

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARY DUBOIS IN CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Mary Dubois in celebration of her reaching the milestone 90th birthday.

As she reflects on the great memories and milestones that have highlighted the past ninety years, I know she will think fondly on all that she's accomplished and the positive impact she's had on New Hampshire.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Dubois on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ALVIN KREUZ

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Alvin Kreuz of Delta, Ohio. Al passed from this life on May 20 after being given 80 years surrounded by his loving family.

Al Kreuz was born in Swanton, Ohio to Jacob and Melvina Kreuz. He was the second youngest in a family of eleven children. After graduating high school, Al enlisted in the United States Army where he served from 1955 to 1957. After coming home, he married his wife Charlotte in 1959. Together over the next 57 years Al and Char raised a family of their own: sons Mike, Gary and Alvin John Jr and daughters, Laurie, Becky and Barbie. As the years passed they were later blessed with fourteen grandchildren.

Though he spent his professional career with Sohio Company and later in partnership at Toledo Radiator and Glass, Al's true passion as a businessman was his forty year career as owner and operator of Smith's Restaurant in Wauseon, Ohio. Just off the turnpike, featuring delicious home-cooked fare and outstanding pies, everyone in Fulton County and even further knew of Smith's Restaurant and Al and Char Kreuz and their family.

Long a business leader, Al had a strong commitment to community and wanted to serve his fellow citizens. He did so as an elected politician, serving three terms as a Fulton County Commissioner. As his obituary noted, "Vote for the man, not the party" was his slogan that earned him the distinction in 1980 of being the first Democrat elected in Fulton County in 48 years!" His tenure was marked by compassion and a devotion to the county and people he served. Fulton County,

Ohio and its residents truly benefitted from Al Kreuz's public service.

Not just a business and political leader, Al was also a leader in several civic associations including the Knights of Columbus, Wauseon Rotary, Catholic War Vets and the Delta F & M Advisory Board.

He also loved sports. His obituary highlights that "he was an integral member of a group that founded the Wauseon Racquet Club . . . As a lifelong athlete and sports enthusiast, his talents on the softball field, bowling alley, and golf course earned him many awards and accolades. He was most proud of his nine (no, you didn't misread this) holes-in-one. His skill never abated and for the last twelve years he continued to periodically shoot his age up until the end. As for bowling, his first and only perfect 300 game earned him a \$10,000 purse (ironically sponsored by Smith's Restaurant!). His love of athletics and teaching prompted him to volunteer as a coach with the CYO and St. Mary's (now Holy Trinity) basketball programs for 27 years. Additionally he coached little league and later assisted the Evergreen HS golf team." His love of sports and support of his teams is also evident in his claim as a University of Michigan Wolverines season ticket holder for 44 years. His favorite sporting events were those of his grandchildren, where he could always be counted on to be cheering for them on the sidelines.

As if his devotion to family, his business, community, civic organizations and sports teams was not enough, Al was also a talented tinkerer. As he was tinkering in his workshop he developed "an amazing talent in wood-working. Many of his family and friends continue to enjoy his labors of love" including me.

I was privileged to know Al Kreuz for more than thirty years and counted he and Char and their family among friends. For a decade we shared the goal of making life better in Fulton County, Ohio. Al Kreuz was a family man, business and civic leader, citizen statesman and so much more. His legacy is writ large in Fulton County, Ohio. His life and times, his service and talents are imprinted there as his good works of family and community carry forward.

H.R. 5456

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following extraneous materials on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

NEW YORK COALITION FOR
CHILD WELFARE FINANCE REFORM,
June 20, 2016.

DEAR NEW YORK STATE FEDERAL DELEGATION: As a coalition representing numerous child welfare stakeholders, including advocacy organizations, providers, parents' attorneys, children's attorneys and philanthropy

in New York, we are writing to express our support for H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and caring family, and the Family First Prevention Services Act would help ensure that more children have this opportunity.

The Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 contains many important provisions that would strengthen the child welfare system here in New York and make a significant impact in strengthening and keeping families together. For the first time, New York would be able to use federal dollars from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to provide time-limited, evidence-based services to families. The services are aimed to help prevent children from entering the foster care system by allowing federal reimbursement to families for mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parent skill-based programs. New York State and New York City are ahead of many other states and localities, having already invested a significant amount of resources to prevent foster care and enable children to live safely in their homes. The ability to access federal funding to enhance the work being done in New York, could enable many more families to remain intact.

In addition, the bill incentivizes states to ensure that children are placed in family-based settings by only allowing federal reimbursement after an assessment has occurred and it has been determined that the child should be placed in a quality residential treatment program. In addition, for those youth who are assessed to need to be placed in a congregate care setting, the law will ensure that these settings provide children with the trauma-informed and on-site services they need.

The legislation also includes a number of other provisions aimed to reform and strengthen the child welfare system including the extension of the Title IV-B program, improving supports for youth transitioning to adulthood, establishing model foster care licensing standards, and calling for a GAO review to examine compliance of states in reinvesting savings from the federal adoption assistance reimbursement for special needs kids.

We look forward to working with you to ensure these new child welfare finance reforms will truly benefit children who come to the attention of the child welfare system and to continue to explore additional improvements on their behalf to ensure they all have safe, permanent families. Thank you for your continuing leadership on behalf of these children. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Gendell from Citizens' Committee for Children.

The following Coalition members from New York support the Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456):

CASA-NYC,
Center for Family Representation, Citizens' Committee for Children, New Yorkers for Children, You Gotta Believe!

GRAHAM WINDHAM,
Children's Village, JCCA, Schulyer Center for Analysis and Advocacy.

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES,
Chicago, IL, June 22, 2016.

Illinois Department of Children and Family
Services Encourages Speedy Passage of
H.R. 5456

SPRINGFIELD, IL.—The U.S. House of Representatives this week approved H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act, to give Illinois and other states substantially more flexibility and federal support to keep families together and avoid reliance on foster care. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services stands in strong support of this legislation.

"This landmark legislation, years in the making, will help the Department achieve its primary goal of effectively working with families and children in crisis to prevent children from entering foster care," said Department of Children and Family Services Director George Sheldon in a letter to the Illinois Congressional Delegation. "This legislation is not only good for children and families, but for federal and state budgets as well. The evidence of what works in child welfare is almost universal in focusing on early intervention. Over the long term, evidence-based prevention services reduce the need for costly, long-term foster care and will improve outcomes for children and families."

The legislation is a dramatic change in federal support for states child welfare programs. For decades, the federal government has shared the cost of children in foster care but has offered little support for programs that help keep children out of foster care by helping troubled families. The new legislation provides federal matching dollars for programs that preserve families.

The legislation also limits state reliance on long-term residential treatment facilities rather than community-based family-type placements, including foster homes. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has been implementing this under the Rauner Administration by gradually transferring 350 children and youth to group homes and foster care.

The Family First Prevention Act was introduced on Friday, June 10, 2016 with strong bipartisan support. Ranking Republicans and Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee of Congress led the effort. On Tuesday, June 21, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5456 without opposition. The legislation now moves to the U.S. Senate.

Please see attached letter of support from Director Sheldon to the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES,
Chicago, IL, June 21, 2016.

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION: On behalf of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, I write in appreciation for the introduction and speedy consideration of H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act. This landmark legislation, years in the making, will help the Department achieve its primary goal of effectively working with families and children in crisis to prevent children from entering foster care.

The Family First Prevention Services Act allows states to invest federal foster care funds in evidence-based prevention services. This ends the counter-productive policy under which the federal government has provided long-term funding for kids in foster care, rather than spending to keep kids out of foster care. The legislation aims to reduce inappropriate congregate care placements and strengthens kinship navigator programs to ensure that kids can remain with family

whenever possible. By reducing the bureaucracy in licensing foster homes, the bill also will help attract good foster parents.

