

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEGENDARY
BOXER EMANUEL “MANNY”
STEWARD

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Emanuel “Manny” Steward, a legend in the sport of boxing.

After moving to Detroit from Virginia as an adolescent, Steward became interested in boxing, training at Detroit’s Brewster Recreation Center before moving on to Kronk Gym. Over the years, he honed his skills as an amateur boxer, but is most well known for his career as one of boxing’s most successful coaches. Steward trained countless athletes, including Hilmer Kenty, his first world champion, and most famously, Thomas “The Hitman” Hearn. Over the course of his career, Steward trained 41 world champions, and as further testament to his coaching skills, his heavyweights accumulated a remarkable record of 34–2–1 in title fights. Steward’s work brought world renown to Kronk Gym and secured Detroit’s reputation as an incubator for up and coming boxers.

Emanuel Steward embodied the true spirit of Detroit—determination, grit, and success through hard work. It is with great honor that I ask you to join with me in honor of his memory and upon the dedication of a street named to recognize his remarkable life and many accomplishments.

NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE
VITALIZATION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Native American Language Vitalization Act, which would help preserve the indigenous languages of the United States through grants to postsecondary institutions to support Native American language education programs and the pipeline of language instructors.

Native American languages are part of our nation’s cultural heritage and are as diverse as the rich cultures of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and the Native peoples of the Pacific U.S. territories. Over the course of our nation’s history, Native Americans have faced discrimination and government policies that restricted or banned the use of their indigenous languages. These policies have contributed to the decline in speakers of Native American languages. Without action, many of these languages, from Chamorro to Refaluwasch to Cherokee, are at risk of dis-

appearing. Congress recognized this urgency in passing the Esther Martinez Act in 2006 to strengthen Native American language immersion programs. However, we must do more at the postsecondary level so that future generations have the programs and quality instructors necessary to not only preserve but increase the use of their ancestral languages.

The Native American Language Vitalization Act invests in indigenous language education by creating a dedicated grant program under the Higher Education Act to provide the resources Native-serving colleges and universities need to develop or strengthen their indigenous language programs. Schools can use the grant to provide in-service training for language teachers, develop curriculum, professional development of faculty, and create innovative programs, including language immersion. Eligible institutions can also partner with other organizations to reach students in early childhood education programs through grade 12.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to help preserve the indigenous languages of the United States for future generations.

ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL DAY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the Assyrian people. On the occasion of Assyrian Memorial Day, we pay our respects to and remember those Assyrians who have lost their lives to genocide and persecution.

The Assyrian people have faced systematic persecution from the early 20th century to the present day. From 1915 to 1918, 750,000 men, women, and children of Assyrian descent were killed under the Ottoman Empire, while still hundreds of thousands more became homeless and stateless refugees. In the Simele Massacre on August 7, 1933, 3,000 Assyrians were killed at the hands of the then-government of Iraq. In recent years, ISIS committed a brutal genocide against religious and ethnic minorities, including Assyrians, killing thousands of people.

We will ensure these tragedies are never forgotten. I would like to recognize New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for his work in highlighting the valuable contributions that members of the Assyrian-American community have made in my state and across the country. We must recall the commitment of the United States to promoting freedom and human rights for all people regardless of their national, religious, or ethnic identity and remain steadfast in our conviction. We must continue to speak out against injustice everywhere and contribute to a world in which all people can live without fear of genocide or persecution.

CONGRATULATING KEITH
SULTEMEIER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Keith Sultemeier on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Since April of 2012, Mr. Sultemeier has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kinecta Federal Credit Union (FCU). Kinecta FCU is headquartered in Manhattan Beach, California, in my congressional district. It has over \$4.4 billion in assets and over 300,000 members.

With more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, Mr. Sultemeier’s deep understanding of the legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions will provide tremendous expertise to the NAFCU Board.

Mr. Sultemeier holds Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

I wish Mr. Sultemeier well in his new role on the NAFCU Board and I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this exceptional achievement.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR ROBERT
BROWNLEE, SR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Robert Brownlee, Sr. of Louisville, Mississippi.

On August 25, Pastor Brownlee will be celebrating 30 years in the Gospel Ministry. Pastor Brownlee currently serves at Agape Baptist Church in Louisville, Mississippi. He previously served at Union Chapel Mission Baptist Church in Louisville, Mississippi, New Zion Church in Houston, Mississippi, and Bluff Creek Church in Phoebe, Mississippi.

During his 30 years, Pastor Brownlee has done incredible things for the state. He led his community through Helping Hand Ministries, participated in health fairs, clothing drives, disaster recovery, mentored the youth, organized summer feeding programs, led jailhouse ministry, and led foreign mission trips.

Pastor Brownlee is a husband, father, and friend to many. I thank him for his many years of service, and I pray that God continues to bless and work through him.

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