

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JASMINE MACIAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jasmine Macias for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jasmine Macias is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jasmine Macias is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jasmine Macias for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YPSILANTI AREA COMMUNITY FUND

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of the Ypsilanti Area Community Fund. It is both an honor and a privilege to recognize the contributions this great organization has made to our community.

Established in 2001, the Ypsilanti Area Community Fund (YACF) is dedicated to building a permanent endowment to enrich the quality of life in the Ypsilanti area. The YACF's Advisory Committee includes community leaders who work together to award grants that meet the changing needs of Ypsilanti's community. The YACF has provided an outlet for people who are looking to give back to the community in a strategic way, receiving more than \$2.5 million in gifts, large and small, from those who care about Ypsilanti. These donations have directly supported local organizations and programs that serve Ypsilanti residents by awarding more than \$30,000 in competitive grants each year, and more than \$1.4 million in total support to local community projects and programs over the past 15 years.

Helping local health clinics provide access to quality health care, providing funding for new musical instruments and music instructors at the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, helping Parkridge Community Center expand programming, and helping to rebuild the Rutherford Community Pool are just a few examples of

how YACF grants have made a real difference in the Ypsilanti community. The YACF's long-term investment strategy ensures that its endowment will continue to grow and allows the group to focus on the continued investment in our community's future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the 15th anniversary of the Ypsilanti Area Community Fund. For fifteen years now, the YACF has displayed an immense passion and deep devotion for improving our community, and we wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF SEYOUM TSEHAYE

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of World Press Freedom Day—which was observed last week—I rise today to recognize the bravery of journalist Seyoum Tsehaye and to support press freedom around the world.

Seyoum Tsehaye is the uncle of Vanessa Berhe, a Villanova student who started the organization One Day Seyoum to advocate for press freedom and the release of unjustly imprisoned journalists in Eritrea.

In September 2001, the Eritrean government detained a number of journalists who had spoken out against the government. Seyoum Tsehaye was one of the journalists detained. He was taken from his home without an official arrest warrant. Mr. Tsehaye remains in prison and has yet to receive a trial.

Mr. Speaker, freedom of the press and freedom from unjust detainment are pillars of democracy and good governance here in the United States and in nations around the world.

CITY OF CARMI, ILLINOIS
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Carmi, Illinois upon her Bicentennial. Founded in 1814 and incorporated in 1816, the City of Carmi was named in the first home in Carmi, now known as the Robinson Stewart House. It is the County Seat of White County, Illinois.

Carmi has a rich history. Using her natural resources, early settlers used the river for transportation and was involved in agriculture. Today, Carmi citizens still benefit from the natural resources of the coal and oil industry as well as agriculture.

One of Carmi's most famous visitors was Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln visited the community to speak at a political rally in 1840 and

stayed in the building now known as the Ratcliff Inn. Today, The Ratcliff Inn is owned by the White County Historical Society.

Today, Carmi boasts of outstanding schools, several stores and businesses on Main Street, many museums owned by the White County Historical Society and a number of parks. I extend my congratulations to Mayor Jeff Pollard and the citizens of Carmi upon this celebration. May the City of Carmi have many successful years ahead.

HONORING JANICE ANN MAYS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Janice Ann Mays on her retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives, and to thank her for over 40 years of public service. During a career spanning over 40 years, from 1975 to 2016, she served the House of Representatives as Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Committee on Ways and Means. She is a friend to all and well known for referring to everyone who meets her affectionately as "Sweetie."

Janice received her undergraduate degree from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. She then received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia College of Law in Athens, Georgia.

Janice joined the Ways and Means Committee staff on December 15, 1975. She was one of three Tax Counsels and the only woman. Janice was given a small desk behind a door in 1104 Longworth. She was paid less than the men on her team and found women often excluded from organizations where tax policies were developed.

To say that Janice overcame obstacles and flourished is an understatement. She worked hard and went to school in the evening. She received a Masters of Law in Taxation from the Georgetown University School of Law. She was a founding member of an organization that gathered women in D.C. working on tax policy to discuss ideas and legislative initiatives. In May 1987, she was promoted to the Committee's Chief Tax Counsel and Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Select Revenue. In 1993, she became the Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Committee.

Janice's exhaustive efforts on behalf of the Congress and legendary work on the Tax Reform Act of 1986 have improved the lives of millions of Americans. She has managed with grace a Committee with broad jurisdiction that touches all aspects of American life—tax, trade, Social Security, Medicare, unemployment compensation, and many other income security issues.