This legislation is not only good for children and families, but for federal and state budgets as well. The evidence of what works in child welfare is almost universal in focusing on early intervention. Over the long term, evidence-based prevention services reduce the need for costly, long-term foster care and will improve outcomes for children and families.

Governor Bruce Rauner has made it a priority to improve Illinois' child welfare system and DCFS has taken significant strides to do so. Over the past year, the Department has reduced the number of children in shelter care by 50 percent. With improved technology, DCFS has streamlined bureaucratic processes so our caseworkers can assist more families quickly and efficiently. Ahead of the policy included in H.R. 5456, at the state level we have worked to limit the length of time children are in congregate care and have moved 350 youth from residential facilities to foster care or other family settings. Those savings have been reinvested back into serving more kids.

Growing up in a program and not in a home leaves a hole in the heart of a foster child. A home is more than a place to live; it is a feeling of belonging. We want more of our youth to grow up with that feeling of belonging to a family. In order to do so, we need to help families long before they reach the crisis that prompts DCFS to intervene and take their children. I firmly believe this legislation will help us to accomplish this and ensure that all foster children find their "forever" home.

I thank you for your time and urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

GEORGE SHELDON,
*Director, Illinois Department
of Children and Families.*

FIRST FOCUS STATE POLICY ADVOCACY & REFORM CENTER,
Washington, DC, June 17, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,
*Chairman, Committee on Finance,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN,
*Chairman, Human Resources Subcommittee,
Committee on Ways and Means, House of
Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. SANDER LEVIN,
*Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and
Means, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.*

Hon. RON WYDEN,
*Ranking Member, Committee on Finance, U.S.
Senate, Washington, DC.*

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,
*Ranking Member, Human Resources Sub-
committee, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMEN BRADY AND HATCH, RANKING MEMBERS LEVIN AND WYDEN, CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT: As members of the State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center (SPARC), a coalition of state-based advocacy organizations committed to improving the safety, health and wellbeing of children and families involved in the child welfare system, we are writing to commend your efforts to advance policy changes to better support the needs of vulnerable children and families through the introduction and consideration of H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016.

Currently, there are 415,000 children in the foster care system, a number that has in-

creased by 3.5 percent from 2014. Nearly 31 percent of children placed in foster care were removed due to parental alcohol or drug use, and in some states, the percentage of removal due to parental substance abuse is closer to 60 percent. In addition, 57,000 children in foster care live in group homes or congregate care settings. More than 40 percent of these children have no clinical need to be in such a setting, and should be with families who can provide love and support.

The Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 contains many important provisions that address these poor statistics and will make a significant impact in strengthening and keeping families together. For the first time states will be able to use federal dollars from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to provide time-limited, evidence-based services to families. The services are aimed to help prevent children from entering the foster care system by allowing federal reimbursement to families for mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parent skill-based programs. In addition, the bill incentivizes states to ensure that children are placed in family-based settings by only allowing federal reimbursement after an assessment has occurred and it has been determined that the child should be placed in a quality residential treatment program.

The legislation also includes a number of other provisions aimed to reform and strengthen the child welfare system including the extension of the Title IV-B program, improving supports for youth transitioning to adulthood, establishing model foster care licensing standards, and calling for a GAO review to examine compliance of states in reinvesting savings from the federal adoption assistance reimbursement for special needs kids.

We look forward to working with you to ensure these new child welfare finance reforms will truly benefit children who come to the attention of the child welfare system and to continue to explore additional improvements on their behalf to ensure they all have safe, permanent families. Thank you for your continuing leadership on behalf of these children.

