

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE REVEREND DR. C. WELTON GADDY'S RETIREMENT

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 2, 2015*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Reverend Dr. C. Welton Gaddy for a life and career distinguished by passion, leadership, and faith.

As President of Interfaith Alliance, a national non-partisan grassroots and educational organization, Dr. Gaddy emerged as a leading advocate for protecting the boundaries between religion and government. A champion of religious freedom and defender of individual rights, Dr. Gaddy has relentlessly worked to promote policies that protect religion, democracy, and the role of faith in America.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gaddy has shown a strong history of leadership and service. His past roles include being President of the Alliance of Baptists and a 20-year member of the Commission of Christian Ethics of the Baptist World Alliance. He has served as a member of the General Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, President of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Chair of the Pastoral Leadership Commission of the Baptist World Alliance and as a member of the World Economic Forum's Council of 100. Currently Dr. Gaddy serves on the White House task-force on Reform of the Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, while also serving as Pastor for Preaching and Worship at Northminster Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

In addition to authoring over 20 books addressing religion in American life, Dr. Gaddy hosts the weekly State of Belief radio program, where he illustrates the vast diversity of beliefs in the United States and their influence on politics. Although Dr. Gaddy is moving onto the next chapter in his life, the influence and power of his works efforts are boundless and will remain strong for years to come.

I am pleased to celebrate Dr. Gaddy's countless achievements as he is honored by his friends and colleagues tonight. We are so grateful for his many years of service and wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 2, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2015 theme—A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture. This year's theme reflects on the extraordinary contributions of African Americans in the arts, literature, music, history,

sports, science, and pop culture. In celebration of this year's theme, we reflect on several of the important milestones that helped form the cornerstone of African American culture and tradition. Part of the African American fight for freedom included the struggle to ensure that their ideas and talents mattered in American culture and history.

In the 20th century, the rise of jazz music can be linked to African Americans of the post World War I generation. The Harlem Renaissance put the spotlight on African Americans writers and artists, making their names known nationwide. In the 1960s, African American museums opened across the nation, displaying and commemorating advances made by African Americans in art, history, and science. Also during this time of transformation, African American athletes excelled in individual and team sports, including baseball, track and field, football, boxing, and basketball. In addition, student activism in the 1960s led to the black studies movement, the creation of black professional organizations, and doctoral programs at American universities.

This month and always, it is important that we honor and celebrate America's greatest advocates for equal rights and civil liberties. Along with this month's theme, we celebrate those who have contributed to the foundation of African American culture, arts, and entertainment, including Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, Jackie Robinson, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Patricia Bath, and Thurgood Marshall, among many others. As we pay tribute to these heroes of American history, let us remember their profound perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle in the fight for freedom and equality, and the remarkable impact their contributions have had in shaping our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and continue to fight, for civil rights and justice. We honor the African American scholars, artists, athletes, and entertainers who have played such a critical role in changing the landscape of American society for the better.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF WINTER HAVEN

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 2, 2015*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven, Florida as they celebrate their 80th anniversary on April 6, 2015.

With the assistance of the Bartow and Lake Wales Clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven was chartered on April 6, 1935. Since its founding, the Club has provided educational, community-building and recreational

opportunities for Central Florida's youth. In 1942, Camp Kegan was established on the shore of Lake Josephine. Over the years, Camp Kegan has been a destination for Scouts, youth programs and underprivileged children. The Club also established a recreation center on Lake Maude, which has since been deeded to the city.

In the spirit of providing educational opportunities for our community's students, the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven supports a Student Loan Fund and the Southern Scholarship Foundation of Tallahassee to help make college more affordable. The Club's members also coach little league teams, partner with children in foster care, promote youth agricultural projects and support Key Clubs in local high schools.

I am thankful for the Kiwanis members of Winter Haven for their tremendous contributions to our community. The future of our nation is in the hands of our youth, and the Kiwanis members' investment in them cannot be over appreciated.

BARNARD COLLEGE FOUNDERS DAY—125TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 2, 2015*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the people of New York's tenth congressional district in recognition of Barnard College for 125 years of dedication and commitment to providing a rigorous liberal arts education to talented women from all over the world. On October 26, 2014, Barnard opened its campus to the community, and the entire City of New York, in celebration of its 125th anniversary, sharing the "Barnard experience" with all who visit.

In 125 years of education and service, Barnard has established an incomparable legacy and has become an integral part of its community, as well as the entire city beyond its historic Morningside Heights campus. Since its founding in 1889, the College has produced many distinguished alumni who have gone on to be leaders in nearly every field of endeavor. Today's students are following in their footsteps by impacting not just their campus or New York City, but the entire world. In commemoration of the 125th anniversary, the Barnard women have again chosen outreach as their most important message and have pledged to perform 125 Days of Service in New York City and beyond.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with the College in some of its many pursuits of supporting and developing collaborations between the College and many on- and off-campus constituencies. Through these efforts, Barnard has made a positive impact throughout the city, particularly in the Morningside Heights and Harlem communities.

Barnard participates in numerous community partnerships and initiatives, both through

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