If you ask Janice about her proudest accomplishment, she will smile and quickly tell you that it is encouraging people to work in

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government. She is proud of the Committee staff she has built. She has been a friend and a mentor to many on Capitol Hill—from interns to Staff Directors and Members. Staff on both sides of the aisle admire her and look up to her. For so many she has served as the model Capitol Hill staff person. If you catch her in a moment of reflection, she will say that it is leaving the people she has met, worked with, and mentored that cause her the most sadness.

I know I speak for the Members of the Ways and Means Committee—present and past—when I say we are truly honored to have worked with Janice. It is hard to imagine the Ways and Means Committee, and indeed, the House of Representatives, without Janice Mays. Her service has epitomized the very best in public service: hard work, loyalty and complete dedication to making government work for the people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle join me in thanking Janice for the lasting mark she has left on the Ways and Means Committee and the U.S. Congress. I wish her the best as she moves on to the next chapter in her career and her life. Congratulations. We will truly miss you.

MYRA GUTZMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Myra Gutzmer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Myra Gutzmer is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Myra Gutzmer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Myra Gutzmer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM R. SNEAD

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of William R. Snead of Danville, Virginia, who passed away May 7, 2016 at age 92.

Mr. Snead was drafted into the United States Army in 1943 during World War II and trained in Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was part of the 5th Brigade of Amphibious Engineers which was attached to the 29th Infantry Division that landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day,

June 6, 1944. Snead was a company engineer with the 5th Division that landed after the first wave of infantry hit the beaches of Normandy to carry out the logistical and supply tasks that were essential to the Allied conquest of Europe.

Upon Mr. Snead's return from the war, he dedicated his life to farming in Pittsylvania County, later moving to South Boston, where he began to learn the trade of house painting, in which he would eventually start his own company, W.R. Snead Painting Company in Halifax until his retirement in 1984. Mr. Snead also served our community as a council member of the South Boston Church of God for many years, as well as a trustee, and taught their Adult Sunday school class for over 50 years.

In 2013, I was honored to see Mr. Snead receive the French Legion of Honor for his service during the Second World War and participate in a ceremony honoring Mr. Snead in Halifax. We remain forever grateful for Mr. Snead's bravery and sacrifices—may he rest in peace.

On the occasion of the passing of William R. Snead, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join with me, Mr. Snead's wife Frances Jones Snead, his four children, ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, three great, great grandchildren, and the communities of Halifax and Pittsylvania in honoring the memory of a great American hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JIM
CARPENTER

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jim Carpenter on his retirement after forty-one years of dedicated service to St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California.

For over four decades, Mr. Carpenter has been a dedicated educator and administrator at St. Rose-McCarthy School, working to shape the minds of countless children in our community. As a 1966 graduate of the school himself, St. Rose-McCarthy has played a significant role in Mr. Carpenter's life.

Upon his college graduation, Mr. Carpenter returned to St. Rose-McCarthy to teach in 1975. During his long career with the school, Mr. Carpenter served in various positions, and taught third, fourth, and sixth grade students. For seven years, Mr. Carpenter even served as the Principal of St. Rose McCarthy before his return to teaching in 2010.

As both a student and an educator, Mr. Carpenter spent over fifty years at St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School, which accounts for almost half of the institution's entire history. I myself had the honor of being a student in Mr. Carpenter's class, as he was my third grade teacher and basketball coach. Additionally, I had the honor of working with Mr. Carpenter as his United States Representative in 2014 and 2015, as he was instrumental in organizing many class trips to Washington, D.C. and introducing students to the legislative process, helping students to understand how our government works at an early age.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Jim Carpenter for his decades of dedicated service and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 184 on passage of H.R. 4641, a bill to provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING MR. CRAIG WHITTMOM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Craig Whitton, who will retire after 27 years of public service with the City of Vallejo, California.

Mr. Whitton completed his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Public Policy at Duke University in 1983, before going on to earn his Master of Public Policy from the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley in 1985.

After completing his graduate degree, Mr. Whitton spent more than 15 years working for the cities of Berkeley and Vallejo in California in a variety of economic development roles. Mr. Whitton then served as the Redevelopment Agency Director for the City of Fremont from 2001 to 2003, managing programs in commercial districts and affordable housing.

Mr. Whitton led the City of Vallejo's Community Development Department from 2007 to 2011, overseeing housing, economic development, and planning programs during a difficult time for the local economy. As an integral member of the team that managed the city's entry into and exit from Chapter 9 bankruptcy, Mr. Whitton helped craft a plan for Vallejo's economic recovery. Mr. Whitton now serves as Assistant City Manager for the City of Vallejo, and has been an important leader in managing the city's economic plan, overseeing housing and information technology initiatives, and working with local labor groups on behalf of the city.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Whitton dedicated his career to promoting the economic success of the communities he has served. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that I honor him here today and extend my best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with his family.