The following SPARC members support the Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456): Advocates for Children and Youth (Maryland)

Advocates for Children of New Jersey
Arkansas Advocates for Children
Center for Children's Justice (Pennsylvania)
Center for Public Policy Priorities (Texas)
Children's Action Alliance (Arizona)
Children's Advocacy Alliance (Nevada)
Child and Family Policy Center (Iowa)
Citizens' Committee for Children (New York)
Connecticut Voices for Children
First Focus Campaign for Children
Florida's Children First, Inc.
FosterAdopt Connect
Juvenile Law Center
Partners for Our Children (Washington)
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
Kansas Applesseed
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Michigan's Children
Nebraska Applesseed
New Mexico Voices for Children
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
The Mockingbird Society
Voices for Alabama's Children
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Voices for Ohio's Children
Youth Law Center (California)

TRIBUTE TO PINELLAS SUNCOAST
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the solidarity they expressed in their efforts to help Orlando.

The PSTA is giving free bus passes to individuals who wish to donate blood across Pinellas County in aid of the victims of the Orlando shooting. This is just one of the many ways in which Pinellas County has stood with Orlando in the wake of the attack to express our support and sympathies.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the PSTA for helping the Orlando victims and coordinating a county-wide effort for residents to donate blood. I ask that this body join me in recognizing the efforts of PSTA and in praying for all the families of those affected in Orlando. God Bless.

HONORING MANTECA CITY FIRE
CHIEF KIRK WATERS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Manteca City Fire Chief Kirk Waters, who has announced his retirement after 29 years of service.

Kirk always sought a career that allowed him to be of service to others, and ultimately received a degree from Pruitt College of Respiratory Therapy. After becoming a state-licensed respiratory therapist, he began working for the Modesto City Hospital.

In keeping with his devotion to service, Kirk applied for a position with the Manteca City Fire Department in March of 1986. Being the son of a firefighter, Kirk was captivated by the idea of following in his father's footsteps. He began his work in June of the following year, and quickly proved himself to be an invaluable member of the Department. He was subsequently promoted to the position of Firefighter Engineer in November of 1990. Due to his strong work ethic and desire to improve the community, Kirk was named Acting Captain in July of 1995. He was subsequently made Fire Captain the following year. He continued this trend of advancement by being named Fire Division Chief in February of 2005 and Fire Chief in November of 2009.

During his tenure as Chief, Kirk was responsible for speeding up response times in spite of a 40 percent increase in emergency calls. Furthermore, he orchestrated a plan to improve response efficiency at large structure fires through the strategic positioning of fire trucks. These are only two feats among the many innovative measures Chief Waters spearheaded during his tenure. He undoubtedly went above and beyond in his duty to improve public safety in the community.

Fire Chief, however, is not the only capacity through which Mr. Waters sought to benefit his community. In fact, Kirk serves on the Board of Directors for the Manteca/Lathrop Boys and

Girls Club, the Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Raymus HOPE Family Shelter. Along with all of these honorable commitments, Kirk makes time to coach youth basketball for the Manteca Parks and Recreation Department. It is clear that he has dedicated his life to service for others.

Kirk and his wife, Shelly, have 6 children, are very involved with their church, and enjoy remaining healthy and active. Following his retirement, Kirk will return to his roots as a respiratory therapist and help sick newborns at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to fire services in the city of Manteca by Chief Kirk Waters, and wish him continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LEIGH ANNE MOHLER

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Leigh Anne Mohler's achievements in winning the award of General Manager of the Year for Fairfield Inn and Suites.

Ms. Mohler has over 12 years of experience in sales and management. In September 2013, she joined the Fairfield Inn & Suites Clearwater team and has sought to take every business opportunity possible since. She has been able to successfully close 24 new accounts and increase their corporate occupancy through her exemplary work ethic and consummate drive.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Mohler for her tenacious business ethic in Pinellas County. Her hard work only serves to increase the amount of opportunities for our county and I ask that this body join me in recognizing Ms. Mohler for her incredible efforts.

IN CELEBRATION OF MR. ALBERT
"BARNEY" LAROCHE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Albert "Barney" LaRoche in celebration of reaching his 100th birthday.

