

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MICHELE KEARNS, KELLY GENOVA, AND THE STUDENTS OF FESTUS' QUEST K-8 GIFTED PROGRAM FOR RECEIVING THE EPA'S PRESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Festus, Missouri teachers, Michele Kearns and Kelly Genova and the students of Festus' Quest K-8 Gifted Program for receiving the Environmental Protection Agency's Presidential Environmental Youth Award.

Long before receiving this prestigious award, it all started last year with two teachers, Michele and Kelly deciding to come together and apply for a grant from the Innovative Technology Education Fund in St. Louis, Missouri. The pair successfully received \$22,000 for their students. Unaware to them, with this grant, it was the start of a great journey for the students of Quest.

Michele and Kelly challenged their students to apply their knowledge and skillset in the STEM fields to come up with uses of the grant funds that would be beneficial to the Festus community. The students identified a problem, came up with a plan to solve it, and worked together to execute their project perfectly.

The students of Quest noticed that their city park had an awful mosquito infestation during warmer weather. Their goal was to eliminate the problem for park goers in an environmentally friendly way, and they did that with the invention of Pollinator Paradise. With Pollinator Paradise, the students of Quest designed, built, and installed homes for Indiana bats, mason bees, purple martins, humming birds, and monarch butterflies, all of which are natural pest controls, and pollinators. The end result was a more diverse makeup of wildlife and a more pleasant setting at the park.

The students of Quest have demonstrated that no matter how small and young one might be, you don't have to wait to start making a difference and impacting your community. Earlier this year, Michele and Kelly decided that others needed to know what the students of Quest were accomplishing down in Festus, Missouri and applied for the EPA's Presidential Youth Award. Much to their surprise, they were selected to receive this prestigious award. As their Representative, I couldn't be prouder of this group. They are the perfect examples of the great things that can come from team work and dedication. I know this is only the beginning for Quest. They are our next generation of thinkers, inventors, teachers, doctors, and leaders, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for each and every one of them.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Michele, Kelly, and all the stu-

dents of Quest on this distinguished award and for a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR "ROY" THOMAS

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of Arthur "Roy" Thomas and extend my condolences to his family. Roy was an integral part of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Region 8.

Roy, a dedicated champion for union rights, tragically passed away on July 13th after a battle with stage 4 cancer.

He was a dear friend and embodied the best of what it means to give back to your country and community. Born in 1952, Roy dedicated his entire life to helping others. He began working at Fleetguard in 1970 and was employed there for 47 years. Roy started working for UAW in November 1995 as a union organizer and became UAW Community Action Program Representative in October 2002 until his retirement in December 2017.

Roy embodied UAW's mission of social justice and action, and his passion truly inspired so many of the union sisters and brothers that he fought for every day.

He was warm, loyal and devoted to his friends and allies. He was the type of person who through his affable personality and his approach to advocacy on the issues important to auto workers drew devotion, respect and affection simultaneously.

I personally was a recipient of his unwavering friendship and am eternally grateful for his leadership in supporting our unions.

Roy Thomas was truly one-of-a-kind whose joy for life is the imprint he left on the hearts of those who knew him well.

He will be tremendously missed, but never forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, on July 15, 2019, I was absent and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 475; "yea" on Roll Call No. 476; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 477.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROY LUNSFORD

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, Mr. Roy Lunsford commits every day to making a positive impact to the lives of his wife, five children, 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and his town of Kuna, Idaho.

That is something we can all learn from. Despite being diagnosed with lung cancer, Mr. Lunsford wakes up at 7:00 am to setup cheerful signs and wave to passersby on his street.

Acts of kindness like Mr. Lunsford's, bring joy to others, and make our communities a better place to live.

Mr. Lunsford's positive outlook on life deserves recognition and makes me proud to be an Idahoan.

SUMMER JAIME EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Summer Jaime from Richmond, TX for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Summer had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project to benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold award project, "Swimming through the Summer," she gave free swim lessons to young children and created an instructional video for future swimmers and instructors. Over the course of her project, over 20 children were guided through lessons.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Summer Jaime for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud.

HONORING BRIAN AND CANDI CRAWFORD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious couple, Brian and Candi Crawford.

Brian Crawford is a licensed and ordained Gospel Minister having served as a youth pastor, associate pastor and lead pastor before

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