

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE MARIN SHAKESPEARE COMPANY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Marin Shakespeare Company on the occasion of the organization's 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 31, 2014.

For the last twenty-five years, the Marin Shakespeare Company has worked to achieve excellence in the staging and study of Shakespearean plays, to celebrate Shakespeare, and to serve as a cultural and educational resource for the people of Marin, the San Francisco Bay Area, and beyond. Through programs such as Will Power and Play Power, Actor Intern Program, and various summer camps, the Marin Shakespeare Company has helped foster an appreciation and love of performing arts throughout the community and will continue to benefit Marin County for many years to come.

The Marin Shakespeare Company is a community treasure, and Marin County has benefited greatly from this organization's many years of experiencing, studying, and performing Shakespeare. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to the Marin Shakespeare Company, and congratulations on 25 years of service.

RECOGNIZING MR. LEWIS DRISKELL, SR. FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Lewis Driskell, Sr., a community leader in the City of Flint with more than 50 years of experience in the printing profession.

Mr. Driskell graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1955 with many awards to his credit, including the "Most Outstanding Student in Graphic Arts" from the Mercantile Paper Company. Following graduation he relocated to Flint and worked with three major printing establishments before forming his own company, Union Printing.

Mr. Driskell is driven by a strong belief of giving service to his community. In 1969 he was elected president of Flint Printers Local 282. In 1989, he received the State of Michigan's "Outstanding Minority Business Entrepreneur" Award and the "Sydney B. Melet Humanitarian Award". In addition, in 1990, he received the Charles Stewart Mott "Citizen of

the Year" Award from the Flint Chamber of Commerce and the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club of Flint.

His caring is further exemplified in the number of organizations for which he served as a policy maker. These organizations include: The Urban League of Flint, Greater Flint Opportunities Industrialization Center, Hurley Hospital Authority, Uptown Reinvestment, Planned Parenthood, Career Alliance, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and as founder of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, his lifetime commitments, national and international are to: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rotary International, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Tuskegee University Alumni Club—Flint Chapter.

Now retired, Lewis enjoys spending time with his wife, Lois, their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Lewis Driskell for his strong leadership and unwavering commitment to our community.

CONGRATULATING RICK JASCUCLA AND JIM TERMAN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rick Jascula and Jim Terman of Jascula Terman Strategic Communications, who have been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Publicity Club of Chicago (PCC), the premier communications industry association in the region.

When they began their business, Jascula had worked as a lead advance man for President Jimmy Carter and Terman for Vice-President Walter Mondale. Together, they built their company from the ground up, and have been serving clients for more than 30 years. Jascula Terman is now a leader in public relations, specializing in public affairs, event management, crisis communications and digital strategies. Their reputation is rightly one to be respected. Rick and Jim are not only leaders in their field, but also in in our greater Illinois community and they are truly deserving of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to again congratulate Rick Jascula and Jim Terman for their remarkable achievements. I am very grateful for the wonderful services that they provide for our community and so thankful that I am able to call them friends.

RECOGNIZING DEAN JOHN PIKE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean John Pike and his accomplishments as the director of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. As Dean Pike embarks on his retirement, I offer my deepest gratitude and commend him for dedicating most of his professional life to helping the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension fulfill its mission. Dean Pike received his Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, and Ph.D. from the place he loves and has served so well, the University of New Hampshire. A lifelong New Hampshire resident, Dean Pike joined Cooperative Extension in 1977 and has served an Extension educator, state program leader, and associate director prior to his appointment as dean and director in 1998.

Dean John Pike is truly passionate about the University of New Hampshire and the Cooperative Extension. In fact, he attributes his success to his steadfast belief in the mission of Cooperative Extension: "to enhance the ability of New Hampshire citizens to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy." Dean Pike's dedication to the University of New Hampshire is widely known and the Dean is well-respected by citizens, volunteers, and elected officials throughout the state for his staunch support of University of New Hampshire. His leadership will be missed by many.

In his years as Dean and Director, John Pike has served on many University of New Hampshire committees for the greater good of the institution. He has been active in the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities and served as a past chair of the Deans and Directors for the twelve Northeast States and District of Columbia. As Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension from 1986 to 1998, Dean Pike was instrumental in providing support to major legislative committees focused on the future of the organization.

As an Extension educator from 1977 to 1982, Dean Pike developed several innovative youth development programs, including an environmental education center and a nationally-recognized program to assist out-of-school, low income, and unemployed youth secure employment in the private sector. Furthermore, as a state program leader from 1982 to 1986, Dean Pike provided leadership for the implementation of a comprehensive 4-H program review, resulting in the restructuring of state 4-H positions and redirection of efforts in program development. In a show of his dedication to New Hampshire families, Dean Pike

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was confirmed by the New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council as a board member of the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families, and was elected chair of the board in the mid-1980s.

Dean Pike's service to the Granite State has extended far beyond the University. He has served as a parochial school board member, mediator for a youth diversion program, member of his local recreation commission, youth sports coach, and as a commissioner for the Dover Housing Authority. In 1986, Pike was aptly awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Extension Agents Association.

