauma that could have been prevented. Individuals like Virginia Giuffre, Anouska de Georgiou, Chauntae Davies, Marijke Chartouni, Dani Bensky, Jena-Lisa Jones, Ashley Rubright, and Jennifer Araoz among others. Each survivor represents a life changed forever, suffering that could have been spared if the FBI had done their job in 1996.

The failures did not stop there.

In 2006, the FBI tracked me down, stating that they searched for me because they knew I had reported Epstein ten years earlier and no one else had. They urged me to testify in a federal criminal trial against Epstein and his co-conspirators, and they promised that they would "get him" this time. I trusted them again, relied upon them again, and they betrayed me again. Rather than following through with their promises, the government offered Epstein a sweetheart deal and shielded powerful individuals from accountability, and they persist in granting special treatment to certain people to this day.

I have received death threats from Maxwell and her associates—including one instance where they threatened to burn my apartment down—and those threats have not stopped. I have been subjected to more than three decades of ongoing harassment, vicious challenges to my truthfulness, and real danger from internet instigators, trolls and more. Meanwhile, my numerous efforts to obtain my 1996 report from the FBI have been rejected again and again.

In 2023, I wrote a letter to the government, asking for an investigation of the government's actions or inactions in response to my 1996 report. The Inspector General replied, saying they were busy with other things but would get back to me, and they never did. I sent multiple FOIA requests for my FBI report records. In January 2025, in response to my most recent request, the government said that they would get back to me in November 2027, a delay of nearly three years. I finally received a letter saying they looked at my complaint, took some kind of action, and the matter was "addressed," but what they did was a secret. With no other choice, I filed an administrative claim against the government and then a lawsuit. Since then, virtually nothing has happened, and I'm left waiting and wondering what is next.

With the passage of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, after years of efforts to get my records, an FD-71 form was released for the first time, confirming part of my 1996 whistleblower report and vindicating some of what I had said for years. However, the full extent of what I told the FBI was not in that document, so the release of the Epstein Files provides only partial relief for me. Where is the evidence I provided of my sexual assault, and that of my sister Annie? Why won't the FBI release my full report?

The failures of those sworn to protect us have overwhelmed me. Doing my civic duty has cost me dearly. The stress of this trauma, the government hiding and refusing to turn over written confirmation of my 1996 report, along with the ongoing harassment and