

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED
COMMUNITY SERVICE OF PATTY
ROSE TO TACOMA, WA, AND THE
GREATER PUGET SOUND REGION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Patty Rose of the Pierce County Central Labor Council, who is receiving the distinguished Star of Destiny Award at the 9th Annual Destiny Dinner hosted by the Tacoma Historical Society.

Patty has provided unmatched leadership and commitment to the organized labor community and the greater citizenry of Tacoma-Pierce County in her 13 years guiding the Pierce County Labor Council with a firm commitment to improving the lives of working families in our region. She has provided sound advice and mentorship to fellow labor leaders, local elected officials, and rank-and-file union members throughout Pierce County.

In addition to her day job, Patty serves her community on the Board for the United Way of Pierce County, which provides opportunity and resources to families in need. Even in the face of personal struggles, Patty has continued to serve in this capacity for the betterment of those less fortunate.

Her contributions to our region's history included spearheading the recent 125th anniversary celebration of the Pierce County Labor Council, which highlighted the many ways that this organization has helped to shape our community. Patty uses her leadership position to remind the public why basic protections and workers' rights exist today—due to the advocacy and sacrifice of labor leaders before her.

Mr. Speaker, her influence on our region's proud organized labor history is exemplified by her receipt of the Tacoma Historical Society's Star of Destiny Award. This very special designation is reserved for those who show an "unwavering commitment to the dignity and welfare of the working men and women of Tacoma and Pierce County."

Patty Rose is certainly deserving of this award and will be in good company. She joins my predecessor Rep. Norm Dicks in receiving this important recognition on behalf of the citizens of Tacoma. I join their voices in thanks for her continued leadership and perseverance in helping to better the lives of working families in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Patty Rose my friend and I am privileged to stand on the floor of the United States Congress today in recognition of her many accomplishments and leadership that will continue into the future.

FULL LEGAL RECOGNITION OF
ALL RELIGIONS IN INDIA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, India has been a land of religious diversity for thousands of years. Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity, among others, are all important religions with centuries of history in India. Today, I would like to recognize their rich contributions to the Indian state. I hope that each one be afforded full legal dignified recognition by the Indian government.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution upon its one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), a non-profit, non-political women's volunteer service organization dedicated to patriotism, education and historic preservation, was founded in 1890 by Mary Smith Lockwood, Ellen Walworth, Mary Desha and Eugenia Washington. At their first meeting held on October 11, 1890, several women attended, as well as four members of the Sons of the American Revolution who served as an advisory board to the organization for its first few years. In 1896 the NSDAR, also known as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was incorporated by an Act of Congress.

A lineage society, NSDAR members have the common bond of having ancestors who were patriots of the American Revolution. Members have included many noteworthy women, including women's rights pioneer Susan B. Anthony, American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, First Lady Rosalynn Carter, retired NASA astronaut Margaret Rhea Seddon and former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. With 177,000 members and 3,000 chapters in the United States and internationally, members have volunteered millions of service hours for various projects and programs. Projects include supporting active duty military personnel and assisting veterans, supporting schools for underserved children, awarding scholarships and providing financial aid to students, and restoring American Revolution War sites and memorials.

Most of NSDAR's volunteer work is accomplished by the grassroots efforts of chapters on the local level, which focus on the mission areas of DAR: historic preservation, patriotism

and education. There are several chapters in my 28th Congressional District. The Don José Verdugo Chapter, located in La Cañada Flintridge, has been serving the community for sixty-two years, focusing their efforts on veterans and education. Additionally, the Martin Severance Chapter in Pasadena, founded in 1914 and the Hollywood Chapter founded in 1910; both have a strong focus on helping veterans.

