

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TO CONGRATULATE LANGHORNE
BOROUGH MAYOR CHRIS BLAYDON

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Langhorne Borough's Mayor Chris Blaydon on a long career of public service. Mayor Chris Blaydon and his wife, Mary, have lived in Bucks County for 50 years. In that time, he has helped shape the community as a volunteer, borough councilman, mayor, and 30-year member of the borough Shadetree Commission. We sincerely commend him for his honorable service to our community as well as to our Nation as a U.S. Air Force pilot and later, as a Pan America pilot. Because of his appreciation for the historical significance of Bucks County, for the last 37 years, he has participated in the re-enactment of Gen. George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on December 26, 1776 during the Battle of Trenton. Therefore, as Chris Blaydon concludes his mayoral career, we thank and wish him good health and many new adventures.

HONORING DEVLIN L. HODGES

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Devlin L. Hodges came to Yonkers from Richmond, Va., where he was born via New York City. While in New York, in 1975, he became a Police Department Associate and was assigned to the Lower East Side of Manhattan during one of the worst times in the city's crime era. After three years he joined the New York State Department of Correctional Services and two years later joined the City's Department of Corrections.

There he blossomed, becoming a Captain in 1988, and an Assistant Deputy Warden before retiring in 1998. He currently is a Security Officer with the Jewish Home and Healthcare Organization.

He is a member of the James H. Farrell Lodge of the Masons since 1994, starting as a Junior Steward and then appointed as Secretary of the Lodge. In 2007 he was elected to the esteemed office of Worshipful Master and while serving in that capacity he was elected President of the Masters and Wardens Council of the Third Masonic District.

From there he returned to the office of Secretary of the Lodge, a position he has held since.

In 2008 he received his thirty-second degree of Freemasonry when he became a member of Pentecost Consistory #98 of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, Prince Hall Affiliated of the Northern Jurisdic-

tion. In 2009 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity and Accepted Masons, serving in that position since.

He has served in many positions of responsibility in the Masons and it is through his leadership that the Luther V. Garrison, Sr. Masonic Foundation was formed. He has served as president of the Foundation from its founding in 2008.

Devlin Hodges has served his community wisely and well for many years and I am proud to join the Luther V. Garrison, Sr. Foundation in honoring him as Man of the Year.

HONORING SCARSDALE MEDICAL
GROUP

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Scarsdale Medical Group began in 1957 when Kenneth Roth, MD, joined Herman Tarnower, MD, and John Cannon MD, both of whom had been associated since World War II, to start a practice of medicine in Scarsdale Village.

After his return from military service in the late 1950s, Tarnower purchased land near the "five corners" in Scarsdale and erected a two-story medical building at 259 Heathcote Road. He envisioned a six-member medical group of internists with varying subspecialties. The building was finished in 1960 and its roster of six physicians was completed by July 1961, with the addition of Roderick A. Granzen, MD, and James L. Carvelas, MD—internists who had been in practice in White Plains—and Marvin M. Lipman, MD, fresh out of a research fellowship.

That nucleus remained intact for nearly 15 years, when three more doctors joined. In 1980, tragedy struck when Tarnower, who had achieved international fame as the author of *The Scarsdale Medical Diet*, was murdered.

Over the following years five of the original members left and five others joined. Of the original members only Dr. Lipman remains.

With the start of this century SMG grew exponentially, adding 31 physicians in 10 years.

By 2007, the need for expansion was acute. Space was leased on Mamaroneck Avenue in Harrison, allowing the Heathcote Road property to be temporarily vacated for needed repairs.

SMG's growth was steered by a committee of several members of the partnership and the executive director, Maria Trusa. She joined SMG in 1987 as a medical assistant, advanced to manager by 1992, and was named Executive Director.

Over the 57 years, SMG has served Scarsdale and the surrounding community, growing from the original six physicians to its present complement of 39. SMG expanded to treat patients after hours and on weekends

and holidays. For urgent care, no appointment is necessary. SMG renders primary care, plus dermatology, neurology, nutrition and podiatry services as well as virtually all of the subspecialties of internal medicine, and obstetrics/gynecology services.

In 2012, SMG was awarded the designation of Medical Home by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I congratulate the Scarsdale Medical Group on its decades of medical service to the community and celebrate the reopening of their Heathcote Road offices, allowing even more services for Scarsdale and its environs.

HONORING JEFFREY A. MOERDLER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Jeffrey A. Moerdler is being honored by the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council for his extraordinary work on behalf of Riverdale's Jewish community, including his 27 years of service on the Riverdale Y Board, his past service as President of the Y, more recently of the Y's President's Advisory Council, and his work as a Vice President of the Riverdale Jewish Community Council.

More significant on a basic level is his commitment to Hatzalah, the largest volunteer ambulance service in the United States, as an Emergency Medical Technician responding to 150–200 emergency medical calls per year, principally in Riverdale. He is also a Coordinator (co-president) of the Riverdale Hatzalah chapter and is a member of the Executive Board of the Citywide Hatzalah organization. He was part of the aid response when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger landed his airplane in the Hudson River. Most significantly, he has six "saves," four in cardiac arrests and two in chokings, as well as having participated in the delivery of one baby in the field.

In his day job, Mr. Moerdler is head of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.'s Real Estate and Communications practices in New York. He has been recognized as a New York Super Lawyer for real estate in the New York Times every year since 2006 and in Best Lawyers in America for Real Estate in 2013–14.

He is a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Vice Chair of its Audit and Security Committees and its Insurance Working Group, and takes an active role as the lead board member on many of its largest real estate transactions at the World Trade Center site.

Plus, he does a substantial amount of pro bono legal work for a variety of Jewish and community service organizations.

Jeffrey Moerdler has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to his community and his fellow human beings for three decades. I

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