

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE BUSIN
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Busin, for her unwavering dedication to her community. She has been a steadfast activist supporting children's education initiatives and has left an impressive and unforgettable mark on Southern Florida.

Born in Pahokee, Florida, Stephanie is a third generation Hendry County native and has spent her life giving back to her community. After graduating from Clewiston High School in 1996, she enrolled in Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Florida. However, her interest in journalism brought her home, where she joined The Clewiston News staff. It is during this time period that she found her passion for education, which later led to her becoming an integral member of the Hendry County School Board in 2014. Presently, she serves as the Chairman of Hendry's District 4 School Board.

Stephanie has been a passionate advocate for raising awareness for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in her community, particularly among law enforcement officers. In fact, in 2017, she created a training program, LAWTISM, which educates officers on how to identify and properly respond to people who may have ASD. She also championed autism awareness in the classroom, by establishing a nonprofit that fundraised to create the Educators Affecting Autism Classroom Grants. These grants, which are an award of \$250, are used to support the sensory and academic needs of students who are on the autism spectrum.

Stephanie's dedication to community service is of the highest caliber, and her selfless character is truly demonstrated in the work she has done. It would be remiss to celebrate Stephanie without recognizing her loving husband, Tony, and her two greatest treasures, her sons Anthony and Baron. The love and support Stephanie receives from her family allows her to be a leader and activist in her community.

Madam Speaker, it is truly a privilege to honor my good friend, Stephanie Busin, for the impressive work she has done for Southern Florida. Her commitment, perseverance, and drive cannot be matched, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN CELEBRATION OF BUTLER
EAGLE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Butler County's hometown newspaper, the Butler Eagle.

As a life-long resident of Butler, I am proud to celebrate a special milestone for our hometown paper. For 150 years, the Butler Eagle has provided residents of Butler County with national, state, and local news that we count on.

In the 60s, our family opened the Butler Eagle to see how many yards Terry Hanratty threw for or how many tackles the Saul brothers had for a loss on a Friday night. The Eagle, like many local newspapers across the country, is a big part of the community identity. These publications provide information that matters to us that larger, national news outlets do not. They tell us stories about friends and neighbors and their successes, new marriages, community events, high school sports, and so much more. We can count on the Eagle and papers like it across our great country to tell us what is happening close to home.

National publications cover what one might expect: national politics, Congress, the president, and foreign affairs. While it is important to know what's going on in Washington, D.C., our system of government was designed to give local government a much larger direct impact on the lives of Americans. When local papers like the Butler Eagle cover mayors, city councils, county commissioners, and school boards, they perform a vital service that helps Americans oversee the elected officials who affect their lives far more personally than those in our nation's capital.

Think about it. Our local zoning commissioners decide what we can build on our own land, or what can be built next door to us. City councils decide how much to invest in our local roads. Reporting on their decisions is crucial to functioning municipalities. Without local papers like the Butler Eagle, we would face difficulty assessing the leadership of our locally elected government officials. We would also lose a great deal of connectivity with our surroundings. Local papers provide a knowledge of and bond with our neighbors.

So, as we celebrate the Butler Eagle's 150th anniversary, I thank the paper for its long record of service to the City and County of Butler, for informing us about important events in our neighborhoods, and holding elected officials accountable at all levels of government. We appreciate the many past and present reporters who take the pulse of our communities and convey their findings. In doing so, they have helped shape the identity of Butler and brought us together as a community.

Best wishes for the next 150 years.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
WORK OF DR. ELISABETH BROWN

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Elisabeth Brown for her incredible tenure as the President of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. For more than three decades, Dr. Brown has led and overseen the creation and implementation of new programs that positively impact and contribute to our Laguna Beach community.

Dr. Brown has served on the Board of Directors of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. since 1980 and stepped into the role of President just seven years later. During her time as President, she has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award for the League of Conservation.

Dr. Brown has sought to protect the natural resources of Orange County while establishing educational programs to enhance the public's knowledge on the California Coastal Canyon environment. A cornerstone of Dr. Brown's work has been the establishment of a training class that taught hundreds of volunteers about the native plant habitats and restoration projects throughout Orange County.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of Dr. Elisabeth Brown to California's 48th Congressional District and all of Orange County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 79, and Yea on Roll Call No. 80.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on Monday, March 2, because I was attending the annual Strawberry Festival, an important event in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 79, and Yea on Roll Call No. 80.

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