For 125 years, the NSDAR has exemplified their motto: "God, Home, Country." I am honored to recognize this excellent organization, and ask all Members to join me in commending the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution upon their anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FISHERIES
SURVIVAL FUND AND THE
46TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE
FLEET IN NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fisheries Survival Fund for receiving the Friend of the Fishing Industry Award at the annual Blessing of the Fleet, held in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Established in New Bedford in 1969, the Blessing of the Fleet is a time-honored tradition that has been celebrated by fishing communities since the Archaic period. Legend speaks of Greek fishermen asking clergy to bless their boats and crews, providing well wishes for safe sailing and heavy nets while out to sea. Fittingly, the top fishing port of New Bedford has continued this practice for nearly fifty years.

This year's recipient of the Offshore Mariners' Wives Association's Friend of the Fishing Industry award is the Fisheries Survival Fund (FSF). Established to ensure the long-term sustainability of the sea scallop fishery, FSF plays an incredibly important role in preserving and advocating for an industry that provides more than 50 million pounds of sea scallops each year and helping the port retain its status as the most profitable port on the East Coast and within the continental United States.

The Fisheries Survival Fund is intrinsically imbedded in the South Coast's fishing community. From working with academic institutions and independent experts to conduct research on sustainability, partnering with the federal government to ensure responsible management of the fishery, and by pioneering a management system and improving practices, FSF has helped to preserve and grow the scallop industry.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize the Fisheries Survival Fund's receipt of the Friend of the Fishing Industry award and the role FSF has played in the greater New Bedford fishing community.

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HONORING DON AND PATTY JACKSON DOCTOR FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO WESTERN NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and honor Don and Patty Jackson Doctor for their tireless commitment to community service. Their volunteer efforts and investments in various worthwhile causes is a brilliant example of men and women in Western New York giving back to the region. Don Doctor has served as a committee member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Golf Committee and the Notre Dame Golf Committee for fourteen years. He has been instrumental in organizing golf tournaments that have raised thousands of dollars for both programs. He also served as Director of the Board for the West Seneca Youth Baseball Association for six years and was the Assignor of the Umpires for the league. Mr. Doctor was active in the West Seneca Youth Hockey Booster Club, and he is also a scheduler and a team representative for the Cheektowaga Old Timers League. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Doctor participate in the "Fill the Boot" drive for the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Research Team and are active in local politics.

Mrs. Jackson Doctor is a Buffalo Public School Teacher and Coach—she currently coaches the Discovery School Swim Team along with Jenny Fitzpatrick Hart. Mrs. Jackson Doctor, with her committee, started the St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Golf Tournament which was successfully held for eight years. This fundraiser benefitted the St. Thomas Aquinas Sports Program until the school closed. The tournament was then renamed the Marie Jackson Women's Golf Tournament, which provides scholarships to four South Buffalo eighth graders from Notre Dame Academy and Discovery School in support of their attendance at the Catholic school of their choice. Mrs. Jackson Doctor was honored as a member of the "Race Day Ladies" at the 2012 Mt. Mercy 5k run. She continues to volunteer in road races throughout the year, and is also active in local politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Doctor will be honored at the upcoming 4th annual Ryan Purcell Memorial Run, a race held in Lackawanna, NY which celebrates the life of the young man whose life was tragically cut short. The couple will be awarded the 3rd annual Michael J. Diggins Community Service Award at the event, which takes place on October 3rd.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize Mr. and Mrs. Don and Patty Jackson Doctor. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them on their accomplished careers and to commend them for their admirable service in the community.

RECOGNIZING DR. JUDY GENSHAFT'S LEADERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I submit an article that appeared in the Tampa Tribune recognizing Dr. Judy Genshaft for her leadership as President of the University of South Florida. For the past 15 years, Dr. Genshaft has worked tirelessly to improve USF's academic successes, as well as expand USF's role in our local economy. It is my honor to recognize her achievements at the helm of USF, and we are fortunate to have her as a part of our Tampa Bay community.

EDITORIAL: GENSHAFT'S EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC SUCCESSSES

[From the Tampa Tribune, Sept. 12, 2015]

Judy Genshaft has enjoyed the longest tenure of any University of South Florida president, and by most measures the university has flourished under her direction.

