

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND THE REAGAN-UDALL FOUNDATION FOR THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3743, the "Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act," bipartisan legislation I'm proud to co-lead with Rep. Hudson.

The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are exemplary models on how to align public and private partners around a common cause, to advance breakthroughs in biomedical discoveries.

The FNIH organizes key research partnerships to address critical issues of our time such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and global health. Since its formation in 1990, the FNIH has established the Accelerating Medicines Partnership program, the Biomarkers Consortium, the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, and the GeneConvene Global Collaborative. Most recently, the FNIH helped to address the pandemic by launching and coordinating the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines initiative in partnership with numerous government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and biopharmaceutical companies. This initiative played a significant role in speeding the availability of the highly effective Moderna mRNA vaccine.

The Reagan-Udall Foundation creates robust public-private partnerships to advance research and innovation, enhance medical decision-making, and empower patients and advocates. The Foundation also helps patients navigate clinical trials, benefit from the expanded access process, and participate in Listening Sessions with the FDA to provide their personal insights about the challenges of living with a specific disease.

H.R. 3743 ensures that these foundations continue to have the resources needed for their important work. This legislation increases the amount of funding the NIH and the FDA can transfer and allocate to their respective foundations.

These foundations make contributions to biomedical research every day and I'm pleased to co-lead H.R. 3743 and urge my colleagues to support it.

DR. RACHEL HERLIHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Rachel Herlihy, State Epidemiologist for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for her dedication and service to the people of the State of Colorado. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Herlihy went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community in many Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Dr. Herlihy has served the constituents of Colorado in her role since 2015. During our Telephone Town Halls, Dr. Herlihy provided timely updates on COVID-19 and answered constituent's questions regarding how to protect themselves and their families during an uncertain time. Her insights and knowledge were invaluable to my office and my constituents.

It is because of local heroes like Dr. Herlihy that our state has been able to protect its residents and keep our community safe. I thank Dr. Rachel Herlihy for her service and her sacrifice during this difficult time, and I look forward to continuing to work with her as we continue the fight against COVID-19 and its variants.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY ZACHARY BELLINGHAM

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valiant and brave actions of Deputy Zachary Bellingham of the Craven County Sheriff's Office.

On October 1, 2021, Deputy Bellingham sustained life-threatening injuries while serving in the line of duty. Following his injuries, Deputy Bellingham was taken to Carolina East Medical Center and then airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville to receive emergency surgery. Deputy Bellingham has continued his rehabilitation at Shepherd Medical Center in Atlanta, where he has shown strong perseverance in his recovery. I am hopeful that as a man of deep valor and courage he will quickly recover.

The conduct and actions of Deputy Bellingham embodies the values of a true American hero. His brave actions on that fateful day highlight the very best of our law enforcement and all that they do to protect their communities. I am also grateful for the immense support offered by those in the community as Deputy Bellingham continues with his recovery.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Deputy Bellingham for his commitment to protecting those in his community and wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ELAINE ROGERS, CEO OF USO-METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank former USO-Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore CEO Elaine Rogers for her service to our community and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Elaine was first hired by the USO-Metro chapter in 1976 and was quickly elevated to the role of Executive Director the following year.

Over the course of her remarkable career, she led the expansion of the USO-Metro to support 29 military installations across the National Capital Region.

For her tireless dedication to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, Elaine has been recognized by the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force with service awards and medals.

I don't know anyone with the same energy and dedication as Elaine Rogers. I first met Elaine in 2007 as she annually brought the USO to Cincinnati, where thousands came together to support our troops.

Elaine is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, and I know she is looking forward to spending more time with her family in retirement.

She has served with diligence and integrity throughout her distinguished career. She is the ultimate patriot, and as they say, a real "Yankee-Doodle Dandy."

I thank Elaine again and wish her the best in her retirement. A grateful Nation salutes her.

CELEBRATING THE WALL LAS MEMORIAS REDEDICATION CEREMONY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I am here today to honor The Wall Las Memorias, a community health organization in California's 34th congressional district that is dedicated to serving Latino, LGBTQ+, and other underserved residents.

This World AIDS Day, The Wall Las Memorias will rededicate their AIDS Monument to commemorate 40 years of the HIV

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