

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TO HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JAMES WILLIAM LAWYER

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of James William Lawyer, a friend to many in Taylorville and Christian County, who passed away on December 6, 2017. Jim Lawyer is another tragic victim of Alzheimer's disease.

A beloved member of the Taylorville community, Jim was a valued volunteer in many local organizations, which included serving as coach of the original Taylorville Junior Football League team, the Bears.

Jim served as one of my football coaches during my freshman and sophomore years at Taylorville High School, and was an invaluable mentor and teacher. Years later, I was blessed with the opportunity to coach his grandsons in the local JFL league and pass on many of the lessons and guidance that Jim gave to me.

Throughout his life, Jim impacted a countless number of lives, mine included. Please keep his wife, Janet, and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING JO LAWSON, THE  
OLDEST LIVING FEMALE VET-  
ERAN OF MERCER COUNTY, ILLI-  
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**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Jo Lawson, the oldest living female veteran of Mercer County, Illinois. Mrs. Lawson has lived a life of service to her community and her country.

Mrs. Lawson grew up on a farm in Aledo. After graduating from Aledo High School, she attended the University of Iowa, where she majored in elementary education. In 1944, at twenty-three years old, Mrs. Lawson joined the United States Coast Guard. She attended basic training in West Palm Beach, Florida. Following basic training, Mrs. Lawson attended six months of radioman training in Atlantic City, New Jersey. After radioman training, she was stationed in San Pedro, California. Her primary duty there was to receive messages over teletype, which often included receiving coordinates for ships and fallen aircraft. In 1946, Mrs. Lawson was discharged with a rank of 3rd Class Radioman.

In 1950, she married Colonel Dave Lawson. They were classmates in high school and stayed in contact throughout the years following their graduation. They were later reunited in California. Colonel and Mrs. Lawson were married sixty-three years, until Colonel

Lawson passed away in September of 2015. They had five children together, losing one to prematurity, and were also blessed with four grandchildren.

In Mercer County, Mrs. Lawson taught one year at Perryton and taught seventh grade social studies at Northside Junior High. Along with serving her community through teaching, Mrs. Lawson was involved with and cofounded many local organizations, including the 708 Mental Health Board and Mercer County Recycling. Additionally, she was a planning board representative at her church, where she helped start the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again honor Jo Lawson for her extraordinary service to both her country and her community.

HONORING ZACHARY GOLDBERG

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated, driven and hard-working young man from the Second Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Zachary Goldberg, the winner of this year's Congressional App Challenge in my District.

Zachary Goldberg is a Chestnut Hill resident and a senior at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia. For this year's Congressional App Challenge Zachary created an app called the Pennsylvania Legislation Tracker. In his words: "I developed the Pennsylvania Legislation Tracker to make information about the Pennsylvania General Assembly more readily available, enabling people to keep up to date on which legislation is currently being considered and supported by their state legislators."

Our students are our next generation of leaders. I was so impressed by Zachary's attention to detail and keen awareness to help our community by developing such a thoughtful app that aims to keep Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians more informed in the political process. It is great to see such a passion for politics and helping others at a young age.

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania is very proud of this great accomplishment and extends gratitude to Zachary Goldberg for his efforts to fight for a stronger tomorrow and dedicated support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN RECOGNITION OF MASHPEE  
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mashpee High School's third consecutive Super Bowl victory.

On December 2nd the Mashpee Falcons faced off against the Blackstone Valley Tech Beavers in the Division 7 Super Bowl. The Falcons were up by six points with three minutes left in the game and a last minute interception sealed this 22-16 victory. Fans erupted in "three-peat" cheers at Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots. This is the third consecutive and fourth overall state championship for Mashpee High School Football.

They left it all on the field last weekend and, as Coach Belichick would say, "did their job." The dedication and support of every player, every cheerleader, their families, the coaches, and other faculty members set the foundation for the Falcons' undefeated season. With over twenty straight wins under their belt, I have no doubt that the Falcons will continue to make our community proud. I look forward to following their season next year and wish all of our graduating seniors continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the third consecutive Super Bowl victory for Mashpee High School. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them and wishing them all the best in the many seasons to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1730 (Roll Call No. 673). Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

RECOGNIZING HANNA GRADE  
SCHOOL FOR ITS COMMITMENT  
TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRON-  
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**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2017*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hanna Grade School in Orion, Illinois, on being recognized by Nature and Culture International for its commitment to protecting the environment.

Hanna Grade School has raised money for Nature and Culture International every year since 1999. Each year, their donation goes to a different part of the world in order to support an environmental cause. This year's donation went to protecting jaguars in Mexico. Nature and Culture International is a nonprofit organization that works to protect biologically diverse environments in Latin America. Hanna Grade School was the only school mentioned in this year's Nature and Culture International brochure, the first time this has been produced.

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