

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 130th Anniversary of First African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Pasadena, California, for their proud history and countless contributions to our community.

Established in 1887, just one year after the founding of the City of Pasadena, First AME Church was organized at the home of Joseph Holmes, the first black settler in the city. The church became one of the first places where African Americans in the area could come together as a community. This was not without its challenges, as the small church faced hostility and opposition from their neighbors, forcing the congregation to move frequently before finally finding a long-term home in 1913.

With this stability, First AME became a mainstay in the community and a catalyst for social change in Pasadena throughout the 20th Century. As a leader in the African American community's fight for racial equality, First AME was instrumental in efforts to desegregate Pasadena public schools, integrate the city's public workforce and main public pool, and in founding the Pasadena chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Today, First AME continues its proud tradition of service to the community—hosting events to feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide job training, and collect clothing for those in need, all while offering a safe place for congregants to come together in worship.

On this momentous anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating First AME Church of Pasadena and its congregants for 130 years of proud service to their congregants and community.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW PARIS, OHIO

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and celebrate the 200th Anniversary of New Paris, Ohio. The bicentennial celebration is a historical benchmark for New Paris, as well as the State of Ohio.

In the 1800s, pioneers from Kentucky traveled north in covered wagons and settled in a valley 50 miles west of Dayton, Ohio, on the border of Indiana. There, they built family homes and a local church. In 1817, founders James Fleming and Andrew Ireland named

the town "New Paris" after the City of Paris in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Songwriter Benjamin R. Hanby made New Paris known throughout the entire country after he composed the Christmas song, "Up On the House Top" in 1864.

The first school opened in 1818, and its first newspaper was established in 1844. By 1865, New Paris' 650 residences were very involved in agriculture and developed cotton mills, tanneries, pork-packing plants and had a meat market.

Over the past 200 years, New Paris, Ohio has developed a rich heritage and a high level of community involvement that would make its forefathers proud. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the citizens, elected officials and businesses in New Paris on their rich history, and bright future ahead.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAFFORD AND FRIGO RADIO SHOW

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the 20th Anniversary of Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo's Stafford and Frigo Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In 1971, Trey Stafford started his radio career at KPCA-AM in Marked Tree, Arkansas, and for the last 46 years he has dedicated his life to entertaining radio listeners exclusively in our home state.

Similarly, Jim Frigo started his own radio career in 1977 at KAWW-AM in Heber Springs, and this year marks his 40th year on the airwaves exclusively in Arkansas.

Back in 1997, KDXY radio station in Jonesboro changed its format to country music and became known in the community as 104.9 The Fox, and ever since the station has been a mainstay of northeast Arkansas radio.

On September 15, 1997, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo teamed up with the late Mark Ford to form the Stafford, Frigo and Ford Radio Show on KDXY 104.9 The Fox. After Mark Ford's untimely death in November, 2004, Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo continued on with the show as Stafford and Frigo.

September 15, 2017 will mark 20 years that Trey Stafford and Jim Frigo have been on the same radio show continuously, now known as Stafford and Frigo.

In those 20 years, Stafford and Frigo has become the premiere talk show in Jonesboro, and for their commitment to each other, their city, and indeed our entire region, please join me in honoring their past two decades on the air.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the Jackson Lee Amendment and to commend Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor.

Among other agencies, this legislation funds the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park System, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Most Americans do not know that this bill also funds a very special program, the National Recreation and Preservation.

Mr. Chair, the Jackson Lee Amendment is simple but it sends a very important message from the Congress of the United States.

The Jackson Lee Amendment provides:

Sec. . . None of the funds made available by this Act for the "DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE—NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION" may be used in contravention of section 461 of title 16, United States Code.

And 16 U.S. Code § 461 provides that:

It is declared that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States.

This is important, especially as it relates to National Heritage Areas (NHAs).

NHAs both preserve our national heritage and provide economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

Through public-private partnerships, NHA entities support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects.

