

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAVEN BUILDING PRODUCTS

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 100th anniversary of Haven Building Products of Winter Haven, Florida.

Originally founded as Winter Haven Planing Mills by Illinois businessman Albert Adolphus Dugger, Haven Building Products has provided a wide range of construction services and materials since 1913. The company has adapted throughout the years to dynamic markets and the growing economy, all while maintaining the same exemplary quality and service associated with the family business. The Dugger family, who still owns and operates the business today, remains committed to serving local builders.

I commend the Dugger family and Haven Building Products for their extraordinary contribution to the Central Florida community.

RETIREMENT OF POLICE OFFICER STEVEN TROJANOWSKI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Steven Trojanowski who is retiring after more than 35 years of law enforcement service, with nearly 24 years of that service to the City of Fairfield.

After serving five years as a Reserve Deputy with the Placer County Sheriff's Office and six years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, he was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on November 27, 1989. Officer Trojanowski served the community in a number of capacities within Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, and Quality of Life Bureaus.

In addition to routine patrol assignments, he has served as a DUI Enforcement Officer, Detective, Field Training Officer, provided law enforcement support to the City's Quality Neighborhoods Team (QNT), and earned a Life-saving Award. Some of his most significant contributions to the Police Department have been his knowledge and experience, solid investigative skills, and quality reporting techniques. Officer Trojanowski has been a dedicated team member and a positive representation of the Fairfield Police Department.

He has been a valued employee and his commitment to the community was second to none. Officer Trojanowski was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community

and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

HONORING JOSHUA SHAYNE MOORE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Shayne Moore. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joshua has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Shayne Moore for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING SISTER JEAN McGRATH FOR HER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Jean McGrath, the principal at St. John Fisher Elementary School in Chicago. For the past 50 years, Sister McGrath has tirelessly worked at St. John Fisher as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her work has not only benefited the school and the parish, but the entire community. This month, Sister Jean—as she is affectionately called—was honored with a celebratory Mass and a street marked with an honorary sign bearing her name.

In 1963, Jean McGrath joined the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She joined because she “wanted to be somebody who could do good” and “make a difference.” Sister McGrath continued to make an impact when she began working as a second-grade teacher at St. John Fisher in 1986, just blocks away from her childhood home. Even as other nuns who she entered the congregation with left to pursue family and life outside the church, she followed her mother's advice to pursue her vocation and serve the community.

When Sister McGrath started at St. John Fisher, she was one of eleven nuns serving on the staff, today she is the only one left. After almost three decades working as a second-grade teacher, high school English teacher and in her current role as principal, Sister McGrath continues to guide and counsel students, teachers, and families with the same passion that inspired her to join the congregation a half century ago. This passion has been a fundamental reason why St. John Fisher Elementary School has flourished during the past 27 years.

During her time as principal, Sister Jean has succeeded in developing a new technology program, and created exemplary art and music programs to foster her students' creative minds. Throughout all the changes St. John Fisher has seen during her tenure, Sister Jean's welcoming and inspiring spirit has remained a constant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sister Jean McGrath for her 50 years of service to the South Side of Chicago and congratulate Sister Jean on her Golden Jubilee. May she continue to guide and inspire people for years to come, and serve as an example of the best qualities of the human heart.

CONGRATULATING THE ROBERT YOUNG CENTER AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE, INC. IN MOLINE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Robert Young Center (RYC) and Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) in Moline, Illinois, which have been recognized with a Gold Best Practice Award from URAC, a leading healthcare accreditation and education organization.

Out of seven national finalists in the category of care coordination and clinical integration, the Robert Young Center and Community Health Care, Inc., received the top award for their work on integrating care for people with severe mental illnesses and co-existing chronic medical diseases. Behavioral disorders and depression often coincide with major medical conditions, including cancer, heart disease and diabetes. CHC established a primary care clinic at the Robert Young Center and RYC placed a mental health clinician at CHC to address co-existing disorders, dramatically reducing ER visits and medical and psychological costs while increasing patients' quality of life scores by 131%.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate the Robert Young Center and Community Health Care for their remarkable achievements. I am very grateful for the wonderful services that they provide for our community and thankful to URAC for allowing them a platform to share their model with others.

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RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 MAIN STREET BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc. Awards.

The Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc. is an association of business and professional men and women living in, owning, or operating a business or service in the Niagara Street Community. They are dedicated to improving and aiding in the development of the community. The members of the Association work together to make Main Street a progressive and serving community of which one can be proud. This year's awardees embody these noble values.

The recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc., Awards are the Chu's Dining Lounge, Dr. Margaret O'Keefe, Dr. David Taylor, Matt Green, Joseph Hotchkiss, Jim Haid, Robert Pascoal, Niagara Falls Clean Mob, Mitch Alegre, Austin Collins, Laurice Russell, and Kayla Carrisquillo.

