

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 25th Anniversary of Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Founded in October 1996 by Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Charles Wright, the Firm began operations with three employees working out of the basement of Paul Navarro's house in Steelton, Pennsylvania. The company flourished from its humble beginnings and has grown to a total of 190 employees across nine offices in three states—Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.

The Firm's original clients included land developers, municipalities, and utility companies. The housing boom of the late 90s and early 2000s fostered growth opportunities, and the Firm quickly expanded its services to capture a segment of the transportation sector.

In 1998, the Firm was certified as a minority-owned business with PennDOT and the PA Department of General Services, which enabled it to bid on public works projects with state agencies. Today, the Firm is a certified MBE/DBE, with numerous state agencies across the Mid-Atlantic region. Over the years, the Firm made several acquisitions, such as Foust Geological Services, and Raudenbush Engineering, which bolstered its transportation services and geographic presence into Western Pennsylvania.

The Firm moved to its current corporate headquarters in New Cumberland, PA in 1999, and acquired/now occupies the 14,000 square foot building that houses several of its business units and corporate staff.

Navarro & Wright consistently is recognized among the Top Private Companies and Fastest Growing Companies in the Central Pennsylvania area for the past 25 years. The Firm also earned a Top 100 MBE Firm in the Mid-Atlantic region.

True to its mission statement, "Delivering Vital Infrastructure through Design Excellence," Navarro & Wright approaches each project with the client's needs and objectives at the forefront. It has earned a reputation of delivering high quality services across the many markets—a distinction that is a tribute to the key leaders and talented employees of the Firm who give their utmost attention to each project. The Firm's belief in continuous improvement enables its team to maintain a high level of service, and to continue to grow and prosper.

I'm honored and privileged to commend Mr. Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Navarro & Wright Consulting Services on 25 years of success, prosperity, and vital service to our communities. I wish Mr. Navarro and the Firm continued success and prosperity into the future.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK COLLINS FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF TEACHING AT BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator in my district, Mr. Patrick Collins, who has dedicated fifty years towards teaching the young men of Miami-Dade County.

Patrick received his B.A. in history and secondary education from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, in 1971. That same year, he began his impressive teaching career at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, where he still teaches today. Shortly after beginning his career at Belen, he became the Chairperson of the newly created Social Studies Department—a clear indicator of his leadership qualities even at a young age. In 1975, Patrick received his M.S. in administration in secondary education from Barry University and founded Belen's varsity tennis team, where he served as head coach until 2007. If that year wasn't busy enough for Patrick, he also fostered the longstanding relationship with Belen and Close Up Foundation, thereby allowing thousands of students to visit Washington, D.C., and witness the seat of our nation's government. In fact, in 2015, he was inducted into Close Up Foundation's Educator Hall of Fame, a distinction which he rightfully deserves.

It has been an honor to work with Mr. Collins over the years and I truly value his friendship. I have visited his classroom on several occasions to speak to his students regarding my role as a Member of Congress and it is clear how respected he is amongst his students and peers. Through these visits, I have seen firsthand his passion for teaching and the influence that he has on all those who he interacts with. He represents the values that Belen Jesuit Preparatory School hopes to instill in its students and has done a commendable job preparing young men for their future.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know that an educator such as Mr. Collins resides in South Florida. He has truly made a difference in the lives of every student he interacts with and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ADVOCACY OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AT THE UNVEILING OF HER STATUE IN HER HOMETOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Cady Stan-

ton at the unveiling of her statue in her hometown of Johnstown, New York.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a legendary leader in the fight for women's rights, particularly for women's suffrage. She was a key organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, which is credited with launching the women's rights movement in the United States. Stanton was the primary drafter of the Declaration of Sentiments which detailed the rights championed at the convention.

Stanton went on to found the National Women's Suffrage Association, which she presided over for 20 years. In 1866, Stanton became the first woman to run for Congress, even though she did not yet have the right to vote herself. In addition to her important work fighting for women, she also took up the cause of slavery. An ardent abolitionist, she co-founded the Women's Loyal National League to encourage Congress to pass the 13th Amendment, making slavery illegal.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton died in 1902 after a lifetime fighting for equality. The 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote, would not become law for 18 more years. Over 100 years after her death, the legacy of her work remains deeply impactful. This statue erected in her hometown of Johnstown, New York is a testament to the lasting effect that her fight for equality had on this nation. I am proud to honor Elizabeth Cady Stanton on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

HONORING SUNISA (SUNI) LEE FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sunisa (Suni) Lee for her achievements during the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic games, which were held July 23 through August 8, 2021. At the age of 18, Ms. Lee made history in her Olympic debut as the first Hmong-American to represent the United States. She demonstrated outstanding skill and training, winning the gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, helping Team USA win a silver medal in the team final and winning the bronze medal in the uneven bars.

Ms. Lee is a lifelong resident of Saint Paul, in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District. I'm very proud to say that she's a graduate of South Saint Paul High School, my alma mater. She joined a remarkable group of 17 Minnesota athletes who qualified to compete for Team USA. Throughout the competition, she displayed a spirit and determination that boosted Team USA and their fans across the United States.

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