Leveraging funds and long-term support for projects, NHA partnerships generate increased economic impact for regions in which they are located.

In 2012, a nationally respected consulting firm (Tripp Umbach) completed a comprehensive economic impact study of six NHA sites in the Northeast Region that also included an extrapolation of the economic benefit of all 49 NHA sites on the national economy.

The annual economic impact was estimated to be \$12.9 billion.

The economic activity supports approximately 148,000 jobs and generates \$1.2 billion annually in Federal revenues from sources

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such as employee compensation, proprietor income, indirect business tax, households, and corporations.

The study quantified the economic impacts of individual NHAs based upon a case study approach and found that the economic impact of the three National Historic Areas in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania showed:

1. Essex National Heritage Area (MA) generates \$153.8 million in economic impact, supports 1,832 jobs, and generates \$14.3 million in tax revenue.

2. Oil Region National Heritage Area (PA) generates \$21.2 million in economic impact, supports 314 jobs, and generates \$1.5 million in tax revenue; and

3. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (AZ) \$22.7 million in economic impact, supports 277 jobs, and generates \$1.3 million in tax revenue.

Mr. Chair, as I said there are 49 NHA across the nation but, surprisingly, none in my state of Texas.

We hope to rectify this in the not too distant future.

Texas is the largest and second most populous state in the nation and has a unique story in American history with its diverse geographic landscape, natural resources, and population.

From Galveston's port, East Texas' farms and forestry, and the Buffalo Soldiers, Texas has a rich multi-cultured heritage and history.

To honor Texas' heritage, I will be working with my colleagues to establish the "Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area Corridor" that stretches across historically significant and landmark sites from Galveston to Houston and East Texas into Central Texas.

The Emancipation Trail National Heritage Area will be a corridor focusing on and highlighting the area's rich history and culturally significant events, places, and natural sites, as well as roadways, businesses, residential and farm districts that unite Texas' heritage from the first settlers to modern times.

Mr. Chair, as we approach the 51st anniversary of the passage of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, we want to preserve and unite the legacy stories of some of our state's most revered sites.

Currently underway in Houston is the revitalization of the historic Emancipation Park, a pivotal site in the state's social and cultural development and African American legacy.

The future Emancipation Park, when brought to fruition and designated as a part of the proposed Emancipation Trail National Heritage Corridor, represents a unique opportunity to tell a comprehensive story about the great State of Texas.

Of course, there is much work to do to bring this project to fruition, including necessary reclamation and restoration operations in areas adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey.

That is why H.R. 3686, the Hurricane Harvey Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017, which I introduced earlier this week allocates \$800 million to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund.

To conclude, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are both a good investment and national treasure providing economic benefits to communities and regions through their commitment to heritage conservation and economic development.

For all these reasons, Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of the Jackson Lee Amendment.

I thank Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM for their work in putting together this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to the impending landfall of Hurricane Irma in Florida, I departed Washington, D.C. to be in my district during this natural disaster.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 467; YEA on Roll Call No. 468; YEA on Roll Call No. 469; YEA on Roll Call No. 470; NAY on Roll Call No. 471; YEA on Roll Call No. 472; NAY on Roll Call No. 473; YEA on Roll Call No. 474; NAY on Roll Call No. 475; NAY on Roll Call No. 476; NAY on Roll Call No. 477; YEA on Roll Call No. 478; YEA on Roll Call No. 479; NAY on Roll Call No. 480; YEA on Roll Call No. 481; YEA on Roll Call No. 482; NAY on Roll Call No. 483; and YEA on Roll Call No. 484.

