

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARY NELSON ADAMS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Mary Nelson Adams and her many years of dedicated service as a USO volunteer.

Ms. Adams, 79, of Isle of Hope, has been a familiar face to the troops working and serving at Hunter Army Airfield's Truscott Air Terminal. Ms. Adams has been present for every deployment for the last 11 years, and she has either seen off or welcomed back more than 300,000 troops.

On July 31, 2015, Ms. Adams stood waving to the C-17 planes as they left carrying 22 soldiers bound for Iraq off from Hunter Army Airfield. However, this was the last time Ms. Adams would send off troops as a USO volunteer, as she has decided to step down after many years of service. On this day, a surprise ceremony was held in her honor. Col. Townley Hedrick, the commander at Fort Stewart, presented Ms. Adams with a pin and plaque declaring her a "Marne Rock Star."

Ms. Adams has been the recipient of additional honors throughout her years of service. In 2006, President George W. Bush gave her a pin to honor her service for soldiers. In 2008, the USO's World Headquarters named her "Volunteer of the Year," which she was the first ever to receive that recognition. The president of the USO of Georgia said Ms. Adams was "the epitome" of the organization's mission.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor and recognize Ms. Mary Nelson Adams for her patriotism and service to over 300,000 soldiers.

HONORING GARY KIEPER OF ANTIGO, WI, 2015 "PAUL BUNYAN SERVICE ABOVE SELF" RECIPIENT

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Mr. Gary Kieper of Antigo, Wisconsin for going above and beyond to serve our community.

Mr. Kieper has earned the 7th Congressional District's "2015 Paul Bunyan Service Above Self Award," which annually recognizes a constituent who takes a "larger than life" approach to serving our community.

Mr. Kieper is the Vice President of his local Habitat for Humanity chapter and has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the organization. Those who work closely with him say that money has not only allowed them to build six new homes in the community, but has also given them the ability to expand their

affiliate and repair existing homes for the residents.

Mr. Kieper's involvement in our community reaches beyond Habitat for Humanity. He has taken on a large role with the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight," which serves twelve counties around northern Wisconsin. Additionally, he just recently retired from the Antigo Unified School District after twenty-four years of distinguished service, including twelve as President. He continues to volunteer with his community fire department and is an active member of Peace Lutheran Church and the FFA.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 7th District of Wisconsin and this body, it is my proud honor to recognize Mr. Gary Kieper for his outstanding service to our community.

SARAH STROUD WYNN

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a true public servant, Sarah Stroud Wynn in honor of her 100th birthday. Her remarkable career in public service has had a tremendous impact on the Tampa Bay community and is worthy of recognition by all.

Born in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Ms. Wynn moved to Florida at a young age. She graduated from Florida A&M College and the University of South Florida. Her diligent, caring nature and passion for service made Ms. Wynn an effective advocate for education. During her nearly 40 years of public service, Ms. Wynn taught elementary school students as well as served as a junior high school librarian. Through her tireless work, she has impacted a countless number of students' lives.

Ms. Wynn's outstanding service did not end with her work in education. She used her tremendous talent and vision for the good of Florida families by volunteering as a tax preparer for those needing assistance. She is also active in church as a supporter of Sunday school, White Robe Choir member, and secretary of the Trustee Board.

Ms. Wynn has always been an engaged community leader. She serves as a member of the Greater Tampa Urban League, the Retired Teachers Association, and the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Her engagement and tireless work has created a legacy for her family and the Tampa Bay community at large.

Ms. Wynn has embodied servant leadership throughout her life. The education of the children of the Tampa Bay community is forever bettered thanks to her everlasting service. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Sarah Stroud Wynn for her lifelong service to the State of Florida and wish her a happy birthday.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MICHAEL "MIKE" ROOS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. DAVIS, Mr. FARR, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ROYCE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. THOMPSON and Ms. WATERS to recognize our good friend, The Honorable Michael "Mike" Roos, for his outstanding career, and to congratulate him on the special milestone that is his 70th birthday.

Mike was born on August 6, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee. He went on to attend Christian Brothers High School and Tulane University in New Orleans before ultimately accepting a National Institute of Child Health Fellowship at the University of Southern California, where he graduated with a master's degree in public administration.

During the late 1970's Mike began his legislative career, serving in the California State Assembly for over 14 years. In his second legislative term, he was chosen as Majority Floor leader by his caucus, and he served in this position for six years until he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the California State Assembly.

Some of Mike's landmark legislative achievements include the passage of the Roberti-Roos Weapons Control Act of 1989, which banned assault weapons, as well as the Mello Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, which afforded local government an innovative, alternate method of financing public facilities. In 1985 Mike authored the first and strictest laws to date that protect the confidentiality of HIV test results, and he also authored the law that established the pioneer Alternative Test Sites Program, where individuals could receive free anonymous testing for the AIDS antibody.

Following his career in the State Assembly, Mike became the founder and Chief-consultant of Mike Roos and Company, a public affairs and management company that specializes in government relations, corporate issues, media relations, and ballot measure campaigns.

Apart from his successful career as a legislator and political strategist, Mike's long-standing philanthropic service is also notable. As President and CEO of LEARN—a coalition of civic leaders and representatives—Mike worked to help implement systematic reform and restructuring of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mike has served as Chairman of the Fraternity of Friends of the Music Center, the President of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission, and the Campaign Director for California Children and Families Initiative—an initiative that would go on to become the successful ballot measure known as Prop 10.

Because of his experience and contributions, Mike is often asked to speak about education reform and his knowledge of California

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