

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HOMETOWN HERO—SHRAAVYA  
PYDISETTI

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shraavya Pydisetti, a senior at Coppell High School who established the non-profit organization, Project Querencia. Project Querencia has completed over 170 projects and helped over 38,000 people since June 2020.

Shraavya wanted to make an impact within her community, and the COVID-19 pandemic allowed her to conceptualize a new way to make a difference. Shraavya brought a group of students together in Coppell and this action led to the creation of Project Querencia to help their community during those unwavering times. The initiative has provided more than 6,000 appreciation packages for essential workers, individuals in old age homes, janitors, lunch ladies, bus drivers, and more. The project has also hosted clothing and food drives, cooked meals for the homeless, crafted handmade cards for cancer patients, have made numerous donations, and many more community first initiatives. Shraavya's non-profit organization has expanded to over 250 members in 10 chapters.

I commend Shraavya, for going above and beyond for our community. Her selflessness and dedication do not go unnoticed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA PROSECUTOR  
HOME RULE ACT OF 2023

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Prosecutor Home Rule Act of 2023, which would give D.C. the authority to prosecute all crimes committed under its laws. Congress already lets D.C. write D.C. criminal laws, and lets D.C. enforce them against some violators. Congress should let D.C. enforce them against all violators. This bill would effectuate a 2002 advisory referendum, approved by 82 percent of D.C. voters, to create a local prosecutor's office.

Currently, the U.S. Attorney for D.C. has the authority to prosecute most D.C. crimes committed by adults and some by juveniles, while the D.C. Attorney General has the authority to prosecute most D.C. crimes committed by juveniles and some by adults. Giving D.C. the authority to prosecute all D.C. crimes would not only give D.C. residents a say in the enforcement of all their laws, it also would save

the federal government tens of millions of dollars a year by reducing the number of assistant U.S. attorneys in the U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C.

Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill as part of my District of Columbia Home Rule Expansion Act of 2022.

I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE  
PANTELAKOS FOR 44 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of former New Hampshire State Representative Laura Pantelakos and her 44 years of service to the Granite State. Since first taking office in 1978, Laura has been a tireless advocate for change in the city of Portsmouth and across the State of New Hampshire. Her compassion and willingness to engage with her constituents earned her the support of Rockingham County in election after election, and her commitment to bipartisan solutions helped usher in several decades of prolonged economic success for the region.

During her time in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Laura witnessed tremendous change over the past four decades. In 2008, Laura was named Dean of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in recognition of her service as the longest-tenured member of that body; a distinction she proudly held until her retirement. Her tenacity and sharp legislative insight also saw her rise to the rank of Assistant Minority Leader, where she rallied her party to major legislative victories while always looking for opportunities to reach across the aisle. During her time in the House, Laura dedicated herself to leaving a positive imprint on our state, reforming our criminal justice system, and always looking out for children and families. Laura's penchant for helping others led her to dedicate her time to a number of causes outside of the State House, including her role as Chair of the Fire Commission for the City of Portsmouth and her involvement with the Seacoast African American Cultural Center. Laura was also a central figure in the Portsmouth City Delegation, now known as the Legislative Subcommittee, where her ten years of leadership saw major gains for the city.

Laura's leadership was always guided by her deep love for her children, grandchildren, and the constituents she proudly served for close to half of her life. As Laura begins a well-deserved retirement, I look forward to seeing what her next chapter has in store and

know that she will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders to carry on her legacy of service over self. On behalf of the residents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Laura for embodying New Hampshire's highest values and wish her all the best in the years to come.

HONORING GLORIA OLIVEROS

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in honor of her more than 30 years of public service, I rise today to recognize Gloria Oliveros, whose unwavering dedication has had a deep impact on our community in South Florida and the constituents in my district.

A long-time resident of Miami, Florida, Gloria received her Associates Degree at Miami Dade College, later continuing her education at Florida International University where she successfully attained her Bachelor's in Public Administration. While furthering her education, Gloria simultaneously began her capacity for 6 years. After I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, she continued to serve her community by taking on the position as Deputy District Director and Office Manager in my district office. From 2003 through 2018, Gloria executed her duties as Deputy District Director with enthusiasm, compassion, and hard work, proving herself an invaluable member of the team. Today, after decades of selfless dedication and repeatedly meeting the needs of constituents, Gloria has earned many promotions to ultimately become District Director.

I know that Floridians from every corner of our district have benefitted from the fruits of community driven leadership and the tireless efforts of Gloria Oliveros. For this and much more, I wish to express my gratitude on behalf of myself, our team, and our district for the years of service Gloria has given to the betterment of our community. I know that many of our constituents know firsthand that Gloria is not only hard-working and supremely competent, but she is also kind, honorable, and intensely loyal.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong public servant, a steadfast leader, and a dear friend, Gloria has proven time and time again her unwavering commitment to the district. She is a source of great pride to us all, including her husband, Michael and her children, Carlos, Taylor, Abigail, and Michael, Jr. It is truly a privilege to know and work with her, and I am grateful for the time that she has graciously given to improve our South Florida Community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service and accomplishments of this outstanding individual.

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HOMETOWN HERO—ANNA SALTON  
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**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Anna Salton Eisen, a founding member of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville. After the hostage situation at the synagogue, Anna became a champion for speaking out against antisemitism.