COMMEMORATING THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Macedonian Caucus co-chairs Representatives DINGELL and BOYLE, rise to recognize the 26th anniversary of Macedonia's independence. On September 8, 1991, the people of the Republic of Macedonia voted to end their centuries-long struggle for a free, independent and sovereign Macedonian Republic in Southeast Europe. Macedonian Independence Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the Macedonian-American community's substantial contributions within the United States. This month will also mark the 22nd year of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Macedonia. We extend our congratulations to all of Macedonian heritage for their accomplishments as we commemorate this anniversary of Macedonia's independence. As a critical ally, we underscored the importance of supporting this young democracy. Therefore, we include in the RECORD the following letter to Secretary of State Tillerson:

DEAR SECRETARY TILLERSON:

As members of the Macedonia Caucus and friends of Macedonia, together with our partners in NATO and the EU, we have been closely watching the developing political situation in Macedonia. As Macedonia continues on a path toward a stronger future, we see a tremendous opportunity to further promote a strong relationship with this key Balkan ally.

Since the establishment of full diplomatic relations in 1995, the United States of America has readily supported Macedonia's aspirations for full integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions, and remains committed to helping Macedonia strengthen its democratic foundations. A vibrant, multi-cultural country, Macedonia has a positive future ahead, and we look forward to engaging with Macedonia to ensure that it realizes this potential.

Despite common interests and a growing security and economic partnership, the last

time a Secretary of Defense visited Macedonia was a decade ago, and it's been almost 15 years since a Secretary of State visited Skopje. With Macedonia beginning a crucial portion of its contemporary history, and non-state and state actors like Russia looking to exploit and influence vulnerable countries in the region, the dynamics in the Balkans present an exceptional opportunity to show Macedonia that the United States of America recognizes the value of strengthening this relationship.

As you work to develop the European policy of the administration, we hope that you will see it is in the best interests of the United States to further our relationship with Macedonia, as we strive for a safer and freer world. We stand ready to assist you in your efforts to actively promote this bilateral relationship.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter and we look forward to your leadership on this issue.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN D. LOCKHART

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. John D. Lockhart (known as Jack)—patriot and public servant, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather—who passed away on October 24, 2015. Mr. Lockhart cared deeply for his family, friends and community. His personality and presence are sorely missed and will never be forgotten.

Mr. Lockhart was born in 1934 in Staten Island, New York. He attended Port Richmond High School where he played on the baseball team. He studied at St. John's University in Queens. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

In 1959, Mr. Lockhart joined the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), beginning a 24-year career as a first responder assigned to Engine Co. 10/Ladder Co. 15 in Lower Manhattan. He retired in 1983.

In addition to his public service, Mr. Lockhart was also a successful businessman who owned his own company and was the recipient of numerous building awards on Staten Island. He could build or fix just about anything. He enjoyed working on cars, a skill he spent many weekend hours passing on to his sons.

Mr. Lockhart was an avid sports fan and cheered for the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants. In his free time, he played baseball and football in adult leagues and was a fixture on the FDNY championship softball team. Upon his retirement, Mr. Lockhart managed the Renaissance Knights softball team in Manchester, New Jersey.

In life, Mr. Lockhart exemplified the definition of dedication to his family. He was a constant source of love and wisdom for his family and friends.

In 1958, while spending time on the beach, Mr. Jack Lockhart spotted Ms. Joan Pucillo. Pretending to injure his ankle, Mr. Lockhart was able to chat Ms. Pucillo up when she went to check on him. They went on to fall in love and were married for 57 years. Jack and Joan raised five wonderful children—David, Deirdre, Christopher, Greg, Stephen, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I recall the words of novelist George Eliot, "The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts." Mr. Lockhart didn't make history, but he certainly grew good and kindness in the world as a public servant, businessman, friend and family man.

And so, I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Mr. Jack Lockhart's exemplary life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained, and so I missed Roll Call vote number 439 regarding Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

I also missed Roll Call vote number 440 regarding Improving Access to Capital Act, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION WARREN McKEON POST 587

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of American Legion Warren McKeon Post 587 as its members celebrate the 75th Anniversary of their charter in Foresthill, California.

The American Legion was first incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization dedicated to continued devotion of America's service members and veterans. Hundreds of local American Legion posts around the country strengthen our nation one community at a time, and the Warren McKeon Post is no exception to that standard.

