

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE THREE YEARS  
OF SERVICE OF AMBASSADOR  
HAN DUK-SOO

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to offer a tribute to His Excellency Han Duk-soo, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States, who is leaving his post in Washington after three years of representing and serving his country here.

Before arriving in Washington in March 2009, Ambassador Han served as his country's Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance and Economy, after previous service as ambassador to the OECD and in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The past three years have been particularly busy for him, culminating in the ratification of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, which takes effect next month.

During Ambassador Han's tenure in Washington, he also dealt with sensitive and timely issues like security matters in Northeast Asia. I am particularly reminded of his thoughtful and steady leadership during the challenges Korea faced in the wake of the attacks on the Cheonan Naval Vessel and on Yeonpyeong Island in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, the Republic of Korea has a special place in my heart.

My father fought in Korea. I grew up hearing stories from him about the horrid conditions, and I know he carried his battle-scars with him throughout his life. Yet he never wavered in his pride for having served his country.

In November 2010, my father and I visited Korea, where we were treated with utmost hospitality and—in my father's case—gratitude. It was a memorable trip and Ambassador Han and his embassy staff helped make it possible.

Where we once forged a relationship on the battlefield together, building a secure environment for the nation to prosper over the last 60 years, today we attempt to forge a new economic and strategic bond for the future prosperity of our two nations. A country once ravaged by war, Korea received a substantial amount of foreign aid, but now enjoys an advanced and dynamic economy, and is itself today a generous donor of foreign aid. We work closely with Korea, maintaining a considered influence in that region as a deterrent to North Korean aggression and a counter to Chinese dominance.

The United States and Korea hold a forward-looking relationship. Every year, in so many ways, the United States and the Republic of Korea grow closer and closer together. The implementation this year of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade agreement is just one further symbol of the strength of our countries' friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to my dear

friend, Ambassador Han. We thank him for his service as South Korea's top diplomat in the United States and wish him every success as Chairman of the Korea International Trade Association.

HONORING DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR  
75 YEARS OF CONSERVATION  
SUCCESS

**HON. REID J. RIBBLE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ducks Unlimited's 75 years of tireless efforts to promote conservation and wilderness protection.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending the Ducks Unlimited founders, members, supporters, partners and volunteers in Wisconsin and across the nation. Ducks Unlimited has had a positive impact on communities throughout America by helping to improve our culture and environment.

I congratulate Ducks Unlimited for the dedication of their volunteers and supporters, as well as the partners who time and time again have helped them succeed in their mission. This landmark anniversary represents the true legacy of this great organization and I applaud their efforts in conservation.

HONORING TONI AND BRUCE  
CORWIN

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate my dear friends Toni and Bruce Corwin as they are honored by Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills at the 5th Annual Beverly Hills Purim Ball where they will be presented with the synagogue's Humanitarian Award on February 29, 2012.

I cannot imagine a more deserving couple to receive this award. For decades the Corwins have worked tirelessly within the Los Angeles Jewish community and our community at large. In addition to admiring their remarkable work, my wife, Janet, and I are personally grateful for the many years of friendship we have shared with Toni and Bruce.

Toni and Bruce have truly accumulated more than a lifetime's worth of professional and personal achievements. They have proven time and again that passion, commitment, and persistence can turn ideas into reality. Their longtime work on behalf of the Jewish community ranks them among the very top supporters and advocates in Los Angeles, and they have been an inspirational voice in higher education for decades.

Toni and Bruce are being honored by Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills for the extraor-

dinary leadership they have demonstrated for many years. In addition to providing a strong religious foundation, the synagogue, under their guidance, has developed many secular programs dealing with immigration, health insurance, the Middle East, Jewish-Muslim relations, art, dance and intergenerational theater.

Beyond the achievements Toni and Bruce have reached at Temple Emanuel, they have been recognized in the community as well. Their leadership has included membership on Mayor Tom Bradley's Blue Ribbon Committee of 40, presidency of the Coro Foundation National Board of Governors, serving as a trustee of the California Community Foundation and receiving the prestigious Pioneer of the Year Award from the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers.

I am delighted to congratulate my dear friends, Toni and Bruce Corwin, and ask that my colleagues join me in sending our very best wishes on this great occasion.

IN HONOR OF JACI PAPPAS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of a true community pillar of California's Central Coast. Jaci Pappas is a fifth generation Californian who grew up in Stockton, California. But it has been in Big Sur where she has found her life's calling as champion volunteer. And while she has never sought out accolades, her neighbors have seen fit to honor her on March 2, 2012, as "Volunteer Extraordinaire." They have all benefited from Jaci's efforts to realize her life's theme: "Always give back to your community in whatever way you can."

Jaci earned a Business Administration degree from Mills College in Oakland, California. Soon after, she began her public service career in Sacramento as assistant to my good friend Assemblyman Willie Brown while he served as chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. In 1973, after twelve years in the Capitol, Jaci was appointed City Clerk for the City of Sacramento—the first woman to hold the position since Sacramento's founding in 1850.

In 1979, Jaci married architect Steve Pappas, and together they bought property and moved to Big Sur. She established herself as a bookkeeper working for various small businesses in Big Sur. Her volunteer work began in 1980 when she took on the unpaid position of secretary and then treasurer of the Coast Property Owners Association. She later held the same positions with the Big Sur Historical Society, and also served a number of years as head of the local Election Board, encouraging participation by all community members in the election process.

In addition to these leadership roles, Jaci has devoted countless hours giving her business and administrative skills to help community groups accomplish their work. Jaci has

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