Anna has spoken across Texas to educate communities about the history of antisemitism. She is the daughter of 2 Holocaust survivors and has continually researched the Holocaust and its legacies. The attack at Congregation Beth Israel gave her the opportunity to use her knowledge of antisemitism and its historical context to make a difference in our community and communities across the nation. Anna will attend this year's White House Hanukkah Ceremony to be an advocate and representative of the Jewish Community in North Texas.

I commend Anna, for helping lead our community to recovery following the attack and for all she does to speak out against antisemitism.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
SENATOR JIMMY HOLLEY

**HON. BARRY MOORE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the hard work and legacy of Alabama State Senator Jimmy Holley. His devoted service of 44 years in the Alabama Legislature has changed my home state and made a difference in the life of many Alabamians.

Born and raised in Elba, Alabama, Mr. Holley lives a remarkable life rooted in service and humility in his community. He is an American patriot who served in the U.S. National Guard and graduated from East Tennessee State University, with his Bachelor's and Master's degree. In Tennessee he met his wife Mary, and they are parents to 2 sons, John, and Jason.

A devout man of faith and member of the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise, Jimmy spreads love and joy to all those around. My friend, Mr. Holley is loved by many in his hometown of Elba and by those in his district. He shows appreciation to the people of Coffee, Covington, Dale, and Pike Counties and serves his community without bounds.

As a mentor to other legislators, he has consistently shared his valued wisdom with mentees and colleagues. Many lawmakers treasure the experience and intelligence he has provided by his extensive knowledge of policy and proceedings.

Mr. Holley provided incredible insight as a member of the Children, Youth, and Human Services, Finance and Taxation General Fund, Reapportionment, Senate Rules, Transportation, and Veterans and Military Affairs Committees, as well as his leadership on the Governmental Affairs Committee as Chair.

I would like to congratulate Senator Holley on his well-deserved retirement and extend

deep gratitude for his diligence in public service. He is a joyous and loved citizen of Alabama's Second Congressional District that has created a remarkable legacy.

HONORING DONALD OVERCASH

**HON. DAN BISHOP**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Donald Overcash, the longest-serving EMS employee in Rowan County. Donald selflessly served North Carolina as a paramedic and first responder for 36 years. During his tenure, he pioneered the county's shift to modern paramedicine in the 1970s and 80s. In fact, Donald is the longest-serving Rowan County EMS employee, breaking the previous mark of 34 years. He also served his country for 8 years as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

Donald served North Carolinians in Rowan, Cabarrus, and Stanly County through many major weather events including Hurricane Hugo in 1989, the 1993 superstorm, known as the "Storm of the Century", and the North Carolina Ice Storm of 2002. He bravely served as a paramedic during the 2000 Lowes Motor Speedway Walkway Collapse and the 2008 Salisbury Millworks Fire. His leadership and service are greatly admired and will serve as an example for future first responders.

I thank Donald for his remarkable leadership and dedication to his fellow North Carolinians. From the people of North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, congratulations on a successful career. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING SELF-HELP  
ENTERPRISES

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) for their dedicated work on behalf of families across the Central Valley.

Since its founding in 1965, Self-Help Enterprises has been critical in providing underserved and low-income families across the Central Valley with services like housing, infrastructure development, and drought relief. While their services have impacted the lives of over 65,000 people across the Valley, their work to provide drought relief to families has been truly remarkable.

Over the past two decades, California has experienced devastating drought conditions. This has not only had an impact on Central Valley farmers and producers but on families across the region—particularly low-income families. Through their Tanks and Hauled Water Program, SHE has worked tirelessly to provide water access and well maintenance to over 1,800 families across the nine counties in the San Joaquin Valley. Not only have they delivered over 50 million gallons of water to households and small communities, but they have also installed over 700 new temporary

tank systems to individual households, as well as several temporary Community tank installations.

The work done by Self-Help Enterprises has been important for so many of our neighbors throughout the Valley. For decades, Valley families have been forced to deal with uncertainty when it comes to accessing clean and reliable drinking water. Organizations like SHE and their Tanks and Hauled Water Program are critical to ensuring all families across the Valley, whether in a big city or a small rural community, have access to a clean and reliable water supply.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible work of Self-Help Enterprises.

HOMETOWN HERO—NICOLE  
MAUCERE JACKSON

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Nicole Maucere Jackson, founder of Fairy Godmothers. Her initiative is to provide widowed and single parents with presents during the holiday season.

Nicole's movement is to make these parents feel loved, embraced, and seen during the holiday's by providing them with presents from the Fairy Godmothers. Christmas of 2020 was Nicole's first being a widow after her husband, Craig, suffered a tragic car accident in July leaving her alone with her 2 children. She quickly realized the hardships of being a widow during Christmas morning, so she started Fairy Godmothers to bridge this gap and show support for those parents. Fairy Godmothers have helped over 760 parents since Nicole initiated this movement.

I commend Nicole, for going above and beyond for families in our community.

HONORING STEVE FOSHEE ON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM TOMBIGBEE  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2023*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Steve Foshee on his retirement from Tombigbee Electric Cooperative and to acknowledge the great contribution he has made to improving the lives of people not only in northwest Alabama, but across the State as well.

Mr. Steve Foshee is retiring after spending the past 25 years as president and CEO of the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative in Hamilton, Alabama. Tombigbee Electric Cooperative provides electricity to thousands of homes in Marion, Lamar, and Fayette Counties.

Steve was born in the 4th Congressional District in Marshall County and graduated from Douglas High School in Douglas, Alabama. He then went on to Auburn University where he received both a bachelor's and master's degree. He then began work for the Farm Credit System in Northwest Alabama in 1981 where