

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call No. 514 and No. 515 on October 2, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yes on Roll Call No. 514, and Yes on Roll Call No. 515.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS. DONNA HIGH ADAMS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donna High Adams. Donna passed away on September 10, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. Having been born in Rockland County, New York, on January 29, 1959, she moved to Columbus, Mississippi in 1975. In 1977, Donna graduated from Heritage Academy and attended the University of Mississippi. She graduated from the Mississippi University for Women in 1982. After graduation in 1982, she married Boyce Elkin Adams of Gulfport. Together they raised three children whom Donna called their "thrilling three." In 1992, her husband, Boyce, founded BankTEL Systems. With the support of Donna, they grew the business into a leading financial software company. Donna will be remembered for her love of others through endless thoughtfulness, generosity, joy of celebrations, and kindness. She was always willing to share her gifts with others through her service. Donna leaves behind a loving family, six adoring grandchildren, and friends who will cherish her legacy. She was an active member of the Junior Auxiliary of Columbus and was involved with Delta Gamma Fraternity. Donna made an impact on everyone she met and made the world a brighter place.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MARK LOWRY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark Lowry, an exemplary member of the Orange County community, on receiving the Community Action Partnership National Advocacy Award.

The Orange County Community Action Partnership (OCCAP) strives to bring an end to poverty by building strong foundations for people to lean on in difficult times. For the past 37

years Mark Lowry has worked for the Orange County Food Bank, one of the excellent programs within OCCAP.

In the years since Mark became the director of the OC Food Bank, the amount of food distributed has grown exponentially; the quantity of food circulated by the Food Bank has grown from 2 million pounds per year to over 26 million pounds annually.

Under Mark's leadership, the OC Food Bank distributed an astounding 63 million pounds of food over the course of the program's 2020 COVID Disaster Response. Currently, 1,400 individuals and 250 charities throughout the community are recipients of the Food Bank's dedicated services.

Mark has worked in the organization's research team as well as in its leadership. He has worked with elected officials on various levels to improve the standing of agriculture and budget issues as well as access to federal nutrition programs. No matter the role he plays, Mark ensures that the needs of the community are represented.

Mark's desire to do good work and positively impact those in his community is admirable. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mark on his achievement—the community thanks Mark for his continued dedication.

RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AUTHORITY OF COLORADO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Jefferson County Communications Center Authority of Colorado (JeffCom911) for winning the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International's 2023 Technology in Leadership Award.

JeffCom911 is being recognized for its outstanding performance and exemplary levels of professional conduct in the line of duty. 911 call-takers and dispatchers contribute an essential service to our community by providing lifesaving emergency medical instruction, assessing scene safety for arriving responders, and maintaining situational awareness while facing numerous emergencies at one time. JeffCom911 protects 774 square miles of urban, rural, and mountainous terrain by providing public safety education and coordinating efforts between local fire, police, and emergency medical service providers to save lives.

JeffCom911 is the lifeline between emergency services and our community, processing over 700,000 calls every year. The agency's longstanding record of excellence represents the best of Colorado's public service members.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I

thank JeffCom911 for the important and challenging work they do every day to keep our residents safe.

HONORING MAYOR HAL ROSE FOR HIS SERVICE TO WEST MEL- BOURNE FLORIDA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Hal Rose for his service to residents of West Melbourne, Florida. Mayor Rose has served the people of West Melbourne, Florida for over 23 years.

When Mayor Rose entered office, he promised to encourage sustainable growth for the city of West Melbourne, while keeping the town an affordable place to live. Today, under Hal's leadership, West Melbourne is a thriving and prosperous city with very low property tax rates.

In addition to his many years of public service, Hal served as President of the Space Coast League of Cities, Chairman of the West Melbourne Library Board, and as a Board Member of the Field of Dreams and Promise in Brevard. Mayor Rose also served as a City Council Member for West Melbourne since his election in 2000. Seven years after, he began his service as Mayor of West Melbourne.

After many years of community involvement and leadership, Mayor Rose plans to retire alongside his wife Sue and spend time with their family.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayor Hal Rose on his retirement and saluting his passion, dedication, and commitment to the residents of West Melbourne. His decades of selfless service are inspiring to myself, and many others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 514, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2379, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office", I would have voted YEA.

Roll Call No. 515 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4502, Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act, I would have voted YEA.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

HONORING THE WORK OF LATINO HEALTH ACCESS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Latino Health Access.

Latino Health Access is a non-profit health organization founded with the mission to bring health, equity, and sustainable change to our community through education, services, consciousness-raising, and civic engagement.