The American Legion Warren McKeon Post 587 was founded on September 11, 1942—just nine months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The Post is named in honor of Warren Alexander McKeon, who was raised at Yankee Jim's, located three miles from Foresthill, CA, and served in the 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division in World War I. Private McKeon was killed in action on July 18, 1918 and buried at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

The Post's 160 members serve a number of different charities including the Veterans Home of California, Travis Air Force Base Fisher House, American Legion Boys State, and Boy Scouts of America, in addition to sending care packages for troops deployed overseas.

To honor the sacrifices made by the men and women who have put themselves in harm's way to defend our nation, American Legion Warren McKeon Post 587 has built a veterans monument in front of the Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall. The monument, to be dedicated on September 11, 2017, will serve

as a permanent reminder of our nation's sacrifice in the pursuit of a free and prosperous democracy.

Mr. Speaker, the significance of this day is lost on no one. Not only is September 11th the 75th anniversary of the chartering of American Legion Warren McKeon Post 587, it also marks 16 years since the deadliest terror attack on American soil.

The monument will commemorate the heroism, selflessness, devotion and patriotism of the men and women of our nation who answered the call when our nation needed their service.

Mr. Speaker, our veterans deserve to know their contributions will never be forgotten, and it is my privilege to rise in recognition of the efforts of American Legion Warren McKeon Post 587 to honor those who stepped forth from the safety of hearth and home and into mortal peril to protect their fellow citizens.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE LOST AND THOSE WHO GAVE AND RISKED THEIR LIVES DURING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on this, the 16th anniversary of the attack launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, I rise to remember the victims of that horrific tragedy and those first-responders who risked, and in too many cases, sacrificed their lives to rescue the occupants of the besieged World Trade Center Towers.

The morning of September 11, 2001 is, and will always be, a day like no other. It is a day all living Americans will remember because not since Pearl Harbor had there been such a dastardly and deadly attack on American soil.

As I stand here today, my heart still grieves for those who perished on flights United Airlines 93, American Airlines 77, American Airlines 11, and United Airlines 175.

When the sun rose on the morning of September 11, none of us knew that it would end in an inferno in the magnificent World Trade Center Towers in New York City and the Pentagon and in the grassy fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

I stand here remembering those who still suffer, whose hearts still ache over the loss of so many innocent and interrupted lives.

My prayer is that for those who lost a father, a mother, a husband, a wife, a child, or a friend will in the days and years ahead take comfort in the certain knowledge that they have gone on to claim the greatest prize, a place in the Lord's loving arms.

And down here on the ground, their memory will never die so long as any of the many of us who loved them lives.

Mr. Speaker, as hard as it is to believe, out of a tragedy so overwhelming and horrific, something good and great emerged in the aftermath of September 11.

On that day there were no Republicans or Democrats. There were no Northerners or Southerners or West or East Coasters.

We were not Red State or Blue State. We were all simply Americans.

On that day, we were united in our shock and anger and sadness. We were united in our resolve to defend our country and protect the freedoms that have made America the greatest country in the history of the world.

We lit candles, held hands, helped neighbors, and prayed for our country and its leaders.

A united America can never be defeated as Operation Enduring Freedom showed.

The brave and valiant armed forces of the United States swiftly toppled the Taliban and liberated Afghanistan.

As President George W. Bush announced to the American people and to the world: "Whether the terrorists are brought to justice or justice is brought to the terrorists, justice will be done."

And though he ran and hid for almost ten years, Osama bin Ladin could not hide forever and evade the long arm of American justice, which, under the leadership of President Barack Obama, caught up with him on May 2, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, Americans take care of their own. Americans cherish freedom. Americans cherish liberty. And Americans want peace.

Not just for themselves alone, but all persons in every corner of the globe.

Mr. Speaker, ensuring that America is safe and secure and protected from another attack on American soil is the least we owe to the heroic passengers on Flight 93 and to the brave firefighters of the FDNY and officers of the NYPD and the officers and civilians we lost in the Pentagon who gave faithful service to our nation.

