EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FORMER REP. JANE HARMAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to pay tribute to a dear friend and a wonderful former colleague of ours. Former Rep. Jane Harman, who retired from this House in 2011 after nine terms representing the Thirty-Ninth District of California, is stepping down in February after ten very successful years as CEO of the Wilson Center. I hope all of us in this House will join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her next endeavors. I have no doubt that she will find new ways to continue serving her country, as she has done with such dedication and ability since her days as a staffer for Sen. John Tunney in the early 1970's and during her time in Congress, where she served as Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Jane's entire career has been spent in service to the people of California and to the American people.

The Wilson Center was created by Congress in 1968 to serve as a nonpartisan policy forum and support research into addressing global issues. It continues to fulfill its role as a public think tank, a place where scholars and leaders come together to seek creative solutions to some of the country's and the world's most intractable challenges. As the first woman to serve as its CEO, Jane oversaw an expansion of its programs, helped grow its federal appropriation by a third, and launched its Global Women's Leadership Initiative. She drew on her close contacts abroad to bring world-class scholars and global leaders to the Center for informative discussions and debates, and I was honored to be her guest at the Center's fiftieth anniversary dinner in 2018 and to welcome Jane back to Capitol Hill for the Center's very informative 'Fiscal Ship' budgetary exercise in 2016. Under her guidance, the Wilson Center has truly lived up to its mission and will surely continue to do so for a long time to come as a result of her sound management and oversight.

I hope all of us will take a moment to thank former Rep. Jane Harman for her many years of outstanding service to our country and her commitment to the hard work of ensuring that our democracy can deliver the best policymaking for the American people. She will long remain a friend to so many of us in this House, and I will continue to cherish her friendship and her wise counsel in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DORIS SCHUMACHER TERRETT

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Doris Terrett. She was a beloved member of the New Jersey community who passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of eighty-eight. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kim and David Keosian and her dear grandson Christopher Michael Keosian.

Doris lived a full life and leaves behind a legacy of service that has touched many. I know I speak for the entire 3rd Congressional District when I say we are grateful for Doris' contributions to our community.

My heart goes out to Doris' entire family. They will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time when too many New Jersey families are grieving.

PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF S. CON. RES. 5, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, one year later and we are still in the biggest economic and health crisis the country has ever faced. It warrants the biggest governmental response the country has ever seen. To rescue our people, our economy and our health care system, we need a comprehensive, lasting rescue plan immediately. The American people cannot afford any more delays.

After a disastrous mishandling by the former administration the United States remains the epicenter of a global pandemic. Cases of the coronavirus are still high. Schools remain closed, businesses shuttered, unemployment is rising. It is harrowing.

The hour is dark. But today, Congress is ready to help get families, workers, and the country to the dawn of the recovery. This crisis is not over so our work is not done. Let us secure a pathway for the American Rescue Plan and start to build back better.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to reintroduce the Congress Commission Act of 2021. This bill establishes the bipartisan Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy to study and make recommendations on membership of the House of Representatives, the methods by which representatives are elected, and how to ensure opportunities for greater constituent and representative engagement.

The United States is the least representative democracy out of all of our international peers. It has been over one hundred years since the representative chamber has increased in size. During those intervening years the United States has added four additional states, the population has expanded exponentially, and the extension of voting suffrage means our national electorate looks vastly different than it did in the early twentieth century. And yet, over the course of more than a century, there has been insufficient effort to consider or enact changes to House membership that could improve how such population growth in number and diversity are reflected by federal representatives. Too many years have passed us by without any serious consideration of how our nation's growth and progress is reflected in the People's House.

We have in front of us an overwhelming amount of evidence illustrating the need for reform of the House of Representatives. Just last year, our fellow Americans took to the streets and ballot boxes demanding change and we came close to admitting a new state to our union. The completion of the 2020 Census provides us essential data on the population of the nation and the growing, disparate ratio of almost 750,000 Americans to each Member of the House. This is just the average. One Member may represent anywhere from almost 530,000 constituents, up to over 1,050,000 constituents. This Commission will determine if such a disparity in districts' populations ensures the just and equitable representation our chamber is intended to provide each citizen and district.

While I speak to the challenges of our current membership structure, ultimately the Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy is not required to change the size of the House, voting methods for Representatives, or any other House process or assembly. I expect my colleagues that will participate on the Commission will execute their duties justly, judiciously, and with the intent of what is best for our constituents and our nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRUCE BEACH'S RETIREMENT

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bruce Beach, the recently retired Director of Bands at Franklin High School in El Paso, Texas.

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