

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

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Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Tualatin, Oregon, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

This remarkable city, located just south of the State's largest metropolitan area, serves as a gateway to the fertile farmland of the Willamette Valley, which was formed by a series of cataclysmic floods some 12,000–17,000 years ago.

The Tualatin River Basin has provided sanctuary and sustenance for a litany of ancestral occupants. This wide range of early and distinguished inhabitants included the Atfalati Tribe and the historic Tualatin Mastadon, which was unearthed in 1962 after 13,000 years and subsequently displayed at the Tualatin Public Library for public edification.

In 1850 the U.S. Congress passed the Donation Land Claim Act, which granted title to American settlers committed to productive cultivation of the land. Shortly after, from 1850–1853, 30 families took up permanent residence in the area. Initially known as Galbreath, then Bridgeport, the settlement was named Tualatin in 1887 and subsequently incorporated, by a vote of the townspeople, on August 18, 1913.

In the one hundred years since, Tualatin, Oregon has demonstrated a balanced approach to development—combining economic vitality and safe and beautiful neighborhoods with environmental stewardship to ensure a preeminent quality of life. Over 300 acres of award-winning parks and natural spaces delight residents and offer an abundance of recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The community is very proud to have recently celebrated 25 years as a designated Tree City USA.

The City of Tualatin harbors a first-rate educational system, visionary leadership, and public administrators of the highest caliber. An engaged and informed citizenry—critical to the success of every governmental body—actively participates in governance, supports a thriving business community, and sustains a range of cultural and artistic activities.

Mr. Speaker, one hundred years have passed since the incorporation of Tualatin, Oregon. It is a deep honor to represent this exceptional city in the U.S. Congress. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this centennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.
