EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANDREW JENKINS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Andrew Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has worked as a field engineer, construction analyst, and planning director for several federal, state, and local agencies throughout his career. In addition, Mr. Jenkins served as president of three independent and four joint venture limited liability companies.

Throughout his years of service, Mr. Jenkins has connected with many supportive and influential people that have given him great advice for building successful and rewarding businesses that benefit the community. Having been born and raised on his family's farm in the Mississippi Delta, where hard work was a badge of honor and your word was your bond, Mr. Jenkins still subscribes to those basic undaunting principles of work and uncompromised integrity.

Mr. Jenkins is a graduate of Tennessee State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He continued his thirst for knowledge when he received a second graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Jenkins also has a wealth of knowledge and experience through Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. which specializes in Program and Construction Management, Quality Assurance Inspections, Minority Business Enterprise, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Outreach to name a few. In addition, he has also provided a variety of other professional services. The Mississippi State Board of Contractors with Certificate of Responsibility Number 12728 has duly registered Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. to practice Building Construction, Construction Management, Energy Management and Municipal and Public Works Construction.

He believes that every job is unique and represents a different set of opportunities for customizing Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc.'s services to meet the needs of their various clients in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Andrew Jenkins for his entrepreneurial spirit and dutiful service to the community.

CONGRATULATING MOCKINGBIRD ELEMENTARY FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Mockingbird Elementary of Coppell, Texas for being recognized as a National School of Character by the Character Education Partnership. Mockingbird Elementary was chosen for its ability to foster positive character development of within its curriculum.

Since 2004, Mockingbird Elementary has been a leader in implementing initiatives designed to build the character of its students. These interschool programs promote positive socialization between developing children and create a friendlier and cohesive educational environment.

Educational success and positive development of our nation's youth comes from hard work, innovation and a supportive community. I am proud to represent such a community, and especially a school that is reaching and surpassing all expectations. On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mockingbird Elementary in being recognized for its work as a national leader in proper character development and being named a National School of Character.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, NHCADSV, on reaching its 35th anniversary.

The Coalition started thirty-five years ago as the New Hampshire Coalition on Battered Women and began the important work of providing women and their families with a voice to stand up to the violence and abuse they have experienced. Over the years they have helped launch many programs and initiatives to prevent and combat domestic violence and abuse in collaboration with both state and federal partners, including the Domestic Violence Prevention Program and the Statewide Program to Improve the Response to Domestic Violence.

In addition to their advocacy and program support, the NHCADSV is made up of fourteen member programs and centers around the state that directly assist and provide services to those individuals and families who are in crisis. These programs and centers provide a safe place and secure environment, as well as the much needed support systems and tools women and their families need to work through these difficult situations.

As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month it is very fitting that we celebrate the selfless work of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and all of their partners across the state. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication and congratulate you on your success throughout the last thirty-five years. I wish you all the best for the future.

CONGRATULATING JANE RAMSEY ON HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jane Ramsey on her retirement as President of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA, and to celebrate her thirty years of service with the organization.

Under Jane's leadership, JCUA has pursued its mission of combating poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism in our communities. Guided by the Jewish principles of "Tzedek", justice, and "Tikkun Olam", repairing the world, JCUA fights for social and economic justice and empowers communities in many of Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

JCUA is an active and leading voice in Chicago, fighting for human rights and civil rights. From comprehensive immigration reform to racism and bigotry, homelessness to government accountability, Jane and JCUA have empowered countless impoverished, oppressed, or otherwise marginalized communities.

Jane first came to JCUA in 1979 and, throughout her tenure, has fought poverty and hate wherever they occur. From efforts to combat the racism targeting mayoral candidate Harold Washington to organizing efforts to fight for the rights of Chicago Housing Authority residents when high-rise public housing buildings were destroyed, JCUA has been a leading voice demanding social and economic justice.

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, when Chicago's vibrant Muslim community faced a wave of hate crime attacks, JCUA launched its Jewish-Muslim Community Building Initiative. The program has built a long-term relationship between Jewish and Muslim communities, fighting harriers of ignorance and hate and building mutual understanding and respect.

JCUA operates on the principle that affordable housing is a human right, working to create viable housing options and community development projects in Chicago's low-income communities. The organization provides zero-interest seed-funding for affordable housing development and preservation projects, capacity-building assistance to community groups engaging in economic development projects, and advocacy on behalf of affordable housing initiatives.

In recent years, JCUA has fought for immigration reform. Building on Jewish law and experience, JCUA fights the expansion of federal immigration detention centers, supports passage of the DREAM Act, and advocates for