I congratulate Dean Pike for his distinguished career and thank him for his dedication to serving the people of New Hampshire. Dean Pike's service to the University, the Co-operative Extension, and our state has impacted generations of New Hampshire leaders and his legacy will continue to inspire Granite Staters for years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Chair, Congresswoman ESTY has introduced a common sense amendment to inhibit gun trafficking along the Southwest Border.

Her amendment seeks to strike Section 539, which prohibits the necessary funding required for federally licensed firearms dealers to report to DOJ when they sell multiple rifles or shotguns to the same person. This requirement applies to dealers in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas due to their proximity to Mexico. Nearly 80% of Mexico's illegal firearms are imported illegally from the U.S.

Gun traffickers frequently buy multiple guns at one time and then resell them to prohibited persons. Section 539 blocks ATF's ability to track the bulk buying of assault rifles in those border states.

Eliminating this key reporting requirement opens the door wide for criminals, and those who would normally not pass a background check, to obtain a gun. Each year nearly 12,000 gun murders are committed by people who have no legal right to a gun. I applaud Congresswoman ESTY for introducing the amendment to strike the language, thus curbing gun trafficking and allowing ATF to properly do its job.

We need to strike negative gun riders from CJS legislation, like section 539. I lend my support to this amendment and to Congresswoman ESTY and I hope you do, as well.

HONORING MARK SHAIKNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship have played a major role in our communities, offering solace, support, and moral guidance to those in need, thanks to the selfless efforts of members like Mark Shainker.

For over 20 years, Mark has volunteered his time and talent to Temple Israel of New Rochelle to make it a more meaningful place of worship, education and friendship. His service to Temple Israel is truly inspiring. A member of the Board of Trustees, Mark also serves as the Youth Advisor Chair, Brotherhood President, and is a religious school teacher. He has served on numerous committees including clergy searches and clergy transitions.

Mark is perhaps best known for his leadership roles with children's programming, such as the Purim Carnivals, wacky game days and other events. He's also organized several programs and events that benefit both the congregation and the broader community, such as trips to Sammy's and Christmas at the Temple, all of which has earned Mark the affectionate name, "Temple Camp Counselor."

A long-time New Rochelle resident, Mark is an accountant and partner in the accounting firm Shainker & Shainker. Mark and his wife Phyllis are blessed with two children, Stephanie and Barry.

I am pleased to acknowledge Mark Shainker for his many contributions to Temple Israel of New Rochelle. It is a pleasure to celebrate a man who has made a big difference in the Jewish community, as well as greater New Rochelle.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF AKIVA HEBREW
DAY SCHOOL

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a significant milestone in the history of Akiva Hebrew Day School in Southfield, Michigan—the school's 50th Anniversary of providing education to Greater Detroit's Jewish community.

Founded in 1964, Akiva was created by a dedicated group of educators who sought to provide the Jewish community in Metropolitan Detroit with a school that provided its students with a comprehensive academic curriculum, while deepening their connection to their faith and heritage. Today, Akiva offers an outstanding academic program for children from nursery school through high school, while providing complementary curricula that foster a love for their Jewish heritage, the State of Israel, and a deep commitment to a way of life that values the lessons of the Torah.

To support the ability of its students to achieve their maximum intellectual potential, Akiva provides them with a core academic curriculum that promotes the development of critical thinking and effective studying skills. Among the course offerings for students are

an array of Advanced Placement level classes, as well as courses that support preparing them for higher education.

As part of this commitment to its students' education, Akiva is constantly revising and fine-tuning its programming at all phases in its students' development. Under the leadership of Rabbi Tzvi Klugerman, Akiva has recently made changes to its kindergarten reading program to promote both bilingualism and improved phonics skills during the earliest stages of development. Additionally, Akiva has implemented the ROAR program in its elementary school, to reinforce positive learning strategies among its students early in their academic careers. In its middle school, Akiva is providing an enhanced math program, and, in its high school, Akiva has added more Advanced Placement courses.

As a significant component of its curriculum, Akiva provides its students with a strong coursework of Judaic studies, which promotes the students' connection to their cultural heritage, faith, and the community—both locally and globally. Through a strong connection to their culture, Akiva students continue to take an active role in fostering the unique relationship between the United States and Israel, with many graduated students spending a year in Israel after high school. By practicing the tenants of their faith, Akiva students have supported a number of local non-profit organizations, like the Yad Ezra food pantry, the Friendship Circle and Yachad, which assist those who are experiencing moments of challenge in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, again, it is my pleasure to rise and recognize the outstanding leaders, educators and students of Akiva Hebrew Day School as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this great educational institution. Akiva programs are providing its students with a broad array of experiences both inside and outside the classroom which are preparing them to be future leaders, as well as supporting the special connection between the United States and Israel. It has been my pleasure to be partner with Akiva and to interact with its students. I look forward to the incredible impact that Akiva will continue to make as its faculty and staff guide future generations in their development.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY ON THE OPENING OF THE EXTREME MOUNT WASHINGTON MUSEUM

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Hampshire's Mount Washington Observatory and its new Extreme Mount Washington Museum. The Mount Washington Observatory first established the observation center on the summit of Mount Washington in 1870 and operated there until 1892. This effort marked the first time a scientific observation center was located on the summit of a mountain. The observatory was re-opened in 1932 when a group of enthusiastic individuals recognized the value of collecting scientific data at the summit. This re-emergence came just in time, because in