I believe all Americans want their country to remain safe, free, and invulnerable to another cowardly attack like the one we witnessed sixteen years ago today.

We owe that much to the Americans who lost and gave their lives.

We owe it to them to ensure that their children and loved ones will never again experience such pain, suffering, and loss.

We can do this. We must do this. After all, we are Americans.

A 9/11 MEMORIAL IN COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing on September 11, 2001—I was in Washington chairing a Veteran's Affairs hearing—when a group of cowards hijacked airliners in order to perpetrate the worst act of terrorism in American history.

No one remembers the shock, horror and numbing sorrow more, however, than the families and close friends of the victims.

Because it was a surprise attack, there was no chance to fight back that day although when New Jersey's Todd Beamer and other passengers learned what happened to the Twin Towers, Todd famously said "let's roll!" and attacked the terrorists on board the flight that crashed in a Pennsylvania field to preclude another jet from being used as a missile.

Who can forget the courageous first responders running up the stairs of burning buildings—with total disregard for their own safety—saving some at the expense of their own lives.

On the morning of 9/11, I got a mere glimpse—I say again a glimpse—into the sense of horror suffered by the victim's families when I couldn't reach my own brother Tom—an American Airlines 757 Captain who often piloted Flight 11 from Logan to LA, the flight that crashed into the North Tower.

Stuck in traffic within sight of the burning Pentagon, cell phones were all but gridlocked. At noon, I got through. He and his flight attendant wife Sandy were safe but were in anguish because they knew the pilots and crew on board Flight 11.

For the families of the victims—and I got to know and work with several including Kathy Wisniewski who lost her husband and today works on my staff, the Jersey Girls and Theresa Velardi, the news that day was absolutely devastating.

Both then—and now 16 years later—words are still inadequate to convey our empathy for those who died and for the victim's families.

For many, their faith in God has helped them survive and overcome.

Yet for 16 years, the families have had to endure their loss and a broken heart.

Which reminds me of that haunting song in *Les Miserables* after one of the main characters loses many of his friends in a battle at a barricade:

There's a grief that can't be spoken
There's a pain goes on and on;
Empty chairs and empty tables . . .
Where my friends will meet no more . . .

Yes, empty chairs and empty tables in New Jersey and elsewhere but those chairs and tables are not empty in heaven.

Yesterday, I attended a 9/11 memorial in Colts Neck, New Jersey. Theresa Velardi, who lost her dad, Paul James Furrato, on September 11, was eloquent in her moving statement, which I include in the RECORD:

I have not spoken at a memorial like this before, so I hope you will all bear with me as I try to get through this. First, I want to thank Lillian for giving me the opportunity to speak today. I would like to thank everyone who takes care of this memorial and the township of Colts Neck for providing me with a place to come to remember and to be with my Dad. And I also want to thank all of you for coming out today and always keeping the families and first responders of 9/11 in your hearts and your prayers.

My father, Paul James Furrato, was an institutional sales trader and a Vice-President at Cantor Fitzgerald. He was taken away from me 16 years ago and my entire family dynamic was changed. I remember waking up morning after morning watching my mother fight back her tears and try her best to raise 3 children on her own. I remember waking up every day after the twin towers crashed wondering, "does this mean Dad is really never coming home?" I remember being a Girl Scout in Colts Neck and having to skip Father-Daughter dances because my father was murdered. I remember hoping and praying, even years later, that my Dad would come walking through the door one day and that this was all a really horrible dream.

But it wasn't a dream. And my family would be changed forever. The entire country would be changed forever. You don't remember much from when you were 6, but you never forget the feeling of losing a fa-

ther. You never forget the pain, the devastation, or the confusion. And it wasn't just my family. Families from around the country lost loved ones. There was true devastation felt all around after the twin towers fell. The country went into a state of shock.

