EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOB BROWNSTEIN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Brownstein. I am joined by my colleagues Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN and Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO. Bob is retiring from his 17-year career as Policy Director of Working Partnerships USA, but his dedication and service to working families in the Bay Area has spanned over 40 years. His commitment to creating a better, more just future for Silicon Valley makes him a hallmark of leadership in our community.

A native of the Bronx, Bob grew up admiring the towering photograph of President Franklin D. Roosevelt that hung in his father's hardware store. To the young boy and his father, President Roosevelt represented a higher echelon of politician and public servant—one who devoted his career to empowering the underprivileged and the underserved. It was in the manner and legacy of President Roosevelt that Bob embarked on his own career in public service, driven by his steadfast faith in and vision of societal progress.

Bob Brownstein entered the California political scene in 1977, and his impact was immediately felt across the region. He changed local government and city politics as he led efforts to elect San Jose officials by district, giving greater representation for residents in City Hall. Later, he was instrumental in establishing the partnership between the city and San Jose State University to build the Martin Luther King Library.

Bob, a lifelong advocate for workers, was the driving force behind the 1998 movement for living wages. He led two campaigns to raise the minimum wage and worked closely to reform San Jose's rent control laws. He played a significant role in passing the Living Wage ordinance, which raised San Jose's living wage to what was then the highest in the nation while still creating an infrastructure for job growth. Most recently, Bob led an initiative to ensure part-time workers receive fair consideration for increased work hours.

As the Director of Policy and Research with Working Partnerships USA, Bob not only fought for the rights and agenda of the disenfranchised, but has become one of the most prominent voices in health care policy. He was the architect of Children's Health Initiative, making Santa Clara County the first in the country to provide health coverage to nearly every child. He has been the catalyst for profound reinvention in our community, bringing both tangible and institutional change—a rich legacy that will continue to impact lives for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Bob Brownstein for his years of dedication and commitment to our community both as an advocate for progressive values and as an outstanding public servant. His relentless pursuit to empower those in need will forever be remembered and appreciated by the many lives he has touched and will continue to influence.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHMOND COUNTY PIPES AND DRUMS

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Richmond County Pipes and Drums.

Formed in 1975, the Richmond County Pipes and Drums have been actively involved in the Staten Island community. They have marched in parades, played at community events, and participated in fundraisers for local causes, bringing joy to anyone who gets the chance to listen. In fact, the first parade they marched in was in March 1976 for America's Bicentennial, for which they were appropriately dressed in red, white, and blue uniforms. Furthermore, they perform at almost every Celtic event throughout New York City. They have even participated in hundreds of events in Upstate New York, Long Island, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania over the years.

Most importantly, however, is the work that the Richmond County Pipes and Drums do for those who put their lives on the line to protect others. They are enthusiastic and patriotic supporters of our military and our veterans, for whom they have performed on numerous occasions. They have paid tribute to our nation's servicemen killed or missing in action, as well as local firefighters and policemen. They have demonstrated tremendous support for our first responders, proving just how dedicated to giving back they are.

Mr. Speaker, the Richmond County Pipes and Drums are dedicated servants in the Staten Island community. I thank them for their great work and congratulate them on their 40 years of performance.

THANKING STARBUCKS AND THEIR UPSTANDERS SERIES FOR RECOGNIZING THE BALDWIN PROMISE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Starbucks and their Upstanders series for recognizing Baldwin Community Schools and the Baldwin Promise. It is wonderful to see an organization highlight a caring community like Baldwin, which united to raise funds that will help their children pay for college.

The Upstanders series all began with an idea from Starbucks' CEO Howard Schultz and Executive Vice President Rajiv Chandrasekaran. It was created to showcase uplifting American stories and bring citizens across our nation together. Chandrasekaran stated the Upstanders mission well when he quipped, "Our goal is very simple: we want to connect with millions of Americans and inspire and engage them. That's it." If Starbucks is looking for an inspiring community, then they chose the perfect one in Michigan's second district with Baldwin.

Baldwin Community Schools was designated as a Michigan Promise Zone in 2009, meaning that every child in Baldwin has a tuition free path to a college education. Earning this designation took commitment and sacrifice from the entire Baldwin community. In order to be designated, the village of Baldwin had to privately fundraise over $100,000. Baldwin looked within for donations, even though it is located in Lake County, where more than 24 percent of residents live below the poverty level. Nevertheless, the citizens of Baldwin banded together, giving whatever they could.

Baldwin exceeded their goal by 150 percent, raising more than $160,000 to put a down payment on their children's future. Because of the community's sacrifice, Baldwin earned the Promise Zone designation. Now, any student who graduates from Baldwin High School is granted $5,000 per year for four years to attend the college of their choice.

The people of Baldwin and their commitment to their community and one another truly exemplify what West Michigan is all about. I want to thank Starbucks for creating the Upstanders series and sharing Baldwin's story with the nation.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL LEE KARR OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Lee Karr of the City of Pueblo Colorado Police Department for his outstanding duty and assistance to the citizens of Pueblo. During his normal duties of the day, Corporal Lee Karr went above and beyond his call of duty to assist a victim of robbery.

On September 12, 2016, Corporal Karr, and a fellow officer, were called to assist a 51 year old woman who had been a victim of robbery at a bus stop in the City of Pueblo, Colorado. Karr and the other officer carried out their protocol, and then Officer Karr took his commitment of public service to another level.

After comforting the victim, Karr placed her in a cool, air-conditioned police car and began assisting her with sorting out issues associated with the items that were stolen. The victim needed a new State of Colorado ID, bank and Medicaid cards—all the items that were stolen from her purse. Corporal Karr paid for