As he reflects on the great memories that have highlighted the past one hundred years, I know he will think fondly on all that he's accomplished and the positive impact he's had on New Hampshire.

Mr. LaRoche was inducted into the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame on February 17, 2002 for all of his contributions to hockey in the Granite State. As a player for twenty two years, most notably with the Berlin Maroons, and as a coach for Notre Dame High School and later his beloved Maroons, Barney helped achieve impressive records for all the teams he worked with. His dedication to the sport of hockey and skill as a competitor and mentor have not been forgotten to enthusiasts in the Granite State and I

know they all join with me in wishing him a happy birthday.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. LaRoche on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,360,176,741,617.54. We've added \$8,733,299,692,704.46 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO LACEY EKBERG

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Lacey Ekberg for being named the new president of Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Ekberg has been named the new chamber president, but such a role is not alien to her. She previously served as the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce President with a self-proclaimed "call-it-as-I-see-it" attitude. She is determined to put the town on the map and I know she will work hard with business owners and the government to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Ekberg for her tenacity in her work for Tarpon Springs and Pinellas County. She has an admirable and diligent work ethic and I ask that this body join me in congratulating Ms. Ekberg on her new position.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 368 (Rep. Ellison amendment).

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote number 368.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY
BIGHAM

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mark the passing of Larry

Bigham, one of my constituents and a true servant of our community.

A native of Chester, South Carolina and proud graduate of The Citadel, Larry dedicated much of his free time—what little he had—in service to his community. In addition to owning a popular restaurant in Rock Hill, he served on the Rock Hill School Board, the Rock Hill Economic Development Board, the Santee Cooper Board, the Winthrop University Eagle Club Board, was actively engaged in the local Republican Party, and even ran for Congress—twice. His near-victories, in a part of the world long dominated by the other party, set the stage for many future wins, including my own: something that will never be lost on me.

Most importantly, Larry was a loving father, grandfather, and husband. I send my deepest condolences to all of them, and especially his wife, Kathy. Please know that Larry's lasting legacy will be the way in which he so positively impacted countless people in our community, and his memory will live on for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ANTONIETTA MONTIN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Antonietta Montin, a Largo resident celebrating her 105th birthday.

Ms. Montin was born in 1911 in New York City. She grew up with ten siblings, and she became known for her amazing story telling and her kind heart. She cherished her upbringing in a large family and decided to have one of her own. Today, Ms. Montin has three sons, six grandsons, and twelve great-grandchildren.

She has had the opportunity to travel the world, and frequently can be found sharing stories of these experiences with her friends and family. Ms. Montin is also known for her love of dancing, which she showed her guests at her 105th birthday this past May.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Antonietta Montin for her vivacity and kind heart. I wish her the best in her birthday celebrations and I ask that this body join me in recognizing Ms. Montin for her incredible life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED SHEHEEN

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mark the passing of Fred Sheheen, one of my constituents, a civil rights activist, and a true servant of our State.

Fred was born in 1937 in Camden, South Carolina to Austin and Lucile. He graduated from Camden High School, and later with honors from Duke University. He dedicated his life to serving his fellow South Carolinian and those less privileged. As the head of the State Commission on Higher Education for nearly a decade, he was instrumental in helping to

make the dream of higher education for all people a reality.

Fred is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Rose, his daughters Maria and Margaret, and brothers Austin and Robert, and his grandchildren Austin, Joseph, Anthony, William, Robert, David, Olivia, and Thomas.

Fred is also survived by his son, Vincent. Vincent and I served together in the South Carolina Senate, and I consider him a friend. Fred went to his grave knowing that his son is a good and honest man, an earnest public servant, a good father and husband, and a devout Catholic. I can think of no better memorial to any man than to have a son like Vince.

Fred changed the lives of many for the better, and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

TRIBUTE TO STAY AND PLAY INITIATIVE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Tampa's Stay and Play initiative for helping reduce crime among teenagers in our cities.