But shortly thereafter, something incredible happened. We came together. We united with those around us and worked towards repairing New York City, repairing broken families, and repairing the damage in our hearts. In this country, we support each other. In Monmouth County, we support each other. And in my hometown Colts Neck, we support each other. This community picked each other up off the ground. I remember Cedar Drive Middle School teachers and Conover Road Elementary School teachers showing up at my house days after with food and condolences. All types of Colts Neck residents showed up at my door to lend my mom the support and prayers she truly needed.

As devastating as 9/11 was for my family and for our entire community, it reminded all of us to help each other and look out for one another. It reminded us that no matter how bad things may get, there is always a better tomorrow. No matter what age we are or what troubles we face, we can overcome. We can fight through it and we can work together to rebuild.

My father's life was taken from him at 37 years old. My mother lost her husband, her soul mate after spending 17 years with him. She was left with heartbreak and three children at impressionable ages. Yet she continued to wake up every morning to provide and to care for her children. She refused to let the hatred of others consume her own heart and mind. I grew up watching a woman never give up and I knew I wanted to follow in her footsteps.

I am 22 years old. I'm a college graduate from Fordham University with a double degree in Philosophy and Political Science. I run an office as the Executive Director at the Monmouth County Republican Committee. I am working towards my J.D. at Seton Hall Law School on the weekends. I live on my own and I try my very best to balance everything going on in my life. I strive every single day to make my Father proud in Heaven. When life becomes overwhelming or stressful or it all just feels like too much, I come here and I sit right on that bench with Paul James Furrato's name on it. I sit here with my Father beside me. Just this past week, my world felt like it was caving in. But I came here and I sat with my Dad. I prayed I was making him proud in Heaven and I promised him yet again that I will continue to work hard every single day to be the best daughter I can be no matter what life throws my way.

At times, life gets difficult. I have seen that and experienced that first hand. We see heartbreak and disasters like the storms passing through Texas and Florida just this past week. The only thing we can do when life hits us hard is overcome. We have to reflect on tragedies like 9/11 and allow them to help us grow.

REINFORCING EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY IN DEVELOPMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this vital agreement brokered be-

tween the President and Congressional leaders. This is a must pass bill to bring much-needed relief to those devastated by Hurricane Harvey and those who will be hit by Hurricane Irma. Indeed, it allows for a short-term extension of the debt ceiling to avoid default and keeps our government functional at a time of natural disaster and ongoing crisis.

Thank you to the President and our Leadership for pulling the nation back from the brink again. I hope that it will bring a return to bipartisan compromise and regular order. We must move away from the destabilizing cycle of moving from one manufactured crisis to the next, with no adopted budget for FY 2018 resulting in arbitrary spending allocations passed down from the Majority's Leadership.

Congress should provide the American people with a 2018 final budget to assure a government funded at a level that provides stability and security.

Let's put politics aside and pass this bill. Then, let us embark on bipartisan negotiations to develop a new budget agreement which allows for adequate caps for both defense and non-defense spending.

I urge my colleagues to support this package for the benefit of our nation.

NEW YORK TIMES OP-ED BY GOVERNOR CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman wrote recently in The New York Times about "the dangerous political turn of an agency that is supposed to be guided by science."

Governor Whitman, a Republican who served as EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, has a stark warning about the direction the Agency is taking under President Donald Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt: "Policy should always be rooted in unbiased science. The EPA is too important to treat like a reality TV show. People's lives and our country's resources are at stake."

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the entirety of Governor Whitman's op-ed in The New York Times, "How Not to Run the E.P.A.":

I have been worried about how the Environmental Protection Agency would be run ever since President Trump appointed Scott Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, to oversee it. The past few months have confirmed my fears. The agency created by a Republican president 47 years ago to protect the environment and public health may end up doing neither under Mr. Pruitt's direction.

As a Republican appointed by President George W. Bush to run the agency, I can hardly be written off as part of the liberal resistance to the new administration. But the evidence is abundant of the dangerous political turn of an agency that is supposed to be guided by science.

