

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JULY 4, 2013 NATURALIZATION  
CEREMONY IN HAMMOND

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 8, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on July 4, 2013. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony took place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, was held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the globe to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony is a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2013, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Chong Ran Embury, Weiping Zhong, Boyanka Radeva Odiseeva, Olena Mykhailivna Rogers, Izabela Zuzanna Mazur, Kavita Goyal, Pooja Goyal, Yoshiko Tonosaki Simpson, Nora Mardi, Margarita Figueroa De Cornejo, Syed Durvesh Mohiuddin, Eunice Childress, Rafael Navarro Gomez, Justyna Ksiazek, James Lisitsas, Yvonne Monalisa Odemba, Dragoljub Martinovic, Elizabeth Anne Robinson, Danute Jackson, Daniela Gotis, Edgardo Reyes Eliscupides, Sergio Hernandez Romo, Lynn Bouziotis, Nancy Alondra Gallardo, Jose Guadalupe Gonzalez Zambrano, Fadma Alburei, Maria Nazare Barros Bezerra, Liliانا Guadalupe Brady, Norma Angelica Camarillo, Adrian Ferrer, Angel Giron, Vandana Mona Graham, Michael Ikechukwu Ibekie, Marija Klechkaroski, Maria Leanos Mota, Guillermina Lopez, Mauricio Lopez, Himelda Morua, Syeda Vajahath Muhiuddin, Antonio Ochoa, Cristina Pellegrini Rath, Amrit Pal Singh Sarai, Amela Spahic, Salvador Tinoco, Angela Arutiunovna Tonoyan-Hopkins, Huseyin Salih Usak, Ana Luisa Vargas, Genoveva Viramontes, and Jennifer Zhang.

Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that

the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals, who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2013, the day of our Nation's independence. As American citizens, they are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

TRIBUTE TO DICK WAYBRIGHT

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 8, 2013*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard “Dick” Waybright on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the West Virginia Forestry Association, after thirty-three years of service. Mr. Waybright's work with the Forestry Association has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, association members, and many others who have worked with him throughout his many years with the organization.

Mr. Waybright began his career in public service in 1968 as a teacher in the Mason County school system, later becoming a coach then Assistant Principal. He continued to serve the public by later joining West Virginia University's Extension Services as a 4-H Agent in Kanawha County, where he coordinated county 4-H programs, directed Camp Virgil Tate and the Kanawha County Fair. In 1980, Mr. Waybright joined the West Virginia Forestry Association as Executive Director and has been serving in that position since that time.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Waybright has worked with seven governors and countless legislators on behalf of the association. These relationships allowed Mr. Waybright and the Forestry Association to achieve great legislative successes, including the Managed Timberland Tax, Logging Sediment Control Act, defeating the Excess Acreage Privilege Tax, resolved Tier 2.5 Water Pollution Control issue, among many other initiatives important to the forestry industry.

On July 31, 2013, Dick Waybright will retire from his position with the Forestry Association. Though his colleagues, association membership, and many others will miss working with him, Dick leaves the association in a strong position to continue his legacy.

Dick Waybright currently resides in Ripley, Jackson County with his wife, Linda. Together Dick and Linda have two daughters, three grandsons, and one granddaughter. In addition to his role with the Forestry Association,

Dick serves his community as a member of the Jackson County Commission. He is also active in his church, serving as a Sunday school teacher and chair of Ripley Calvary United Methodist Church's Administrative Board.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia owes Richard “Dick” Waybright a tremendous debt of gratitude for his many years of past and current community service. It is my honor to thank Mr. Waybright for his devotion and congratulate him on his retirement. I am proud to call him friend and fellow Mountaineer.

STAN MUSIAL VETERANS  
MEMORIAL BRIDGE

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong and enthusiastic support of H.R. 2383, which designates the portion of the new Interstate 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis and southwestern Illinois as the “Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge.” I support this legislation not only because it will ease traffic congestion and make transportation easier across state lines, but also because it honors a great American and one of the most beloved figures in the storied history of St. Louis, Missouri.

Stan “The Man” Musial is a prime example of determination as seen through his athletic career and being named as the one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. His athletic achievements show the strength and hard work he put forth in order to achieve the dreams he dreamt of at a young age. He not only is a baseball hero that many remember, but a iconic hero that gave St. Louis one of its historical markers. Today, we can see how the city admires this star leader with his proud history all over the city and the tribute made to him outside of the Cardinals baseball stadium.

Not only was Stan Musial's baseball career an example of his determination, but his willingness to serve the country as seen through his service in the United States Navy reflects his notable character as well. Stan Musial served as a Seaman First Class (E3) and was given the honorable Navy Memorial's Lone Sailor Award which honors Navy veterans who've excelled in civilian life.

With this notable athlete and veteran in our history, it is the least that can be done to name this structure as a memorial and sign of this great individual. This bridge will allow for easier transportation across the Mississippi River and allow for greater access to both Illinois and Missouri. With projects such as this, we will be able to promote growth, sustain national and international trade, as well as ensure that our citizens are able to take advantage of proper infrastructure.

Again, I congratulate the members of the Missouri and Illinois delegation for brokering

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