

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CHIEF GARY CRAFT

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Gary Craft for his retirement from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Chief Craft began his career in 1976 as a reserve police officer for the Seaside Police Department. From there, he transferred to the Pacific Grove Police Department, where he spent the next four years as a uniformed patrol officer. In 1980, he took the knowledge that he gained from these two departments to the Monterey County Sheriff's Department, where he would spend the next fourteen years. During his tenure at the Sheriff's Office he served in various roles to protect the residents of Monterey County. Some of these roles included narcotics team member, special enforcement team member, and special unit and tactics team member. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office went on to name him "Lawman of the Year." Chief Craft later received an executive certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training. The executive certificate is the highest level of certification that is given by the State of California.

In 1994, Chief Craft left the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and began the next phase of his career in public service. Chief Craft chose to bring his knowledge and experience to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office, where he would spend the next twenty-three years. During his tenure there, he held in many leadership roles including ten years as chief DA investigator. During his time at the District Attorney's Office, Chief Craft received numerous accolades including Investigator of the Year. In 2016, Chief Craft attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy. The FBI National Academy is a prestigious law enforcement education program that provides training to the top 1 percent of law enforcement executives. Classes include, amongst other subjects, psychology of communication, topics in contemporary law, and physical training. The grueling courses demand a sharp intellect, strong interpersonal skills, and perseverance. Chief Craft is also the first sworn peace officer from the Monterey County District Attorney's office to attend the FBI Academy.

Chief Craft's dedication to keeping the people of Monterey County safe deserves our highest commendation. His actions have demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and an eagerness to go the extra mile. As the Representative for the 20th Congressional District of California, I am deeply grateful for his service to our community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Chief Gary Craft and wishing him a happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JANET W. DAVIS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Janet Davis. Janet has been the driving force behind Kinetic Credit Union in Columbus, Georgia for more than 26 years and currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She will be retiring on January 31, 2018.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Ms. Davis was born to the late Jimmy and Rebecca Davis, as one of two children. A product of the Muscogee County School System, she graduated from Kendrick High School in 1977. She went on to attend Columbus State College (now University) where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

For over four decades, Ms. Davis has been a highly trusted leader in the financial services industry. She has built quite an impressive career, which began during her tenure at Columbus Bank & Trust Company. In 1983, she began her career as a Share Draft Officer at The Infantry Center Federal Credit Union (now Kinetic Credit Union). She became the President and CEO of Kinetic Credit Union in 1991 and has since helped it to grow from a \$40 million institution into one of the top 10 credit unions in Georgia with more than \$380 million in assets.

Ms. Davis has received numerous honors and awards for her work. These include: the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions Professional of the Year and the Moses C. Davis Award in 1998, the Columbus State University Alumni Service Award in 2005, the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2010, the Columbus State University's Thomas Y. Whitley Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2011, and her induction into the Credit Union House Hall Leaders in 2016.

Ms. Davis served on a number of boards and was affiliated with several associations. She has served as Chair of the Georgia Credit Union League, Georgia Credit Union Affiliates, Georgia Credit Union Foundation, Georgia Service Corp Board, and CSI, she has been an active board member for the National Credit Union Foundation, National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions, Defense Credit Union Council, and CUNA Mutual Group, and she has served as a member of the Deluxe Collaborative in 2009–10.

In addition to her professional participation, she served as the president and as a Chair of the Chattahoochee Valley Chapter of the local Better Business Bureau and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation, and a board member of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Columbus Partners in Education, Chattahoochee

Valley Hall of Fame, American Cancer Society, and Columbus Hospice.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." We are so grateful that Ms. Davis has given her time and talents to provide a premier financial institution for the residents of Southwest Georgia and Southeast Alabama. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise are unparalleled. Columbus, Georgia shined a little brighter because of Janet Davis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Ms. Janet Davis upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career in financial services.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN WALTON, JR. FOR 35 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Walton, Jr., President of the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2809. John will retire from the Social Security Administration after 35 years of federal service on December 9, 2017.

A veteran of the of the United States Army, John served for 15 years before retiring with the rank of Staff Sergeant, E-6. After leaving the military, he began his career at the Social Security Administration. In 2003, while working for the Social Security Administration, John joined his local branch of the American Federation of Government Employees.

During his time with AFGE, John has been an active member of the union. He is the former Steward of AFGE Local 2809. Currently, he serves as the President for Local 2809. Under John's leadership, AFGE Local 2809 has been a prominent voice in the community advocating for the protection of labor rights and supporting the needs of working families.

It is an honor to recognize John as he enters a well-deserved retirement. I am grateful to him for a lifetime of devotion and for serving his country with distinction. His 35 years at Social Security are an impressive accomplishment, and I know he helped countless Americans with his service. I wish him all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORM & ELAINE BRODSKY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Norm and

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Elaine Brodsky in recognition of their long-term commitment to local community and charitable causes. For almost 30 years, this North Brooklyn power couple has helped shape the Williamsburg neighborhood into the vibrant community it is today.

Elaine and Norm Brodsky have generously supported the local community and its charitable causes since opening CitiStorage, an archival storage and records management company, in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in 1990. They became full-time residents of the neighborhood in 2001, when Norm fulfilled his promise to build an apartment on the fourth floor of their office building/warehouse. Their family had been residents of Atlantic Beach for 32 years before moving to Brooklyn. The couple sold the company in 2007 but still live in Williamsburg, where they continue to be pillars of the community.

