

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR THE 16TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2016 recipients of the Congressional Veteran Commendation in the 16th District of Illinois.

The eight veterans receiving this commendation have served this country honorably and fought for the freedoms we hold dearly. These veterans answered their country's call during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and they served with honor and distinction. As a fellow war veteran, I thank them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After these veterans served their country, they came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity have not.

The recipients of the 2016 Congressional Veteran Commendation are: Lance Corporal Glenn Borvansky of Marseilles, IL; Seaman Charles R. Brown of Diamond, IL; Sergeant John F. Duback of Ottawa, IL; Specialist Four Wayne A. Eichelkraut of Ottawa, IL; Sergeant Mervin Eutis of Grand Ridge, IL; Master Sergeant Glen Maubach of Blackstone, IL; Specialist Five Harold R. Olsen of Arlington, IL; and Specialist Five Richard Sanders of Dixon, IL.

I am honored to be able to recognize these notable veterans. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to a delayed flight into Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on H.R. 5388 (Roll Call No. 335).

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. EVEREE JIMERSON CLARKE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Everee Jimerson Clarke of Pleasant City, Florida.

Everee was born on July 6, 1926, to Cynthia and Reverend William Jimerson in Pleasant City, Florida. While she moved to Jacksonville, Florida, as a child, she continued to maintain a strong connection with her hometown. She would regularly visit Pleasant City and attended Industrial High School.

She attended college at the historically Black institution Lincoln University, before moving to New York to attend Julliard School of Music in the dance department. In 1960, she established the Everee School of Charm and Dance, while also becoming a political activist in Newark, New Jersey.

Since she returned back to Pleasant City in 1965, she has been active in local politics and business development. In 1975 and 1976, Everee was recognized by "Who's Who in Among Black Americans." In 1987, she was appointed by Governor Bob Martinez and the Florida Senate to serve on the Broward County Historic Preservation Board of Trustees.

Pleasant City is the oldest African American Community in Palm Beach County. She has been committed to preserving its history and providing educational and cultural events, as well as opportunities for its descendants.

Everee has received numerous awards for her service, including the Community Service Award from the Black Educators Caucus and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also awarded the Historic Preservation Award from the City of West Palm Beach, and the Fannie James Pioneer Achievement Award from the historical Society of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Speaker, on this momentous occasion, please join me in honoring Mrs. Everee Jimerson Clarke for her life of service and commitment to cultural preservation. I wish her a very happy 90th birthday, and many more years success and happiness to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 334 on H.R. 5525, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a weather-related flight cancellation. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM GRAVES**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 334, I was absent due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have vote Yes.

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**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to a delayed flight into Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on H.R. 5389 (Roll Call No. 336).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 334, the End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act of 2016, had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING MARIE SPAK UPON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Marie Spak who will retire after 43 years as office manager in the State Attorney's office at the Tolland Judicial District.

I had the special privilege of witnessing Marie's diligent work for many years. First when I was an Assistant Public Defender and later as an attorney in private practice. Marie started her work with the judicial branch for the State of Connecticut in East Hartford during September of 1973. In 1974, she joined the State Attorney's Office, where she worked with four different State's Attorneys during her tenure. She is finishing her service as the most senior member of AFSCME in the Division of Criminal Justice.

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