But often overlooked is how her 15-year leadership also has boosted the local economy.

Improving USF's academic standing, to be sure, has been the priority, and results have been impressive. The graduation rate, a persistent trouble area, has jumped from 48 percent in 2008 to 67 percent, thanks to university initiatives. The average SAT test scores of incoming freshmen have increased by 159 points, reflecting USF's growing status.

The Tampa campus, once a barren collection of far-flung buildings, has been transformed into a beautifully landscaped and bustling community.

Also impressive is how Genshaft has tapped USF's potential as an economic engine. She strengthened its ties to the business community and made it a catalyst for innovation and investment. Former USF President Betty Castor, who served from 1994 to 1999, also deserves credit for highlighting the university's economic importance. Genshaft expanded that effort.

Genshaft, who has served as chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Tampa Bay Partnership, actively sought to recruit companies to the area, particularly those that needed the resource of a research university.

Indeed, the university has excelled at winning research grants. As the Tribune's Anastasia Dawson reports, when Genshaft came to USF it brought in about \$171.3 million in research funds. Last year that number was \$440.5 million—43rd in the nation among public and private universities.

These dollars have an impact far beyond campus. According to the National Institutes of Health, every \$1 in research funding brings in \$2.21 in local economic growth. So USF's research funds alone are calculated to be responsible for \$974 million in new economic activity and account for 5,900 jobs with an average salary of \$75,000.

The emphasis on innovation has helped USF become the No. 1 university in the state for patents, and 10th in the nation and 13th worldwide.

With USF badly in need of renovating its 40-year-old medical school facilities, Genshaft seized the opportunity to partner with Lightning owner Jeff Vinik in the redevelopment of downtown's Channelside District. Now, with the backing of the Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott, the USF Morsani

College of Medicine and the new USF Health Heart Institute will be the centerpiece of Vinik's downtown project, which will include residences, offices, hotels and retail shops. The school is expected to create 1,500 jobs and undoubtedly will attract other health-care enterprises.

Genshaft also is pushing to redevelop the challenged neighborhoods near USF into an innovation district that will attract and nurture new enterprises. Former Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharpe is heading the Tampa Innovation Alliance.

Thanks to such diverse efforts, USF is widely recognized as a university on the move and is attracting widespread attention and support. It's nearing its goal of raising \$1 billion in donations.

Genshaft has had the occasional tussle with the Legislature, mostly stemming from lawmakers wanting more for USF branch campuses in their communities. The USF system includes St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee campuses. The Legislature, in an act of fiscal lunacy, transformed USF's Polk County branch into a separate university, Florida Polytechnic, in 2012.

Such dustups underscore the pitfalls of a branch campus system that invites meddling by lawmakers focused on bringing goodies to their districts.

Granted, USF's football and basketball programs have languished in recent years. But those rough spots pale in comparison to USF's progress during Genshaft's 15 years.

Her contract runs out next year, but she says she would like to remain. That decision will be up to the USF Board of Trustees.

But there is a good reason Genshaft has managed to stay at USF's helm for 15 years. She is getting the job done.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORTHWEST CENTER'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of Northwest Center. The Northwest Center is a leader in advancing equal opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Their unique social enterprise model provides services such as inclusive early childhood education, after school programs, job training and placement.

Founded in 1965, Northwest Center was initiated by parents who refused to accept that institutionalizing their children with special needs was the only option for their education and enrichment. Washington State is a place of pioneers and it was in that spirit that these parents effected positive change for children everywhere.

Fifty years later in 2015, Northwest Center continues to revolutionize the ways we think about people with abilities different than our own. Where Northwest Center's founding parents were once viewed as audacious for their advocacy, today there is a generation of people living rich, productive lives because they were given the opportunity to thrive as a part of a community that nurtured them as part of its whole, instead of isolating them as separate and distinct.

Northwest Center's 50th Anniversary celebrates the promise the organization made a