Norm, who was born in Brooklyn, attended Rider University and received his Doctorate of Law from Brooklyn Law School. He is currently involved in three entrepreneurial ventures—a chain of fast, casual Japanese restaurants in NYC, hotels in North Dakota, and an entrepreneurial, education company called Birthing of Giants. For more than 20 years Norm has written “Street Smarts,” a monthly column in Inc. magazine. He is the author of a well-respected business book, *The Knack*. He provides pro bono business consulting advice to a significant number of entrepreneurs who come to visit him in his office in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Norm is also a strong advocate for the community's transit needs and has hosted meetings for local residents and businesses to weigh in on the impacts of the ongoing L train repairs.

Elaine, an Elmira College graduate and former teacher, also worked as a mental health professional and conducted family workshops for Inc. Magazine conferences for many years. The Brodskys have won several business awards for their company culture which has been featured in various business books and magazine articles. Elaine is a Board member of the League Education and Treatment Center and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. She has been the Chair of the North Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce since its inception, over four years ago. The couple is actively involved with the North Brooklyn Angels mobile food truck which delivers meals and offers counseling services to the local neighborhood.

Elaine and Norm have been married for 48 years and are the proud parents of their two daughters, Beth and Rachel, and grandparents to Sophie, Eitan, and Ava.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the magnanimous contributions of Norm and Elaine Brodsky, whose dedication to community is truly an inspiration.

#### HONORING THE MESSIAH COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM FOR WIN- NING THE NCAA DIVISION III NA- TIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend sincere congratulations to the Messiah College

Men's Soccer Team for winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. This is the 11th time the Messiah Falcons earned the title, “National Champions.”

The Falcons defeated the North Park Vikings in a 2–1 victory on December 2, 2018. The win completed a 24–2 campaign for the Falcons that matched their team record for single-season wins, while also making Messiah 11-for-11 in title game appearances.

The dedication and perseverance of these student athletes should inspire everyone. I extend my congratulations as well to head coach Brad McCarty, and the school officials, family and friends who supported these young men on their incredible journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Messiah College Men's Soccer Team on the hard work and determination that led to their National Championship.

#### RECOGNIZING LANCE LINARES

##### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lance Linares on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County after twenty-two years in the position. Lance's career began at KUSP, a Christian music broadcasting station in the area. Following his time at KUSP, Lance found his home at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County helps non-profit agencies establish the funds they need in order to serve their communities. Under his leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County's work has supported the arts, education, health, human services, environmental advocacy, and disaster relief.

Under Lance's leadership, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County grew from \$6 million in assets at the start of his tenure to over \$100 million in assets. Lance's ability to connect charitable and community oriented organizations with funds is just one example of his successes. He maintains that his efforts would not have been possible without the Santa Cruz community's support and charitable character. Many local philanthropic organizations who benefit from this support, such as the Jack and Peggy Baskin Center for Philanthropy, Healthy Kids Initiative, and Second Harvest Food Bank stand as a testament to these efforts. Lance's support of impact investment also helps support small businesses which ultimately expand and foster economic growth in the community. As the representative for the 20th Congressional District of California, I am deeply grateful for Lance's commitment to serving our communities.

I would like to personally congratulate Mr. Linares on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best with his future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Mr. Lance Linares for his twenty-two years of service to the community of Santa Cruz and for bettering the lives of numerous individuals through the projects he has supported during his tenure.

#### RECOGNIZING MULBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNI- VERSARY

##### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mulberry Baptist Church, of Emmerton, Virginia, on their 150th anniversary. The church was organized in 1868 when David Veney led a group of African-American worshippers to secure letters of proper dismissal and leave Jerusalem Baptist Church to organize a church. David Veney went on to become the first pastor and donated an acre of land for the first building. Mulberry Baptist has been led by 12 pastors in its 150 year history. Through the years, Mulberry has provided a quality Christian foundation for young people who moved from Richmond County upon completing their public school education. Currently, Mulberry has a congregation of approximately 275 members consisting of craftsmen, entrepreneurs, civil servants, doctors, ministers, and educators with weekly worship.

Mr. Speaker, I pray for Christ's guidance as the congregation comes together in His name and fellowship. May God always bless Mulberry Baptist Church as they continue to spread Christ's word and remain a light within the community.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MURPHY

##### HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Bruce Murphy for his service as president of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Dr. Murphy has spent his career investing in higher education and has tirelessly served as Nicholls' fifth president over the last four years. Throughout his tenure, many universities across the country struggled to attract and retain students, but Nicholls' actually increased enrollment four consecutive semesters. I am most impressed by his efforts to prepare students at Nicholls University for successful integration into the real world that awaits upon graduation. The school's partnership with Fletcher Community College, for example, has resulted in significant progress in workforce development. Aside from his service as president of Nicholls State University, both President Murphy and his wife, Jeanne Murphy, are retired from the U.S. Army, having earned the rank of lieutenant colonel and colonel, respectively. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy generously served on our military academy review board. I am proud that they devoted time in their busy lives to play an active role in the recruitment of young Louisiana leaders to our nation's military service academies. Thank you Dr. Murphy for your commitment to excellence at Nicholls, your service to the state of Louisiana, and your service to our nation. My sincerest congratulations on an incredible career and your time served as Nicholls' president.