

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL  
BRANDON GARABRANT OF  
GREENFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Lance Corporal Brandon Garabrant, of Greenfield, New Hampshire, for his heroism and service as a U.S. Marine serving our country in Afghanistan. I was devastated to learn of the tragic death of Lance Corporal Garabrant, who spent his life serving his community and his country with honor and courage. Through his dedicated service as a volunteer firefighter and as a Marine, he made his family, his state, and his nation proud. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Granite State are with Lance Corporal Garabrant's family and friends. It is our responsibility as Granite Staters and as Americans to protect and honor all those who serve our great nation and guard our freedom.

Our veterans and servicemembers make grave sacrifices in order to preserve our freedom and protect our families. These courageous men and women devote their lives to standing up for our way of life, and they deserve our deepest respect and gratitude.

The greatest tribute we can provide for Lance Corporal Garabrant is to continue to remember his bravery and sacrifice, and to celebrate his life. He paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom and way of life, and we must forever honor his memory.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF AMBASSADOR TATOUL MARKARIAN

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of His Excellency Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to the United States of America.

His Excellency Dr. Markarian is completing his term as Ambassador to the United States after nine years of service. Dr. Markarian has been a crucial figure in fostering relations between Armenia and the United States.

As Armenian Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Markarian has been credited with creating closer ties with the United States by coordinating visits between the two countries' government officials and diplomats. He has been instrumental in securing increased humanitarian assistance from the U.S. to both Armenia and Artsakh, two struggling economies that are in great need of economic support. This has been highlighted by Armenia becoming a competitive potential candidate for

Millennium Challenge Corporation funding, which aims to reduce widespread poverty and strengthen infrastructure. Ambassador Markarian has also been largely responsible for coordinating improved bilateral talks between both countries, through the U.S.-Armenia Economic Task Force and Strategic Dialogue.

Dr. Markarian has had a long career in public service. He served in the Republic of Armenia's legislative and executive branches at a crucial time, during the Republic's early years, first as assistant to the Vice Chairman of the newly created Armenian parliament, then as an advisor to the Vice President of Armenia and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister. During his tenure as Ambassador to the United States he concurrently serves as the Ambassador to Mexico.

I commend his Excellency Dr. Markarian on his service and accomplishments. His service has strengthened the relationship between Armenia and America. I wish the best for him, his wife, and three sons in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING OCOSTA HIGH SCHOOL'S NATIONAL RECYCLING PROGRAM AWARD

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ocosta High School in Westport, Washington for receiving the 2014 American Forest & Paper Association's School Recycling Award for Partnerships.

These partnership awards, offered by the AFPA, seek to recognize and promote new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling. Ocosta High School established a paper recycling program in 1992 when the nearby Port of Grays Harbor recycling program closed down. Since then, Ocosta High School's recycling program has evolved into a district-wide program, working not only with students at all grade levels, but local businesses and the community as a whole.

Ocosta High School also operates a baling machine which allows them to track the success of the program and compare amounts of paper recovered with past records. In 2013, over two decades since beginning the program, Ocosta High School recovered 24 tons of paper and paper-based products.

Programs such as Ocosta High School's recycling program are an essential component of our work for developing and expanding renewable resources. The commitment we share will ensure sustainability for future generations.

In receiving this special recognition, I am confident that Ocosta High School will inspire other schools to create new and innovative programs that will increase the amount of

paper and paper-based packaging recovered for recycling. The high school's work for sustainability and environmental awareness has had a substantial benefit to our region and to the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by sending my best wishes for the school's continued success, and again applauding Ocosta High School's students and faculty on receiving the 2014 American Forest & Paper Association's School Recycling Award for Partnerships. I am proud to recognize their dedication to environmental stewardship and to their community, today, in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL DAVID J. TERANDO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 3, 2014*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of Colonel (Col) David Terando on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I commend Col Terando's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his more than 30 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation.

In 1984, Col Terando was commissioned via the NROTC program at the Illinois Institute of Technology and he began his time in the Marine Corps as a communications officer with Base Communications Center, Camp Pendleton. He has supported our great nation by deploying multiple times throughout his career where he has directly supported both humanitarian and combat operations. He was involved with Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and deployed three separate times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as the Liaison Officer to the Kuwait Army, and in critical staff billets for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Three decades later, Col Terando has come full circle and is retiring from his post as Chief of Staff of the combined Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST)-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (MCB CAMPEN).

In 2012 Col Terando focused on the merger of MCIWEST and MCB CAMPEN. Successfully creating a new Command structure is a massive undertaking that requires leading thousands of individuals, detailed analysis, decisive action and countless Operational Planning Teams. This culminated on 5 April 2012 with the activation of MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN, where Col Terando assumed his duties as Chief of Staff.

In his role as the Chief of Staff, Col Terando successfully transformed the organization from concept to operational. Col Terando developed regional policies, directives and practices that led to the interaction of five bases and stations occupying over 160,000 acres throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

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