

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Rosemont, Ill., and its efforts to designate the week of June 6–12, 2021, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hardworking individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 6–12 by supporting numerous charitable projects and employee training programs throughout the nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to cast my vote on May 11, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 134.

HONORING KITTY WILLIAMS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Kitty Williams, a Holocaust survivor and tireless advocate, as our Iowan of the Week. Mrs. Williams is a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is a public speaker who travels to schools with the goal of educating the youth of America about her experiences as a survivor and to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust and the horrors of hate, bigotry, and discrimination are never forgotten. She is described as extremely resilient and tough as nails and I couldn't be more proud of the work she has done to educate youth and people from all walks of life.

Through Kitty's imprisonment at Auschwitz and later in Allendorf, she endured unspeakable atrocities. While she suffered greatly, she survived and worked to make a life for herself. She ultimately made her way to the United States. In her first marriage she experienced heartbreak and the loss of her son. She had been pressured to hide her Jewish heritage and her past but struggled to deny her heritage and the horror she experienced. Eventually, she became a working single mother and trained bank tellers. She remarried and found a loving husband who embraced her past.

Through a challenging life, Kitty has persevered and survived. She has taken these experiences and—despite great heartache and trials—has touched the lives of countless individuals and made a lasting impact on the lives of those she interacts with. While the pandemic had brought a halt to her ability to do presentations, she has since been able to secure a vaccine and fully intends to continue her work at the age of 96 educating and giving speeches to school children.

During Women's History Month it is crucial to remember the hard-fought rights and freedoms gained by women like Kitty. Her bravery and determination highlight the efforts taken by those who came before us. While stories like Kitty's aren't often told or shared, her grit and force of will show how women can and must persist.

We can never forget our past and the atrocities that have been committed as there are still too many instances of bigotry and hate occurring today. It is through stories like Kitty's that we can bridge the experiences of those in the past and connect to the battles still to come.

Kitty's efforts to educate others and be an advocate is inspiring and I hope she can soon return to schools to remind the next generation to stay vigilant in the face of adversity and to be allies to those who face discrimination. I am proud to represent constituents like Kitty Williams, who aren't afraid to stand up for themselves and ensure the next generation

doesn't forget the past. In this third week of Women's History Month, I couldn't be happier to name Ms. Kitty Williams our Iowan of the Week.

EXPLANATION OF "NO" VOTE ON H.R. 1629

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I voted No on H.R. 1629. Although I support the bill, I do not support the tactics by which it was brought to the floor. H.R. 1629 was once a bipartisan bill but now, like so many other good bills, it will fail due to the pettiness of partisanship.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" EBEL, CITY MANAGER OF OVERLAND PARK

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William "Bill" Ebel, City Manager of Overland Park for his exemplary professional accomplishments. Mr. Ebel has been recognized by the American Public Works Association's as one of their "Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year".

Mr. Ebel has lived a life committed to public service. Before serving as city manager of Overland Park, Kansas, Mr. Ebel graduated from West Point and served for 21 years in the United States Army. He continued pursuing an interest in public service through his graduate studies in public administration and civil engineering.

In over a decade of public service as city manager, Mr. Ebel has prioritized solutions and innovation. He championed the Indian Creek Flood Control Project which solved flooding issues, created development opportunities, and demonstrated his commitment to building partnerships between the public and private sectors. This commitment to public-private partnerships has allowed Mr. Ebel to explore innovative financing solutions to fund development and infrastructure improvements. This is just a small glimpse into a lifetime of work that has led to this professional achievement.

One of the most rewarding parts of representing the Kansas Third District is hearing about the exemplary service and accomplishments of my fellow Kansans. Mr. Ebel is certainly no exception and I commend him for his dedication to our state and to our country.

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