The E.P.A.'s recent attack on a reporter for The Associated Press and the installation of a political appointee to ferret out grants containing "the double C-word" are only the latest manifestations of my fears, which

mounted with Mr. Pruitt's swift and legally questionable repeals of E.P.A. regulations—actions that pose real and lasting threats to the nation's land, air, water and public health.

All of that is bad enough. But Mr. Pruitt recently unveiled a plan that amounts to a slow-rolling catastrophe in the making: the creation of an antagonistic "red team" of dissenting scientists to challenge the conclusions reached by thousands of scientists over decades of research on climate change. It will serve only to confuse the public and sets a deeply troubling precedent for policy-making at the E.P.A.

The red-team approach makes sense in the military and in consumer and technology companies, where assumptions about enemy strategy or a competitor's plans are rooted in unknowable human choices. But the basic physics of the climate are well understood. Burning fossil fuels emits carbon dioxide. And carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere. There is no debate about that. The link is as certain as the link between smoking and cancer.

A broad consensus of scientists also warn of the influence of the warming climate on extreme weather events. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the enormous wildfires in the Western United States and widespread flooding from monsoons in Southeast Asia are potent reminders of the cost of ignoring climate science.

As a Republican like Mr. Pruitt, I too embrace the promise of the free market and worry about the perils of overregulation. But decisions must be based on reliable science. The red team begins with his politically preferred conclusion that climate change isn't a problem, and it will seek evidence to justify that position. That's the opposite of how science works. True science follows the evidence. The critical tests of peer review and replication ensure that the consensus is sound. Government bases policy on those results. This applies to liberals and conservatives alike.

There are two sides, at least, to most political questions, and a politician's impulse may be to believe that the same holds true for science. Certainly, there are disputes in science. But on the question of climate change, the divide is stark. On one side is the overwhelming consensus of thousands of scientists at universities, research centers and the government who publish in peer-reviewed literature, are cited regularly by fellow scientists and are certain that humans are contributing to climate change.

On the other side is a tiny minority of contrarians who publish very little by comparison, are rarely cited in the scientific literature and are often funded by fossil fuel interests, and whose books are published, most often, by special interest groups. That Mr. Pruitt seeks to use the power of the E.P.A. to elevate those who have already lost the argument is shameful, and the only outcome will be that the public will know less about the science of climate change than before.

The red-team idea is a waste of the government's time, energy and resources, and a slap in the face to fiscal responsibility and responsible governance. Sending scientists on a wild-goose chase so that Mr. Pruitt, Rick Perry, the energy secretary, who has endorsed this approach, and President Trump can avoid acknowledging and acting on the reality of climate change is simply unjustifiable. And truly, it ignores and distracts from the real imperative: developing solutions that create good jobs, grow our economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Policy should always be rooted in unbiased science. The E.P.A. is too important to treat

like a reality TV show. People's lives and our country's resources are at stake. Mr. Pruitt should respect his duty to the agency's mission, end the red team and call on his agency's scientists to educate him. No doubt they're willing and eager to impart the knowledge they've dedicated their lives to understanding.

If this project goes forward, it should be treated for what it is: a shameful attempt to confuse the public into accepting the false premise that there is no need to regulate fossil fuels.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) DONALD CLAYTON CARWILE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army First Lieutenant (1LT) Donald Clayton Carwile who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 15, 2008, during Operation Enduring Freedom. 1LT Carwile was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. 1LT Carwile was killed when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb and then attacked by insurgents with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Army Private First Class (PFC) Paul E. Conlon, Jr. of Somerville, Massachusetts was also killed.

1LT Carwile enlisted in the Army shortly after he graduated from Lafayette High School. Following a three-year enlistment, he returned home to his family after the death of his stepmother. During that time, he served as a police officer at the Batesville Police Department and later, at the Oxford Police Department. While he was working in law enforcement, 1LT Carwile earned his degree in criminal justice at the University of Mississippi.