Last year, the city of Tampa launched the initiative to help provide a safe space for kids after there was an increase in gun-related crime in the local area. The more than 16,000 teens that participated, all aged between 13 and 19 years old, were granted free passes to recreation centers which stayed open later than usual. As a consequence of the initiative, the homicide rate fell significantly in the following weeks.

The initiative is returning this summer, and food will be served at a few of the locations. In addition, this year's program will include computing, cooking, music and art classes. The initiative provides the students with an invaluable opportunity to pursue alternative life choices away from crime.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn and the Stay and Play initiative for giving our children a better chance to succeed in life. The program has helped build stronger communities and save lives, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

THEY STAND

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following poem by Albert Carey Caswell.

THEY STAND.

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED POLICE OFFICERS OF DALLAS—CORPORAL LORNE AHRENS, OFFICER MICHAEL KROL, SERGEANT MICHAEL SMITH, OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON, OFFICER PATRICK ZAMARRIPA

They Stand,
so we can keep
All our freedoms we so seek
They Stand to keep the peace
To serve and protect while all their families
weep

Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers who in freedom do so believe

All out there on that thin blue line,
walking out the front door kissing their
loved ones goodbye
Knowing full well that this might be their
last time

They care so very deep,
as why they wear their hearts out on their
sleeves

Quiet heroes who on the front lines help all
of those in need

As why they care in them believe

As why it hurts so very bad,

so very deep

“Let not today be like most days”

stand behind them all in hearts always

Because, They Stand for what is true

As why They have devoted their entire life
to you

They need your love and support,

to help them fight the darkness to thwart

To serve and protect and never neglect

To keep you safe without regret

They swore a sacred oath,

all in their heroic hues of blue to serve and
protect to give the most

As They fight the darkness when it comes
into view

While, others run away from harm,

towards the darkness they so swarm

Brothers and Sisters coming together in a
bond so very warm

Who for each other are willing to die

Police and First Responders,

all in this brilliance born ready to lay down
their lives

For heaven holds a place,

for such selfless and gallant men and women
of honor and grace

As now we see their tears upon their face

As one They Stand up against this evil to
erase

And Hate Is Hard and it makes me cry.

When, I see those tears in their loved ones
eyes

Whose, beloved ones will never see another
sun rise

Brothers and Sisters who ask why

Boys and Girls without Moms and Dads,

Husbands and Wives who've lose the best
friends they ever had

Mothers and Fathers,

whose precious Sons and Daughters Gave
That Last Full Measure so sad

But the darkness is no match for the light

As five new Angels have risen up to heaven
this night

Could you,

or would you stand?

To save the life of another woman, child, or
man

All out there on that thin blue line,

while every day and night it happens all over
again

All across Dallas this night there comes a
gentle rain

As our Lords tears wash down upon their
families to remain

to ease their pain

Until, up in Heaven they meet again,

and won't have to cry no more

Let not us find Hate

Let us find respect for such men and women
of such hearts of grace

For these are The Stars of Texas,

who provide the bed of freedom and safety
for this great State

Thank them now,

please show them how

how much you care for them who walk on
that thin blue who death awaits

“United we stand,

divided we will fall” ALL LIVES MATTER
most of all,

“not the color of your skin” answer Dr.
King's clarion call

"Let not today be like most days" as on
bended knee we now so pray
Let us find peace,
let us find love,
let us unite for all of those Who Stand in
harm's way above

TRIBUTE TO INDIAN ROCKS BEACH DEPUTIES AND FIREFIGHTERS

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Indian Rocks Beach deputies and firefighters for their efforts in locating a missing girl, Emma, who was four years old.

On April 23, 2016, Indian Rock Beach City Commissioner Cookie Kennedy and her family were enjoying themselves on the beach, when a man approached them asking for help looking for a little girl named Emma who was in town to visit and who was lost. No one knew where Emma had gone, but it was not long before the whole town joined in the search for her.

