

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
DANIEL BURBANK

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Daniel Burbank of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, on his successful completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station (ISS).

Captain Burbank has a long and distinguished career in service to our nation. He received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1985 and served with the Coast Guard until 1996, when he was recognized for his elite abilities and selected by NASA for its space program. Following several years of training, he flew on a twelve-day mission on the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* in September 2000, during which he and his fellow astronauts successfully prepared the ISS for the arrival of its first permanent crew. Captain Burbank again flew to the International Space Station on *Atlantis* in September of 2006, this time assisting in the installment of new solar arrays to provide the ISS with one quarter of the station's electrical power, and performing unprecedented robotics activity using the Shuttle and ISS robotic arms. His third and most recent venture to the International Space Station launched on November 13, 2011. After 165 days in space, of which 163 days were spent in research, Captain Burbank safely and successfully returned home this past May.

As a result of his outstanding service, Captain Burbank has been the recipient of several awards and special honors. In particular, he has received a NASA Exceptional Service Medal, two NASA Space Flight Medals, two Defense Superior Service medals, and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals. He was also awarded the Orville Wright Achievement Award by the Order of Daedalians as the top naval flight training graduate during the period of January 1 to June 30, 1988, as well as that year's Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Achievement Award as the top Coast Guard Graduate on flight training. Such a long list of awards and accolades certainly are indicative of the level of service that Captain Burbank has given to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Daniel Burbank on the completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station, as well as for his long and outstanding career of service. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his successful flight, in applauding his noteworthy career, and in welcoming him home.

HONORING GAIL PENNYBACKER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gail Pennybacker, an award-winning, longtime television journalist who has covered local news in the District, Maryland—and especially Virginia—for more than a quarter century. During her time as the Northern Virginia Bureau Chief for ABC7 News, Channel 7, Gail has garnered the respect of law enforcement, lawmakers, and everyday citizens alike.

Gail joined the ABC7 News team in 1986. She has covered many of the capital region's top stories, including the September 11th terror attacks, the Beltway sniper shootings and the Columbine High School massacre. Gail has reported from the Persian Gulf during Iraq War, conducted exclusive interviews with high-profile, nationally known cases, such as Zacarias Moussaoui, and followed hundreds of high profile local crimes and trials including the abduction/murders of sisters Kristin and Katie Lisk, and Sofia Silva in the 1990s.

Along with winning prestigious Emmy and Associated Press awards for her reporting, Gail has also been awarded several Edward R. Murrow Awards, as well as the national Quill and Badge Award from the International Union of Police Associations for “consistent, effective reporting.”

Gail has also been active in several civic associations and community organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association and the American Diabetes Association, where she was awarded a Distinguished Public Service Award. Gail's active involvement shows that she was interested in the entirety of her community—she did not simply just show up to report. Her recognition by the Northern Virginia Victims/Witness Coalition for the “objective, fair and compassionate portrayal of crime victims” is truly a testament to her respect for all persons, no matter their situation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gail Pennybacker upon her retirement from ABC7 News, Channel 7. Her ability to bring light to news reporting for countless individuals epitomizes the dedication and excellence that makes news reporting a reliable source of information for so many. Gail's familiar face will be missed by many, but we wish her only the best as she begins the next phase of her life.

COMMEMORATING ELLSWORTH'S
150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the sesquicentennial celebration of Ells-

worth, Wisconsin. With its origins as a village going back to 1862, Ellsworth serves as the country seat for Pierce County, named after our 14th President, Franklin Pierce. Since a proclamation made in 1984 by Wisconsin Governor Anthony S. Earl, Ellsworth has been known as the Cheese Curd Capitol of Wisconsin.

Originally established with the name Perry, the village immediately began to grow. It wasn't until a number of years later that it was renamed Ellsworth after Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth, who fought in the Civil War. Still to this day, Colonel Ellsworth's likeness symbolizes the strength of a thriving community.

With a population of 3,284 residents, Ellsworth is proud of its many close-knit community connections. The village boasts two amazing parks, Summit Hill Park and East End Park, where residents can come together to enjoy Wisconsin's great summers and cheer on the Ellsworth Hubbers Baseball Team to victory.

The village also hosts a number of extremely popular events in the area. These include the Ellsworth Polka Fest, the Beldenville Old Car Show, the Pierce County Fair, and of course the annual Cheese Curd Festival.

The beautiful wooded lands surrounding the city make it an excellent destination for outdoorsmen and women of all sorts. With streams filled with trout and miles of premier snowmobile and hiking trails, you can't go wrong in Ellsworth.

On July 4, 2012, Village President DeWolfe, local elected leaders, and Ellsworth residents came together to celebrate Ellsworth's sesquicentennial with music, an art show, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Ellsworth's sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

HONORING GOVERNOR WILLIAM
WARREN SCRANTON

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Republican Delegation of Pennsylvania to honor former Pennsylvania Governor William Warren Scranton on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

After earning his law degree from Yale Law School in 1946 and serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Governor Scranton began his illustrious professional career with O'Malley, Harris, Warren & Hill in Scranton. While working in the private sector, Governor Scranton remained active and involved with the Republican Party. In 1959, he was appointed to serve as special assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in President Dwight Eisenhower's administration.

In 1960, Governor Scranton was elected to the 87th Congress, representing the 10th District of Pennsylvania. As a freshman member, he fought tirelessly for his constituents, representing their needs above all else and building bi-partisan appeal across the state with

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