In 2006, 1LT Carwile re-enlisted in the Army and qualified for Officer Candidate School, where he was commissioned as an infantry officer. He was assigned as a platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division. His wife, Jennifer, was asked about her husband's experience in the Army by the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal. "He cared so much about the men in his platoon," Jennifer said. "He always said his first goal was to bring his men home, and his second, only after that, was to come home himself."

In 2016, the House and the Senate approved legislation I introduced to honor 1LT Carwile. H.R. 5309, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 McElroy Drive in Oxford, Mississippi as the Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building. Family, friends, emergency responders, and local officials came to the dedication ceremony held in April 2017.

1LT Carwile distinguished himself as a leader in the Army which earned him many awards. He received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on

Terrorism Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

1LT Carwile is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Avery Claire and Elizabeth Reese; and his parents, Dennis and Judy Carwile.

1LT Carwile is a hero. We will never forget his sacrifice to protect our freedoms in this great nation. It is important to honor notable Mississippians who are willing and proud to pay that price. Everyone who passes through the doors of the post office will be reminded of a soldier who loved his country.

IN MEMORY OF GENE SULLIVAN

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a great man from my home state of Arkansas, Gene Sullivan. But I want to admit that I have struggled to come up with the right words because Gene had achieved excellence in areas that are difficult to describe adequately. First, Gene loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a shining light to all with whom he came into contact. There are countless stories of Gene, without seeking attention, taking time out of his busy schedule to visit those who had fallen ill, offering financial help to someone in need, or lending whatever type of helping hand that was needed.

The list of water resource projects that benefited from Gene's steady hand is far too long to list. However, just recognition was bestowed upon him last year when the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts inducted Gene into the Hall of Fame.

Finally, Gene was known for being an optimist. Keep in mind, Mr. Speaker, that this could be the single biggest understatement ever made before Congress. A mutual friend once commented that it would be hard to fathom a more tireless optimist. There is no doubt in my mind that Gene derived his indefatigable optimism from his personal relationship with, and faith in, Christ. If there is one thing in life about which I have no doubt, it is that when Gene arrived at the Pearly Gates of Heaven, he was greeted with, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. VICTOR TYNES

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent on his 102nd birthday—Dr. Victor Tynes from Guilford County. I am honored to acknowledge this joyous milestone, filled with memories and experiences. I am grateful for the opportunity to thank Dr. Tynes for his military service. A United States Army veteran of World War II, Dr. Tynes served our country with honor. Furthermore, Dr. Tynes is a great ambassador of his alma mater, North Carolina A&T University. A member of the class of 1940, Dr. Tynes

served in the English and Biology Departments and as the Director of Public Relations. North Carolina has been truly fortunate to share in his long legacy of achievement. I join with his family, friends, alma mater and the Sixth District in congratulating Mr. Victor Tynes on this special occasion.

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, September 12, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 13

9:55 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine transportation innovation, focusing on automated trucks and our Nation's highways.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine expanding and accelerating the deployment and use of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget's memorandum on the Federal workforce, focusing on OMB's ongoing government-wide reorganization.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, and S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine high risk Indian programs, focusing on progress and efforts in addressing Government Accountability Office recommendations.

SD-628

SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine nutrition programs, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Glick, of Virginia, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and David S. Jonas, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the scourge of Russian disinformation.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine individual tax reform.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States policy options to support democracy in Venezuela.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for

2018, focusing on health care stakeholders.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1766, to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, 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, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, J. Cody Hiland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Joshua J. Minkler, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, Byung J. Pak, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal Communication Commission's Lifeline Program, focusing on a case study of government waste and mismanagement.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 20

9 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine disaster preparedness and response, focusing on the special needs of older Americans.

SD-562

SEPTEMBER 27

2 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine encouraging the next generation to visit National Parks.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 13

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the long-term impact of immigration, focusing on exploring potential reforms to our Nation's guest worker programs and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and their potential impact on the American economy and local communities.

SD-226