The police and fire department worked tirelessly to find Emma, and with the help of the whole town, Emma was eventually found unharmed. Emma's mother, Jennifer Lewis, is extremely grateful to all of the residents of Indian Rocks Beach, and especially, the fast response of the police and fire departments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the residents of Indian Rocks Beach for actively responding to their call for action. I am proud to serve as the Representative for this community and request that this body join me in recognizing their heroic actions.

REMARKS HONORING MR. BRIAN LEIGH DUNNIGAN

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished resident of New York's 27th District, Mr. Brian Leigh Dunnigan. Mr. Dunnigan served as Executive Director of Old Fort Niagara from 1979 to 1996. During his 17-year tenure, he greatly improved operations and programs at the site, and conducted groundbreaking research that made the Fort a leader in historical interpretation. He researched and authored numerous books and articles on the history of the Fort and the region, setting new standards for historical accuracy. His works include the definitive history of the Siege of Fort Niagara in 1759 and seminal works on the history of the French Castle and the North and South Redoubts. He also authored the Fort's guidebook, which is currently used as guidance for visitors to the historic site.

His proudest achievements include the creation of professional interpretive programming focused on the British occupation of the Fort in 1779, the organization of a series of special events based on events of the Fort's history, the inception of a collections storage facility and archaeology lab, and the acquisition of the Fort's most-prized artifact, the 1812 Garri-

son Flag. Mr. Dunnigan's research on the Battle of la Belle Famille determined the true location of this historic engagement, which will be dedicated this year in a special ceremony. For his scholarship, leadership, and dedication to historical accuracy and authenticity, we honor him today.

REMARKS HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL THOMAS SCHAEFER

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished Colonel Thomas Schaefer, an American hero. Colonel Schaefer was born in Western New York and spent much of his childhood at his parents' cottage, "The Cottonwood," on Honeoye Lake. Colonel Schaefer eventually joined the military and was the highest-ranking United States military officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran when it was seized by a group of Iranian students on November 4, 1979. During the next 444 days in captivity, Colonel Schaefer bore the brunt of the Iranian hostile actions and intimidation due to his senior position. During his captivity, his Iranian captors frequently threatened to execute him. Despite these dire conditions, Colonel Schaefer displayed tremendous leadership and bravery. Colonel Schaefer was among the last hostages to be released, finally returning to his family on January 20, 1981.

Two years after he was released from Iran, Colonel Schaefer retired from the Air Force to undertake a new mission. Described by his family as enduringly positive, Schaefer turned to a career as a motivational speaker, focusing on the importance of never giving up in the face of hardship. As a professional speaker, he spoke to more than 250,000 people about his own experiences with adversity.

Colonel Thomas Schaefer recently passed away at the age of 85 in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he has lived with his wife, Anita, for the past 30 years. His family is exceptionally proud of the thousands of lives he impacted and his actions as a leader, father, and husband. In describing how he wanted to be remembered, Schaefer remarked, "for being a good guy." It's safe to say he achieved his goal.

Colonel Schaefer will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. I want to thank Colonel Schaefer for his brave service to our nation, and remember the thousands of lives he has positively impacted.

HONORING CALVIN LANGEJANS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Calvin Langejans on his retirement from serving as a chorale director and music instructor in Holland, Michigan for 57 years.

Cal is well known in the Holland community because he embraced his God-given musical

talents and used them to serve those around him. In 1959, Mr. Langejans founded the Holland Chorale for which he served as director for 40 years. He also served as the music chair, the band director, and the orchestra director in West Ottawa Schools, demonstrating his commitment to students and the community by fostering young talent. Today, he continues to conduct the Evergreen Chorale, an ensemble of more than 100 voices.

Throughout his career, Cal never ceased to put his students and those in his community before himself. Many of his students remember his policy of charging \$500 if a student was found without a pencil to record instructions in their notes. The singers and musicians who performed under Mr. Langejans always appreciated his dedication to teaching the importance of knowledge, creativity, and loyalty. Cal was also able to travel and perform around the country, giving students the ability to share their talents in communities throughout the United States.