Each of these impressive individuals has made significant contributions in various career and community endeavors. I am proud to see such dedicated, hard-working individuals be recognized tonight, and applaud their efforts to better our community.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc., Awards, and those who work tirelessly for this valuable organization. Their achievements are commendable and their devotion to our community is inspiring. I wish each and every one of them the best in all their future endeavors.

S.252, THE PREEMIE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act, bipartisan legislation I introduced with Congressman Leonard Lance to expand research, education, and prevention of preterm birth. This legislation will reauthorize important programs created by the first PREEMIE Act, which I championed in 2006.

November is Prematurity Awareness Month, and it has come with good news. Just days ago, the March of Dimes announced that the preterm birth rate in America dropped for the sixth consecutive year to 11.5 percent largely due to the original PREEMIE Act.

But each year, half a million babies are still born prematurely. Preterm birth is the leading cause of newborn mortality and the second leading cause of infant mortality. Babies born

even a few weeks too early can require weeks to months of hospitalization after birth, and premature birth can sometimes lead to developmental delays and disability later in life.

In addition to the emotional and physical toll of prematurity, there are significant health care costs to families, medical systems and our economy. A report by the Institute of Medicine found the cost associated with preterm birth in the United States was \$26.2 billion annually, or \$51,600 per infant born preterm. While employers, private insurers and individuals bear approximately about half of the costs of health care for these infants, 40 percent is paid by Medicaid.

We are making great strides in reducing infant mortality—the U.S. infant mortality rate fell by 12 percent between 2005 and 2011, in part due to the decline in premature births. Unfortunately, we still fall far behind the majority of other developed countries, and this is something we have the power to change with continued research and prevention.

The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act will help us learn the causes of premature birth by requiring the HHS Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality to develop a report that identifies research gaps and opportunities to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce preterm birth rates. Appropriate representatives of the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Health and Services Administration should be involved in developing this report along with the experts from the Advisory Committee.

In my Congressional District, Stanford University teamed up with the March of Dimes to establish the transdisciplinary March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center in 2011. These NIH-funded researchers are bringing cutting-edge medical discoveries from the lab to the bedside. In the last two years, they've made new discoveries that reduce preterm birth and made great strides in ensuring that the tiniest preemies are given the best chance at life.

The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act passed the Senate unanimously on September 25th and I ask my colleagues in the House to follow their lead and send this bill to the President's desk for his signature.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES COLLINS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the accomplishments of veteran James Collins of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, the Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year.

James Collins, born in Kentucky, served in the Air Force as a staff sergeant in Korea and Japan, as well as at the Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod. In 1965, Mr. Collins moved to Dartmouth, Massachusetts and has selflessly served veterans in his community, primarily as a Dartmouth Veterans Service Officer from 1996 to 2003. In his retirement, Mr. Collins has continued his service to the veteran community providing needed assistance and securing benefits for veterans and their families. In addition, Mr. Collins is a member of the Dartmouth Veterans Advisory Board which he

helped establish in 1997. He is the current Adjutant and Services Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9059 and is a member of the American Legion Post #307. In all of these organizations, he has worked tirelessly to increase membership and raise funds for projects such as local Veterans Memorials and the annual Dartmouth Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Collins has given so much to his community, and serves as an example of what it means to serve one's country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize James Collins for his service in the Air Force and his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the work of Officer James Collins, the Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT OF 2013

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013.

The Obama administration's health exchange enrollment announcement yesterday is one of myriad reasons we must pass this bill. Frankly, these long-awaited numbers did not come as a surprise. A mere 106,185 patients registered for healthcare on the new marketplaces, a fraction of their 500,000 target. According to the Health and Human Services report, the number does not distinguish between those who've paid a premium and those who "selected a plan by clicking a button on the website." Mr. Speaker, the number of Americans who've had their health plans cancelled is in the millions—exponentially higher than those who've received coverage from Obamacare.

This disastrous law was destined to fail from the start. For more than three years now, we've warned the law is unworkable for small businesses, unfair to patients and physicians, and unaffordable for taxpayers.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHIEF JOE MEDICINE CROW

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary tribal leader in Montana, Chief Joe Medicine Crow, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. As the Crow Tribe's last traditional War Chief and oldest living man, Chief Medicine Crow is not only a celebrated member of the Crow Tribe but an important historic figure in Montana.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and joined the 103rd Infantry Division. As a proud member of the Crow Tribe he never went into battle without his war paint beneath his uniform and a sacred eagle feather beneath his helmet. During World War II he achieved the war deeds to be declared Chief. He also earned the Bronze Star for acts of bravery or merit for his