Latino Health Access is committed to delivering culturally appropriate health-related services that address urgent health concerns, as well as engaging individuals in low-income, low-opportunity areas by providing the tools necessary to positively transform their environments.

Latino Health Access founder and CEO, America Brancho, MPH, drew from her experience working as a Medical Doctor in rural Venezuela alongside Promotoras, also known as community health workers. She brought that experience with her and established that same Promoter/Community Health Worker model in Orange County, California.

Latino Health Access relies on its team of trained Promotoras to proactively search for community members, strengthen relationships with the community, provide direct services, and advocate for transformative change to improve health. Promotoras engage with the community to combat serious public health problems that affect marginalized families.

This year, Latino Health Access is celebrating its 30th anniversary and the opening of its Promotor Learning Institute, which aims to provide a platform for advancing the Promotor model locally and worldwide via capacity-building, apprenticeships, and research. Through the Promotor Learning Institute, Latino Health Access will be able to grow the Promotor/Community Health Worker workforce in Orange County and continue its mission to reach more communities in the area.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievements of Latino Health Access.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I missed yesterday's vote series due to a family obligation. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call votes No. 514 and No. 515. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 514—H.R. 2379, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office"; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 515—H.R. 4502, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW LANDERS

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Landers, an elementary school educator at Pleasant Glade Elementary School in Lacey, Washington who empowers his students to be everyday stewards of our environment.

In response to his students' requests to have more of a hands-on role in confronting our climate crisis, Matthew established several programs to encourage composting and recycling on campus. Thanks to Matthew's programs, over 35,000 pounds of food waste have been saved from landfills and over 1,500 pounds of food have been redistributed. Matthew also spearheaded the school's switch from plastic to biodegradable utensils, signaling to students that seemingly small but practical changes can be high-impact solutions. To amplify student activists' voices, Matthew also helped his students present their ideas to supplement ongoing on-campus conversation efforts to the school board.

I'm inspired by Matthew's initiative to ground his students' awareness of environmental issues in actionable avenues for change, and I'm proud to spotlight him and all of the students of Pleasant Glade who have made Lacey cleaner, greener, and better.

COMMEMORATING BROOKSHIRE'S GROCERY COMPANY'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brookshire's Grocery Company on its 95th anniversary and commemorate its service to the Texas community. In 1928, Wood T. Brookshire and his wife founded their grocery company at a small store in Tyler, Texas. The store began with four employees and has grown to over 200 stores across several other states. To this day, Brookshire's is led by the founder's grandson, Brad Brookshire.

Brookshire's has grown from its humble beginnings into a thriving enterprise known for its philanthropic efforts and dedication to its local community. Brookshire's has consistently led hunger relief efforts across the South, among other important initiatives. I extend my gratitude to Brookshire's not only for its commitment to excellent customer service, but consistently going above and beyond to deliver

the best experience for its customers. I have no doubt Brookshire's stores across Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma will continue to prosper and serve as an inspiration for entrepreneurs. Texans certainly look forward to its positive impact on the community for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend yesterday's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly detained during vote proceedings. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 514, and YEA on Roll Call No. 515.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. NITIN SHAH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Dr. Nitin Shah, a compassionate and dedicated physician whose unwavering commitment to the well-being of his community has had a profound and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of individuals.

Dr. Nitin Shah's journey began in 1975, where he began his rotating medical internship in Vadodara, India before migrating to New York. There, he continued his career as a research fellow—and eventually moved to the City of Anaheim and continued to provide medical care as an anesthesiologist.

In 2006, Dr. Shah's deep sense of empathy and vision for a healthier and more equitable society led him to establish the Anaheim Free Health Clinic and Citizenship Fair, an event that provides free medical, dental, vision, and other health care services to Anaheim residents with the help of countless doctors and volunteers. Recognizing the pressing need for

accessible healthcare in our community, he made it his life's mission to provide quality medical care to those who were underserved and often overlooked.

From humble beginnings, the clinic has developed into a cornerstone of community health, with an impact that extends far beyond

the facility's walls. Countless lives have been changed because of his efforts. Families that could not previously afford crucial health visits now have access to these services. Children get the vaccinations they need to stay healthy, and those with chronic illnesses get the continuing care and assistance they need to man-

age their ailments. His tireless commitment to providing free health care services to those in need exemplifies the values of compassion, selflessness, and service.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my fellow members of Congress to join me in recognizing the incredible work of Dr. Shah.