

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF SARA NOLAND

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Sara Noland. Mrs. Noland lives in Irvine, Kentucky and celebrates her 100th birthday on August 17th.

Mrs. Noland grew up in Woodford County, Kentucky. As a junior in high school she began working in her school's library. She went on to the University of Kentucky, where she earned a degree in library science. Her first job in 1941 was at Estill County High School, where she earned \$90 a month. She married during World War II and traveled across the country, working at several libraries along the way. In 1949, she was rehired as librarian of Estill County High School. While working there, she helped get the Estill County Public Library started and volunteered there for many years. Mrs. Noland retired in 1991 with 42 years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Noland has been an involved member of her community for many years in a variety of ways. She has taught Sunday School, led church youth groups, served as a 4-H leader, and was a Girl Scout leader. At the high school, she led a reading club, worked with the Academic Team, and helped with Project Graduation. She also volunteered with adult literacy. Mrs. Noland was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel for her work in literacy. In 1996 she became the first recipient of the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service.

It is my honor to recognize Mrs. Sara Noland, celebrate her 100th birthday, and thank her for her many contributions to her community, particularly in the important area of literacy.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GAINING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which states that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy and the fight for women's suffrage was a generations long struggle.

The 19th Amendment did not guarantee the right to vote for all women. Although African American and other suffragists of color nationwide worked tirelessly for suffrage, they faced systematic racism in the movement and were

frequently denied their right to vote through harassment, intimidation, and laws that imposed severe restrictions. Native Americans and Asian Americans were denied citizenship and, therefore, were not eligible to vote until after 1924 and 1952, respectively. It was only in 1965 with the passage of the Voting Rights Act that barriers to voting based on race were removed.

Vermont women engaged in the suffrage movement for decades; notable among them: Clarina Howard Nichols of Townshend, who petitioned the legislature for voting rights in school district elections; Laura Moore, the longtime Secretary of the Vermont Woman's Suffrage Association; Lucy Daniels of Grafton, who protested disfranchisement by refusing to pay her taxes; Annette Parmelee of Enosburg Falls, who was a persistent legislative lobbyist; and Lillian Olzendam of Woodstock, who organized a massive campaign to convince legislators to ratify the 19th Amendment.

In 1919, the Vermont Legislature passed the Presidential suffrage bill but it was vetoed by Governor Percival Clement, an opponent of women's suffrage. He refused to call for a special legislative session which would have allowed Vermont to become the 36th and final state to ratify the amendment. In response, 400 suffragists marched through mud and snow to the Vermont State House in protest, demanding the governor allow a vote, which he did not. Consequently, Tennessee became the final ratifying state on August 18, 1920—100 years ago, today.

Following the ratification of the 19th Amendment, 28,159 Vermont women registered to vote. Edna Beard of Orange became the first woman to win a seat in the Vermont House of Representatives and was one of the Vermont legislators who finally ratified the 19th Amendment on February 8, 1921.

While today is a celebration of how far we have come and the accomplishments of the suffragist movement, we must also acknowledge the history of the movement that marginalized and ostracized women of color, especially Black American women who fought tirelessly for the right to vote. Today, many obstacles to voting still exist and they disproportionately affect people of color. The fight for voting rights, racial justice, and our democracy continue. As the late Congressman John Lewis said, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act."

HONORING PAFFORD MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE DURING COVID-19

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated work of Pafford Medical Services during COVID-19.

This family-owned and operated EMS service has long held the mission of serving both urban and rural communities, but during this unprecedented time, the Pafford Medical family has gone above and beyond expectation.

With more than 900 employees and 120 ambulances in a four-state region, Pafford Medical Services has served the people of rural areas like Arkansas' Fourth District for more than 50 years, and during that time, they have created a reputation for efficient and effective disaster response. In this time of national crisis, that reputation has been proven true.

As emergency medical personnel, these essential workers are those that battle on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic. While taking no thought of their own personal safety, Pafford Medical has taught us all what it means to be a hero and a true servant of a community. I take this time to honor them for their personal sacrifice and to thank them for their commitment to higher service.

HONORING COACH JESSE WILLIAM JOSEPH AMOS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant Coach Jesse William Joseph Amos was born February 21, 1941 in Jackson, Mississippi. He was the third born of nine children to the late Will Amos Sr. and Mary Walker Amos. Jesse William Amos transitioned unto the Lord on the afternoon of May 14, 2020, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Jesse William Joseph Amos attended Holy Ghost Catholic School the "Comforter". Grades 1st through 12th. He graduated in May 1959 with honors. Jesse enjoyed basketball and was a member of the Holy Ghost "Tigers" basketball team. He was well liked by his team and his classmates. He was an alter boy and a member of the CYO, "Catholic Youth Organization" under Father Vance Thorne SVD. This group of young men would take care of the grounds at Holy Ghost Catholic School and Church weekly. Jesse was the strong leader of the group. He loved to make things beautiful and clean. The group would cut, clean and support what was needed of and expected from young Catholics working together as a team. This is where his drive for "Team Work" began.

Mr. Amos attended Jackson State College, his older sister Rosie Mae Amos Washington was his role model. She majored in Health and Physical Education with a minor in Health. This influenced Jesse to major in the same field of education. He loved his sister Rosie and emulated her in many aspects during his life. Jesse went on to further his education and earned a Masters in Health and Physical Education from Jackson College, later under

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