

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MOORE COUNTY SHERIFF
LANE CARTER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter. A strong and exemplary leader, Sheriff Carter served the Moore County Sheriff's Office for over thirty-five years.

Sheriff Carter passed away on May 14, 2020 and left behind a legacy of extraordinary accomplishment. He started his law enforcement career in 1978 and rose through the ranks of patrol and investigations. After being elected Sheriff in 2002, he faithfully served and protected the people of Moore County until his retirement in 2013.

Sheriff Carter was a compassionate public servant who was revered for the respect he afforded to all people. He treated the entire community as one big family and is credited with transforming public relations and community outreach within the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

The greatest test to Sheriff Carter's leadership came on one of the darkest days in North Carolina history. On March 29, 2009, eight people were killed and two others wounded in a shooting at a Moore County nursing home. Sheriff Carter's courage, strength, and his humanity helped lead a brokenhearted community through the pain and the grief.

My thoughts and prayers are with Sheriff Carter's wife, Anita; his children, Dana, Brent, Seth, and Ethan; and all who loved him. Sheriff Carter will live on in the hearts and minds of all who felt his kindness and I join the entire community in honoring his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Sheriff Lane Carter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on May 28, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make it in time to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 115.

PROCLAMATION: CERTIFICATE OF
CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

CERTIFICATE OF CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
PRESENTED TO THE FLOYD FAMILY
IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF MR. GEORGE PERRY
FLOYD, JR.

Whereas, Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. was born on October 14, 1973, to George Perry Floyd, Sr. and Larcenia Jones Floyd, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, was reared in Houston, Texas, and most recently resided in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, until his untimely passing;

Whereas, Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. was well-known as a "gentle giant" by his community, revered for his kindness and athleticism having been a star football and basketball player at Jack Yates High School where he was a proud member of the class of 1993;

Whereas, Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr.'s athleticism allowed him to play both sports at the collegiate level—a rare but commendable accomplishment for any athlete, playing basketball at South Florida Community College and then football at Texas A&M Kingsville;

Whereas, Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. met his tragic demise on May 25, 2020 while in police custody, and the events that led to his death have sparked a global demand for justice for George Floyd, a call to action against police brutality, and an end to systemic racism; and

Whereas, Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory his five children, two grandchildren, three sisters, three brothers, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, on behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in joining the City of Houston, the United States of America, and the entire in remembering the "Gentle Giant"—Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Floyd Family during this time of remembrance. His legacy will stand the test of time.

June 9, 2020.

AL GREEN, Member of Congress.

REMEMBERING CHAIN SINGH
SANDHU

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the great Chain Singh Sandhu, who passed away on May 16th at his

home in Northville, Michigan, after a courageous, four-year battle with cancer at the age of 78.

When Chain was five, his father was murdered during the partition of India. His mother was illiterate and raised him on a small farm in Punjab. Despite his modest upbringing, Sandhu had big dreams.

He came to the U.S. in 1969 with his wife, child, and eight dollars in his pocket. Though there were few opportunities for foreign engineers, he found a job on the assembly line at General Motors and eventually earned a position as a development engineer. At the time of his promotion, he was the first Indian ever to achieve a senior engineering title at General Motors.

In 1986, Mr. Sandhu took the opportunity to run a small company named NYX with declining revenues and a cash crisis. By 1989, he had purchased NYX. His dream was to create a company where people of all backgrounds, religions, and languages would be welcome. Today, the Livonia-based automotive supply company is a multinational organization with 17 locations and 4,200 employees in five countries.

For decades, Mr. Sandhu assisted hundreds of students and families immigrating to the U.S. He worked to provide an immediate community landing spot and professional growth opportunities, taking pride in watching the children of his employees become valued members of their communities and citizens of this country that he dearly loved.

Chain spent his final days at home on his farm in Northville surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his brother, Raghbir Sandhu, and his daughter, Ramandeep Sandhu. He is survived by his wife Satwant, his brother Ram, his sons and their spouses: Jay (Roop) and Mick (Jessica); his four grandchildren who were the apples of his eyes: Nirvair, Naveen, Rajan, and Rohan; as well as the 4,200 employees of NYX he considered his family, and the indelible mark he left in a circle of people far and wide.

He will be remembered for being a fiercely loyal companion, father, grandfather, and friend, and for his positive outlook on life. "Every day is a good day" was a phrase he said each day, which is a memory that will continue to inspire everyone who knew him.

KUDOS TO THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE ON BEING NAMED NEWSROOM OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Houston Chronicle on being named the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors' Newsroom of the Year for the second year in a row.

From the Declaration of Independence to now, freedom of the press has been at the

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core of the American ideal. This inalienable, undeniable right is enshrined as the First Amendment of our Constitution. A free press keeps government in check and our communities informed.

The Houston Chronicle provides critical information to our community. This award reflects their commitment to a free press. Through their stellar reporting and top-notch writing, the people that make up the ranks of the Chronicle have made Houston home to the best newsroom in the entire state.

On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the Houston Chronicle on receiving this well-earned and deserved distinction.

HONORING DR. CLINTON VASSETT
TURNER, SR.

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize the esteemed Dr. Clinton Vassett Turner, Sr., a public servant and educator who dedicated his life to promoting the welfare of others.

Dr. Turner left a lasting legacy, and the Commonwealth of Virginia is indebted to him for his years of service to our institutions of higher education. I greatly admire his dedication to academia, and the capable leadership that he brought to the roles he assumed, including at Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia state government.

