

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. MARY BAKER

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Mary E. Baker of Eureka, California, on the occasion of her retirement as Team Leader of the Redwood Vet Center.

Ms. Baker began her career with the Readjustment Counseling Service in 1999 as a Readjustment Counselor for Veterans in Kansas City, Missouri. With a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Kansas, she has an extensive background in the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and is a Military Sexual Trauma Therapist and Bereavement Specialist. Since 2005, she has ably led the Redwood Vet Center in providing counseling services to combat Veterans and their families, helping them adjust to life after deployment.

A 20-year Army Veteran, Ms. Baker's awards include the Korean Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Award, amongst other awards and decorations. She is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for whom she also served as the Women Veterans Committee National Chairwoman, District 21 Commander, Department of California Surgeon, and Department of California Woman Veterans Chair. She is a life member and Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans, member of both the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association and Vietnam Veterans of America, and has served as President and Treasurer of the Korean War Veterans Association. Ms. Baker also belongs to the National Association of Social Workers and University of Kansas Alumni Association.

Ms. Baker's contributions to her community and fellow Veterans extend well beyond her military and public service. She formerly served on the North Coast Stand Down Board of Directors and North Coast Veterans Resource Center Advisory Board. One of her most significant qualities is her demonstrated passion for helping women Veterans embrace their role in American history, including her work to start the annual "Honoring Women Veterans" Program in 2009, serving as Women Veterans Lead Social Worker of the Women's Odyssey Project, and Committee Member of Women Veterans Retreat Region 4A-4B. The Soroptomist International of Eureka recently acknowledged Ms. Baker's efforts with their Ruby Award, which honors a woman who makes extraordinary differences in the lives of other women.

Ms. Baker is known for being a vocal and tireless advocate for her fellow Veterans with a talent for helping them to take pride in their service, heal from their wounds, and access available resources. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Ms. Mary E. Baker for her long and impressive career, and

her exceptional record of service to our great Nation.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (YOM HASHOAH)

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on April 28th, communities in the U.S., Israel, and around the world will gather to observe Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom Hashoah. We remember the six million Jews who were deemed "undesirable" and thereby systematically murdered by Nazi Germany. On this day—and everyday for that matter—we remember the power racism and bigotry can wield, as well as the enduring spirit and lessons of humanity.

I am reminded of the Jewish concept of tikkun olam which embraces our shared humanity and duty to heal the world. Having experienced injustice and intolerance in some of its most brutal forms, I have dedicated my life to protecting and expanding the civil rights of all people around the world. I believe it is up to each and every one of us to stand against hatred and intolerance. We must create the more peaceful world we want our children to inherit. As human beings, we have a responsibility to keep the Holocaust at the forefront of our collective historical memory.

This week, we dedicate a memorial tree in honor of Anne Frank on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. The Anne Frank Memorial Tree is an offspring of the original chestnut tree that grew outside of the Amsterdam building where she and her family hid from the Nazis during World War II. This tree was featured in Anne's diary writings. Anne's experience has been immortalized beyond cultures and languages. She has become a symbol of the human cost of the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, as we plant the new sapling on the Capitol Grounds, may we always live by the words, "never again." Like the new sapling, may Anne's words of hope for a better humanity take root within each of us, wherein "nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world."

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF PHIL YOST

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of an extraordinary man, Phil Yost, who died at the age of 63 after a three-year battle with cancer.

The venerable San Jose Mercury News, Mr. Yost's employer for more than a quarter cen-

tury, captured the essence of this special man in its obituary.

Phil Yost was a gentle and decent man, a writer with an ethical compass that belied the stereotype of the cynical journalist. He was known for an unerring sense of fairness, a willingness to consider an argument from another side. Mr. Yost possessed a wry and wicked sense of humor, a light touch that emerged in his writing and life.

Phil Yost was born in Chicago on February 6, 1951. He attended Earlham College, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. The child of a Mennonite family, he was a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, and a tutor of underprivileged children in Cincinnati. He worked at the Middletown Journal in Ohio and the Cincinnati Post, and joined the Mercury News in 1981. In 2006 he left the Mercury to work at the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and in 2010 became the policy and press aide to former California State Senator Joe Simitian. Simitian fondly noted that "unflinching fairness" was Yost's most aggravating trait.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of Phil Yost, and in extending condolences to his wife Susan, his parents Elnore and Burton Yost, his brother and sisters, and his entire family. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him and be the beneficiaries of his extraordinary work. Phil Yost strengthened our democracy with his instructive journalism, and I'm proud to have known him and was privileged to call him my friend.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republican Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015. The budget put forth by House Republicans is unnecessary and unwise. Congress has already passed a budget target for FY2015. The House Appropriations Committee has already marked up two bills. This Republican budget is a complete distraction from the real work Congress should be focusing on—issues such as comprehensive immigration reform, the restoration of long-term unemployment insurance, the Paycheck Fairness Act or others. Instead, Republican leaders have wasted another legislative week with endless floor debate on a

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