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IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF MAYOR BRYAN K. BARNETT

HON. HALEY STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 23, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize the outstanding service of my dear friend and hometown mayor, Bryan K. Barnett, as he concludes his tenure as the 77th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Barnett is currently serving his fourth elected term as Mayor of Rochester Hills, Michigan, where he has fostered a distinguished community to live, work and raise a family. Through his leadership, Rochester Hills has become a national model in public safety, innovation, and civic engagement. I am proud to be represented by such a considerate and dedicated public figure.

He brought his extensive experience and unshakable hope with him to his role as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors this past year, where he was responsible for leading our nation's cities through what remains to be one of the greatest challenges of our lifetimes: the coronavirus pandemic. In this crisis, and throughout the implementation of resulting federal directives, he has shown relentless dedication to securing the necessary resources to keep our communities safe, and our businesses strong. Mayor Barnett has played an integral role in our pandemic response in Michigan's 11th District, and I am grateful for his steadfast partnership as we work toward recovery together.

In leading the organization, Mayor Barnett will be remembered for his unyielding optimism, commitment to bipartisan consensus, and belief in the unique power of local government. As he passes the presidential baton onto our good friend, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, we can be confident that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will continue to prosper and deliver for our cities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the unparalleled service of Mayor Bryan K. Barnett and his far-reaching contributions to our country as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.