As the first African-American in the nation to hold a cabinet-level position in a state department of agriculture, Dr. Turner succeeded in the face of adversity and became a role model for young people across our Commonwealth. Dr. Turner was recognized countless times for his remarkable achievements, including receiving the 1994 Virginia Man of the Year Award, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Agricultural Alumni Organization Distinguished Service Citation. I am especially pleased to see his name memorialized as the first Virginian in the George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame.

Dr. Turner challenged us to work with humble devotion to improve the lives of those around us, and I have no doubt that his legacy will continue to inspire generations of young men and women to pursue a life of service through academic excellence.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Dr. Turner's family, and in honoring his life's work.

CELEBRATING 140 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise along with Representatives MIKE CONAWAY, MICHAEL TURNER, BRAD WENSTRUP, CHRIS STEWART,

RICK CRAWFORD, ELISE STEFANIK, and WILL HURD, to celebrate 140 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania.

Whereas, the United States established diplomatic relations with Romania in June 1880;

Whereas, the United States regards Romania as an important ally in Central and Southeast Europe, which is setting an example of steady commitment to democratic leadership, national and transatlantic security, and economic development;

Whereas, the United States and Romania have developed a strategic partnership built on longstanding friendship, historical ties and a joint promise to advancing the security and prosperity of their citizens and communities;

Whereas, the United States recognizes and appreciates Romania's lasting efforts to modernize its armed forces and meet its NATO burden-sharing commitments as one of the leading NATO members to allocate 2 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) for defense spending;

Whereas, the Romanian Armed Forces have supported NATO and United States operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other theatres for almost two decades, contributing more than 30,000 total combat and support personnel to those missions, fighting alongside U.S. service members, and helping to protect vital security interests;

Whereas, Romania as a member of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS has deployed military trainers to train Iraqi Security Forces, provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Iraq and Syria, and is making remarkable efforts to support combatting international terrorism, including through critical intelligence sharing with Coalition partners;

Whereas, Romania has been a leading nation in providing cybersecurity support to NATO and its partners, and the first country to have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Government on the secure implementation of fifth generation wireless communications (5G) technology aimed at protecting critical security infrastructure from disruption and interference;

Whereas, Romania has been a driving force leading to the establishment of the Three Seas Initiative, and one of the first countries to invest in the Three Seas Initiative Investment Fund, which aims at increasing energy independence and infrastructure connectivity across Central Europe thereby strengthening the United States and European security;

Whereas, Romania has been a champion of energy security in Europe, supporting the U.S. Government's Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation (P-TEC) initiative as leading partner on civil nuclear energy, helping to develop the next generation of nuclear technologies, and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Government on strategic civil nuclear cooperation;

Whereas, the United States and Romania have been deepening their economic relationship through increased bilateral trade and investment, and Romania in 2017 hosted the tenth annual U.S. Commercial Service Trade Winds Forum and Trade Mission, helping American companies boost exports across Southeast Europe;

Whereas, the Governments of the United States and Romania are working closely together to develop an ambitious bilateral economic, trade, and investment agenda, includ-

ing through driving a record attendance over the past three consecutive years by more than 50 Romanian companies to the United States SelectUSA Summit;

Whereas, in 2018, as Romania celebrated its Unification Centennial, Governors from almost all 50 U.S. States issued Proclamations to congratulate Romanians and Romanian-Americans on that historic milestone, illustrating the close ties and friendship that exist between our nations and our people;

Whereas, during the first half of 2019 Romania conducted its first Presidency of the Council of the European Union and promoted a successful agenda advancing important U.S.-EU goals such as energy security, intellectual property, human rights and regional cooperation across the Balkans and the Black Sea area;

Whereas, in 2019 Romanians all across America commemorated 30 years since Romania's liberation from the former communist regime, a powerful reminder of the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989 and a celebration of the triumphant call of freedom, liberty and dignity;

Whereas, over more than a century successive generations of Romanian-Americans have contributed their resources of talent and entrepreneurship to American progress, and their rich cultural heritage represents a most precious feature of the American society;

Whereas, during these times of unprecedented challenge caused by the Covid-19 pandemic crisis the United States and Romania are strengthening their partnership, helping each other in meaningful ways such as U.S. assistance with targeted funds and medical emergency equipment, and Romanian support for the swift repatriation of U.S. nationals overseas, and working together to enhance their mutual security and economic recovery and prosperity;

Whereas, as a sign of solidarity and friendship between the Romanian and the American people, Romania has sent its first medical and expert support and advisory mission to the State of Alabama, assigning 15 Romanian doctors, medical staff and chemical and biological risk experts to exchange best practices and assist local Covid-19 efforts in care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals across Alabama, thus strengthening our mutual capabilities to fight the virus pandemic and protect the health and lives of our citizens;

Whereas, 2020 marks the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) celebrates the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania and congratulates Romania and the Romanian people for their historic achievements as a nation and their steadfast pursuit of democratic, political, social and economic progress;

(2) reaffirms the close bonds between the United States and Romania, based on their common commitment to the values of freedom, liberal democracy, rule of law and economic prosperity;

(3) recognizes and appreciates Romania's principled standing for transatlantic unity and solidarity, and its leadership and contribution to advancing close U.S.-EU relations;

(4) calls on the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government to continue to strengthen the strategic partnership between the United