

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S RICHARD W. "DICK" JONES, JR.

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a good friend, Mr. Richard W. "Dick" Jones, Jr. I am saddened by his passing, but fortunate to have experienced his friendship, kind-hearted nature, selfless character, and unwavering loyalty.

Dick was a native Northwest Floridian, born and raised on the beautiful Emerald Coast. He was born in Pensacola, Florida on May 7, 1930, to Richard W. Jones, Sr. and Agnes Curry Jones. Dick was a standout athlete, and, following his high school graduation, he attended the University of Florida, where he played on the school's varsity tennis team. Dick's passion for both tennis and the Florida Gators were constants throughout his life, and he was known as a top tennis player in Northwest Florida and an avid Gator fan.

Dick was also a true patriot, who answered the call of duty and served our Nation with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Air Force. Following his Air Force service, Dick began a successful career in the petroleum industry, while he and his loving wife, Sally, raised their two children.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the life of Dick Jones. As with so many great Americans, Dick's impact cannot be truly captured in words. To all those who had the pleasure of knowing him, his legacy will forever live on in cherished memories, and he will long be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and deepest condolences to his wife, Sally; son, John R. (Rusty) Jones and wife Becky; son, Richard W. (Rick) Jones, III and wife Tonya; four grandchildren, Jessica Jones and husband Jonathan, Katherine Ann Jones, Grace Ellen Jones, and Richard W. (Will) Jones, IV; one great-grandchild, Mason Jones; brother, Robert C. (Bert) Jones and wife Dolores; sister, Dixie Jones Beal and husband Burnell; aunt, Mary Ann Curry and her family; dear friends and brother-in-law, John C. Green and John's daughter, Sherry Herring and family; and the entire Jones family.

CONGRESSIONAL TEACHER AWARD

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding public school teachers in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

I was once told that children are 25 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of the future.

And it's true. The education of a child is an investment, not only in that student, but in the future of our country.

Therefore, I established the Congressional Teacher Awards to honor educators for their ability to teach and inspire students.

An independent panel has chosen Amanda Rojas from Haile Middle School in Bradenton for Florida's 16th District 2015 Congressional Teacher Award for her accomplishments as a middle school social studies teacher.

The following teachers were also nominated and chosen for recognition:

Edward Hashey from Wilkinson Elementary School in Sarasota for his accomplishments as a Fifth Grade teacher.

Christi McDowell-Cameron from Brookside Middle School for her accomplishments as the International Baccalaureate Coordinator.

Russell Finger from Suncoast Polytechnical High, for his accomplishments as a high school science teacher.

Michelle Carpenter from Team Success School, for her accomplishments as a first grade teacher.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

MOWEAQUA CENTRAL A&M GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, Congressman RODNEY DAVIS and I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding victory of the Moweaqua Central A&M Girls Basketball Team as State Champions.

The Raiders won the Class 1A State Championship in a 51-41 victory. We would like to congratulate Coach Tom Dooley, Assistant Coaches Todd Rork and Mike Garner, the Athletic Director Jess Lehman and Athletic Trainer Timothy Berger who have worked hard to help the Central A&M High School Raiders achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Ryan Dooley, Taylor Jordan, Kaylee Collins, Kaylee Hennings, Kaylan Schinzler, Kayla Gibson, Jorji Sparrgrove, Olivia Jordan, Mikah Maples, Shelby Dailey, Gabby Cole, Katie Conlin, Taryn Sams, Morgan Damery, and Abigail Hilton.

Congressman DAVIS and I both look forward to the continued success of the Moweaqua Central A&M Raiders and we extend our best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

TRIBUTE TO WADSWORTH, OHIO

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a city I am proud to call home: Wadsworth, Ohio.

This past year, Wadsworth celebrated its bicentennial. It was an opportunity to reflect on how far our city has come and how much we can achieve in the years ahead.

Founded in 1814, the city was named after Elijah Wadsworth, a Revolutionary War hero. Though he never lived in Wadsworth, he was an active member of his community and served as the postmaster, sheriff, and the commander of the 4th Division State Militia. He led by example and showed us just how important it is to give back to a community that has given you so much.

Wadsworth is important to me not only because it's where I have called home for more than 30 years, it's also where I raised my three children. That is why over a span of 18 years I served the city in capacities as a volunteer firefighter, a member of the Board of Zoning appeals, a member of the Planning Commission, president of the city council, and as mayor.

Now, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am working on behalf of the people of Wadsworth and Ohio's 16th District to encourage economic growth in our region and solutions that hold the promise of a brighter future.

President Lincoln once said, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." I came to Washington to fight to pass on a better America with more opportunities to our children and grandchildren, and each day I work toward that goal.

RECOGNIZING CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST (HOLINESS)

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. of Gary, Indiana, as its congregation and church leaders join together in celebration of the church's 90th anniversary. The congregation, along with the church's pastor, Bishop Dr. Dale L. Cudjoe, the Executive Board, and the Board of Deacons, commemorated this momentous occasion on Sunday, March 15, 2015, at the church.

Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. was organized by Sister Ella Bradley and Elder William A. Nolley when the two met and shared a common goal of starting a church in Gary, Indiana, that reflected the faith

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they had both known growing up in Mississippi and Missouri. Sister Bradley opened her home in Gary for the very first meeting, and the church was founded on November 25, 1925. Soon after, a lot of land was purchased on Pierce Street for the construction of the church building. Finally, in 1933, under the direction of Elder Johnny James Peterson, the first church was built. Years later, the church's pastor, Elder L. M. Relf, helped to ensure that remodeling work was completed on the church. Due to the growing congregation, a larger place of worship was needed and, in 1980, under the leadership of Elder James K. Mitchell Jr., a bigger church was purchased at its current location on Washington Street in Gary. Bishop O.W. McInnis became the interim pastor in 1988 and worked to pay off the church's mortgage. Bishop McInnis appointed Elder Dale L. Cudjoe as the next pastor of the church in 1989, and he became the full-time pastor in 1993. In 2010, Pastor Cudjoe was elected to the bishopric and became the presiding prelate of the Northern Diocese Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A., which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio.

Led by Bishop Cudjoe, Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. continues to be a source of hope and charity for the community of Gary. Every week, members of the church organize a clothing and toy giveaway for those in need within the community. Through the church's youth ministry, children of the community can participate in the Youth Choir, Sunday School, and the Gym Ministry. In addition, the Brotherhood Ministry and the Temple Music Ministry programs are successful in building a spirit of unity throughout the church and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. in Gary, Indiana, on its 90th anniversary. For their commitment to service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, the church leaders, parishioners, and board members are worthy of the blessings that have been bestowed upon them.

A TRIBUTE TO SEDA KHOJAYAN—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Seda Khojayan of Glendale, California.

Seda Khojayan immigrated to the United States from Iraq in 1976. Currently, she is a member of the Soroptimist International of Glendale, serves as a Commissioner on the City of Glendale Commission on the Status of Women, and on the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Glendale. Mrs. Khojayan has been a dedicated member of the Armenian Relief Society of Western U.S.A., Inc. (ARS) for over three decades, serving on its Regional Execu-

tive Board for two terms and in the capacities of Chair, Treasurer and Advisor for the ARS Sepan Chapter in Glendale.

Seda uses her professional experience as a Programmer/Data Security Analyst for a major car manufacturer and education in Economics and Public Administration, to help plan and implement fundraising efforts, including grant writing, to help Armenian organizations such as the ARS secure funding for various philanthropic, educational and social projects for low income families and for the needy. She also served as a fundraising committee member of Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter, Homenetmen Navasartian Games & Festival, Armenian Cultural Foundation (ACF), and for the City of Glendale, including the Unity Fest, Man's Inhumanity to Man, and Relay For Life.

Throughout the years, Seda has received numerous awards, including the City of Glendale Commission on the Status of Women's Jewels of Glendale Women of Courage Award in 2008, the ACF's Community Service Award in 2013, and the Armenian American Chamber of Commerce's Woman in Community Service Award in 2014. Mrs. Khojayan and her husband, Shirak, have two sons, Shaun, a federal criminal defense attorney, and Dikran, an industrial engineer, and one granddaughter, Lillian.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Seda Khojayan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMUEL  
WANG

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young man from my district, Samuel Wang. Samuel was selected as a member of the 2015 National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America, which is a great accomplishment.

The National Youth Orchestra, hosted by Carnegie Hall, is a competitive opportunity for 16 through 19 year old musicians from across the country. Samuel is a young violinist from Medford, New Jersey, who stood out among his peers and earned the high honor of being chosen to participate in this year's orchestra. The young men and women selected will perform at Carnegie Hall this summer, then tour seven cities in China. On their trip, they will have the opportunity to serve as cultural representatives of our country, share in the exchange of art and music, and collaborate and gather with young Chinese musicians.

I am honored to represent bright young people in South Jersey like Samuel, and I am excited to hear from him when he returns from his trip this summer. Best of luck, Samuel, and congratulations.

RECOGNIZING WORLD DOWN  
SYNDROME DAY

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, to mark World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st, 2015,

the San Diego Congressional Delegation honors individuals challenged by Down syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day was established by the United Nations in 2011 and is marked each year on the 21st of March to raise awareness for those affected by this condition. Down syndrome is the most common genetic condition in the U.S., affecting approximately 400,000 Americans. Each year nearly 6,000 babies are born in the United States with Down syndrome. Over the years, research and improved therapy options have led to great advances in the health and quality of life for those affected by Down syndrome. And Congress needs to continue to build upon those efforts.

We applaud the efforts of Special Heroes and their San Diego Down Syndrome chapter for their mission to serve individuals diagnosed with Down syndrome and their families in the San Diego community—improving their daily lives by providing opportunities for success while promoting community education and engagement is paramount.

Special Heroes has partnered with The Arc of San Diego to be a valuable foundation and resource of support to many families in the San Diego Community. Mr. Speaker, the San Diego Congressional Delegation stands to recognize World Down Syndrome Day.

HONORING THE SAN ANTONIO  
MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the San Antonio Music Teachers Association (SAMTA) in San Antonio, Texas. SAMTA has provided education and performance opportunities for music teachers and their students, including recitals, auditions, competitions and lecture series. SAMTA provides scholarships necessary to many students who need financial assistance to continue with their music education. Members of SAMTA serve on the faculty of schools, colleges and universities. Members also perform on the concert stage and in houses of worship. SAMTA has elevated the level of professional standards and musicianship in San Antonio and the surrounding area. We are very grateful for the service they provide to aspiring musicians in our local community.

HONORING GORDON MICHAEL  
HENDRIX

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2015*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gordon Michael Hendrix. Gordon 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gordon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the