As a member of his community in West Michigan, I am one of many who thank Cal for his outstanding achievements. From his dedicated leadership in our schools to his work in Tulip Time, Mr. Langejans has had an immeasurable impact on so many lives. He will be greatly missed and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Calvin Langejans for his passionate teachings and service to his students and community.

TRIBUTE TO TAMPA LOWRY PARK ZOO

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Tampa Lowry Park Zoo for celebrating their 25 years in service on June 15, 2016.

In 1991, the zoo opened up the David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Hospital to provide for sick and wounded manatees. In the last 25 years, more than 400 of the endangered species have come through to receive treatment for boat strikes, red tide sickness, cold stress, or entanglement.

The non-profit Lowry Park Zoo hospital is one of the three federally permitted rehabilitation facilities in the state and the Zoo also serves to educate the public on how to better protect manatees.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Lowry Park Zoo for their efforts to help save and protect these endangered species. Not only do they provide exceptional care, but also an invaluable education in preserving wildlife. I ask that this body join me in recognizing and thanking them for their efforts.

CONGRATULATING AGA KHAN ON HIS 59TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE ISMAILI MUSLIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in

all of America. Our diversity is part of what makes the greater Houston area a strong example of the melting pot that comprises this great nation.

I appreciate the Ismaili community's engagement with the broader community—in culture, business, education, and civic affairs. The Ismaili community provides important contributions to our community and we appreciate all that you do to embrace Texas and America as your home.

Today, I would like to acknowledge a special anniversary for the Ismaili community. On July 11th, the Aga Khan will celebrate 59 years as Imam of the Ismaili Muslims. The role of the Imam is both to interpret the faith to the community, and also to do all he can to improve the quality and security of their daily lives.

The Aga Khan emphasizes the view of the religion of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance, promotes the role of the intellect and upholds the dignity of man, God's noblest creation.

I congratulate the Aga Khan on his 59th year as Imam and wish him and the Ismaili Muslim community in the United States every success in their continued efforts to improve the lives of people around the world.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, focusing on ensuring successful implementation of physician payment reforms.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy

To hold hearings to examine United States policy options in the South China Sea; to be immediately followed by a Full Committee hearing to examine the nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Rena Bitter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine NASA at a crossroads, focusing on reasserting American leadership in space exploration.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on the struggle for families and a looming crisis for Medicare.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine Zika in the Western Hemisphere, focusing on risks and response.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine researching the potential medical benefits and risks of marijuana.

SD-226

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine campus safety, focusing on improving prevention and response efforts.

SD-106

JULY 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity and United States national security.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine evaluating the financial risks of China.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 515, welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States and reaffirming Singapore's strategic partnership with the United States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counterterrorism cooperation, S. Con. Res. 41, expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, S. Con. Res. 42, to express the sense of Congress regarding the safe and expeditious resettlement to Albania of all residents of Camp Liberty, and the nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Greece, Anne Hall, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Lawrence Robert Silverman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Iran nuclear agreement.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders on proposed regulations.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2763, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis, an original bill entitled, "Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act of 2016", and the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, and Kathleen Marie Sweet, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine how venture capitalists and angel investors fund entrepreneurs and startup companies.

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| 2 p.m. | | POSTPONEMENTS | view of anti-abuse efforts by Federal |
| Select Committee on Intelligence | | | authorities and private insurers. |
| To receive a closed briefing on certain | | JULY 13 | SD-342 |
| intelligence matters. | | 2 p.m. | |
| | SH-219 | Committee on Homeland Security and | |
| | | Governmental Affairs | |
| | | Permanent Subcommittee on Investiga- | |
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| | | To hold hearings to examine combatting | |
| | | the opioid epidemic, focusing on a re- | |