

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LARGO KINDERCARE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for receiving national accreditation.

The KinderCare Learning Center has recently been granted accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs, a leading professional organization in the early education industry for children, between two months old and five years old.

Accreditation is distinct from licensing as the latter only ensures a basic threshold level of a center's ability to provide whereas accreditation enables the center to provide high quality early learning programs. Less than ten percent of programs receive accreditation in the nation, which makes this very important for Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Largo KinderCare Learning Center for the education they provide to our children. A national accredited center is very important to Pinellas and I ask that this body join me in recognizing them for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Newark Catholic High School for winning the Division IV Ohio High School Baseball State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Newark Catholic's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Newark Catholic High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newark Catholic Baseball Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO ACT TO END OUR COUNTRY'S GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give voice to the millions of Americans across this country who are tired of this body's leadership being held hostage by the Gun Lobby. The dilatory response by House Republicans, a response directly linked to the fact that they are so closely intertwined with the nefarious Gun Lobby, is as shameful as it is reckless.

Over 33,000 people lose their lives every year to the gun violence epidemic. What does Republican Leadership do in the face of these deaths? Nothing. That is not negligence, it is gross negligence and those who stand firmly in the way of those of us trying desperately to make this country a safer place for our children and grandchildren are increasingly culpable in the deaths that most certainly and tragically lay ahead.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans have a right to make their communities safe from the onslaught of gun violence this country witnesses year after year. They have a right to demand that felons and domestic abusers cannot buy a gun without any questions asked. They have a right to demand that dangerous loopholes allowing terrorists to buy weapons are closed. They have a right to demand that an end is put to the unbelievable number of military-style firearms flowing through their streets. And demanded they have, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, a majority of Americans support ensuring that a husband with a proven history of violent acts committed against his wife should not have access to a firearm. A majority of Americans think it is absolutely ridiculous that we do not stop felons from purchasing firearms. And a majority of Americans think it is beyond comprehensible that members of this body would stand in the way of us working to ensure that terrorists do not have access to weapons of mass murder.

Mr. Speaker, the time has well since passed when we should have enacted these common sense reforms. The time has well since passed since we ought to have taken action to protect our communities—to make those communities safer for our children and grandchild. There is bipartisan legislation in this House that will address these pressing issues and it is time for the Republican Leadership to bring this legislation to the House Floor for a vote immediately. Any further delay is a shameful dereliction of duty on the part of House Republican Leadership.

HONORING DAVID GANN OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Colonel David R. Gann, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of service with the United States Air Force, United States Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Since December 2004, Colonel Gann has served as Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Medical Group of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He previously served as a medic and emergency medical technician in the active Air Force and as chief warrant officer/physician assistant in the Army Reserve. Colonel Gann deployed on numerous occasions in direct medical support of Operations Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Guard, Desert Thunder, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has earned numerous awards and decorations for his service.

Colonel Gann's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. He's left an enduring legacy of service to our Nation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate David R. Gann upon his retirement after more than 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

DEL LATTA, A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I recently came across a short poem called "The Dash," and I'd like to submit the first few lines:

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning . . . to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars . . . the house . . . the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

Del Latta's dash represents a life dedicated to his fellow Ohioans and his fellow Americans.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

First as a state senator, and then later as a U.S. Congressman, Mr. Latta was a true public servant, a trait he passed on to his son, and my friend, BOB.

I offer my prayers and condolences to BOB, and to his family, and I thank his father for spending his dash in service to our state and our country.

EDINA GIRLS GOLF TEAM ARE
CHAMPS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Edina High School Girls Golf Team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship.

Not only did the Hornets win, but they won big by defeating the closest team by 36 strokes. They were led by Hannah Hankinson who shot a 149 over the two rounds and tied for second. Edina's talent did not stop there, however. Christine Portillo and Grace Kellar tied for fourth place with 150, Katie Engelking finished ninth with a score of 153 and Isabelle Ouyang got tenth with a score of 155. The combination of all of these talented players could not be beat. This is the second consecutive victory for Coach Mark Harelstad and tenth state title in team history.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to point out that these student athletes must effectively manage their time in order to excel on the course and in the classroom. It is commendable that they are able to perform on such a high level in both areas.

Golf is a game that requires incredible patience and dedication in order to achieve success. And there is no doubt the Edina High School Girls Golf Team showed both this season. Congratulations and go Hornets.

TRIBUTE TO PINELLAS COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) for continuing to help our veterans.

The PCHA was formed in 1965 as an independent agency. They provide more than eight thousand people housing and rental assistance when they are most in need. Their current focus has been on veterans, ensuring that this important section of our community receives appropriate housing through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

The PCHA has a "veteran's preference" for veterans who are on the waiting list for regular vouchers which has helped them find homes for 63 local homeless veterans in partnership with the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the PCHA for their help and efforts to ensure veterans who offered their lives in service of our country can fully enjoy the homes that they truly deserve. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts and accomplishments of the PCHA in serving homeless veterans in Pinellas County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOR-
THINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH
SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Worthington Kilbourne High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Worthington Kilbourne's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Worthington Kilbourne High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Worthington Kilbourne High School Boys Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for votes on July 5, 2016, I would have voted the following way:

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 796.

No on H. Res. 796.

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 793.

No on H. Res. 793.

Yes on H.R. 4854.

Yes on H.R. 4855.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 372 on the Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 21 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE ACHIEVE-
MENTS OF PRESIDENT J. DAVID
ARNOLD

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor President J. David Arnold for his service to the state of Illinois, as well as to his students and staff during his tenure as President of Eureka College.

Dr. Arnold has served as the President of Eureka College for eleven years. His dedication to the school's vision, "An intentional sequence of learning, service, and leadership," has inspired each one of his 1,676 graduating students to achieve their academic dreams.

Always eager to facilitate educational discussions, Dr. Arnold created the Reagan Forward initiative and the Ronald W. Reagan Society, which celebrates the legacy of President Ronald Reagan, a graduate of Eureka College, and encourages his vision of American opportunity. Dr. Arnold also created over thirty endowed scholarships to reward students for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

The Growth and Integrity strategic plan that Dr. Arnold established achieved record enrollment in 2010, maintained a balanced budget with consistent low tuition costs, and raised a record level of \$7.3 million in 2014, the largest amount raised in the college's history. Dr. Arnold worked in conjunction with the community to complete his \$30 million project to construct buildings on campus including Ivy Resident Hall, Christine Bonati Bollwinkle Arena, and Convocation Center for current and future students to enjoy.

As a result of Dr. Arnold's contributions to Eureka College and the community, he has been appointed Chancellor of the institution, where he will continue to develop new strategic initiatives and implement a leadership institute.

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Arnold's remarkable tenure as President of Eureka College. Dr. Arnold's commitment to educating the next generation of leaders generated some of the most successful years in Eureka College's storied history. Dr. Arnold has set an outstanding example for educators around our nation, and I am proud to represent both him and Eureka College.

TRIBUTE TO CLEARWATER
AQUARIUM

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Clearwater Aquarium for their new sea turtle habitat.

Recently, the Clearwater Aquarium opened a new habitat designed for sea turtles. These animals are native to our community, but they are endangered animals and must be protected. The Clearwater Aquarium has one of the few sea turtle habitats in the world occupied solely by rescued turtles. Its residents are not able to be released back into the wild due to poor health or as a result of injuries they have sustained.