

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHAUNCY D. BUCHHEIT

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chauncy D. Buchheit, Executive Director of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission in Perryville, MO. Mr. Buchheit began his work for the Commission in 1980 and was named Economic Developer of the Year by the Missouri Economic Development Council in 2003.

He has helped make communities better throughout Southeast Missouri as he worked to help both the public and private sectors identify needs, secure funding and pave the way for economic development. For almost 40 years, Chauncy has proven to be a valuable resource for cities and towns in the 7-county region he serves.

As he retires at the end of 2017, Chauncy's enthusiastic participation in economic growth, his valuable expertise and his genuine sense of caring for Southeast Missouri will be genuinely missed by all of us who were privileged to work together with him to make Missouri better.

It is my great pleasure to honor Chauncy D. Buchheit today before the United States House of Representatives for his passionate dedication to the people of Southeast Missouri.

### A LETTER FROM CONSTITUENT LINDA SOBEL KATZ URGING CONGRESS TO HELP CANCER PA- TIENTS GET THE CARE THEY DESERVE

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a beautiful letter I received from my constituent Linda Sobel Katz, a former legislative aide to one of my predecessors in the House of Representatives from Maryland's 8th Congressional District, Representative Michael Barnes. To summarize Linda's thoughts would be a disservice to her passionate and eloquent message about America's priorities today, so I will simply include in the RECORD her letter:

"In the late 70s and early 80s, I was honored to be an aide to Maryland Congressman Mike Barnes on international human rights issues. It was my job to help Rep. Barnes speak out for those suffering discrimination and worse in their homelands. The climate in Congress was different then. Democrats and Republicans willingly forged coalitions to protect and rescue individuals from hostile leadership far from our shores. As a commu-

nications consultant, this is the path I have chosen for my life's work—to champion causes to help better humanity and our environment.

"Never did I ever think I would need to speak out for myself, especially to the esteemed U.S. Congress—once a beacon of democracy, fairness, and justice to the free world and those silenced by totalitarianism.

"As an American citizen who deeply cherishes our land, I am horrified by the indifference of the majority in Congress who would strike out against innocent Americans. First, against children who are losing their CHIP coverage. To what gain? And now, against Americans suffering from one of humankind's worst diseases—cancer. To what benefit?

"What you are doing is causing a sense of powerlessness and despair among those you have a sworn duty to protect. I am such a constituent. As of this writing, you still have not restored the Children's Health Insurance Program, CHIP, which expired September 30. And you show the worst side of your natures by denying coverage for cancer treatment to those over 65 and paying for Medicare.

"I have been raising my granddaughter Sabrina, as her legal guardian, for the past 10 years since the death of her mother when Sabrina was four. During this time, I also spent seven years caring for a husband with Alzheimer's. Formerly co-owner of an insurance agency, my husband Hershel was denied long-term care coverage because of two prior heart attacks in his 40s and 50s. CHIP has been a godsend.

"We paid for Hershel's huge health needs out of pocket, and it was nerve-wracking to consider whether our family could survive financially.

"I am grateful that we are able to live in my home of nearly 40 years in a comforting neighborhood of Silver Spring, just outside the Nation's Capital.

"Less than a year after my husband's passing in November 2015—with no symptoms, other than a yellow tinge to my eyeballs, and feeling in good health—I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the most deadly forms of this insidious disease. I have been in chemotherapy at Georgetown University Hospital for a year and remain stable after an initial setback that prevented me from undergoing a previously planned Whipple surgery to remove the tumor.

"But chemotherapy is not a permanent fix and has its own limiting side effects. With my oncologist, we must explore clinical trials and other emerging treatments to find a way for me to stay alive so I can continue to raise my granddaughter, now 13 and in 8th grade. Robust federal funding for cancer research is so critical to the survival of cancer patients. And so is the reassurance of coverage for treatment through Medicare.

"Dear Members of Congress, do not wash your hands of cancer patients on Medicare. So many of us continue to contribute to family life and society in myriad, constructive ways. Surely, you must have family members, friends, and constituents suffering from cancer through no fault of their own. Why strip away our hope and ability to live fully and be useful members of our communities? Why choose to be cruel, heartless, and mindless leaders lacking compassion for your fellow citizens? You are fostering an unjust

world, not the America that sets the example for civilized behavior and wins universal respect.

"I have a personal wish to live five more years so that I can continue to raise my beautiful, bright, and wise granddaughter and see her graduate from high school and be launched into a future of service and commitment in a gracious and caring world.

"Yes, she does wonder what will happen to her if I die because cancer treatment is no longer accessible to me, especially knowing that her U.S. government precipitated this hostile action. What a tremendous burden for a young teen!

"So, I ask: What will you do to ensure that children have a healthy future and that cancer patients get the care they deserve? Our health care system should be a model in a world still craving for leadership from America. Do not let us down."

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to heed this thoughtful message and ensure that children in our country have meaningful access to health care; to have the courage to stand up for the cancer patients, the sick and suffering, the chronically-ill and their families who rely on Medicare to keep them alive; and to demonstrate, as Linda says, true American leadership. America is counting on Congress. Let us act with wisdom and decency comporting with our highest values.

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MR. GAYRON FERGUSON

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special recognition to Mr. Gayron Ferguson, Jr. for his service to our troops and his remarkable leadership through The Hugs Project of Western Kentucky.

Mr. Ferguson's patriotic aptitude is evident through his leadership of The Hugs Project and his over 10 years of volunteer work supporting our troops. Through this great organization, Mr. Ferguson donates his time to sending care packages to our brave men and women serving abroad.

Because of Mr. Ferguson's robust leadership, more than 40,000 care packages have made their way to over 12,000 troops in the Middle East. With his helping hand and enthusiasm for giving back to others, those serving overseas can receive a little piece of home through The Hugs Project.

It is individuals like Mr. Ferguson whose patriotic spirit and sense of compassion creates lasting impacts on our communities and ultimately create a better world through service and consideration of others, especially our troops. I congratulate Mr. Ferguson on his years of volunteerism through The Hugs Project and the joy he has brought over the years to countless men and women serving abroad.

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On behalf of the First District of Kentucky, I am honored to recognize Mr. Gayron Ferguson as an outstanding leader in service to our troops and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on December 12, 2017, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3971, and NO on Final Passage of H.R. 3971.

TESTIMONY OF JAYLA JOHNSON

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD, the testimony of Jayla Johnson.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of Congress and fellow citizens. I am from Council Rock North High School located in Newtown Bucks County. I am Jayla Johnson. I come from an area that's majority white and upper middle class. I am the model minority. Let me tell you all about it. Last year during spirit week on pride day I was in school when I saw a student walk around with a confederate flag draped on him. I hope you're wondering WHY and HOW that happened. The school allowed the student to walk through the halls for more than half the day due to their first amendment right. Now what about my safety? I reported the incident to my administration in which they said they could kindly ask the student to remove it in due time. I confronted the student within minutes and in their response was that he got it from his parents. To me that basically said he did not know the hate behind it, and did not see it as a problem. This conversation led to my family and I having a mandatory meeting with my superintendent, in hopes to change the school's policy handbook. I was somewhat not satisfied because I wanted more action to be done and take place than just words on a piece of paper, that is easily not read by many. From then and the hate that is shown in my school I started a club called V.O.I.C.E. meaning, Voices Of Inequality at Council rock north Everyday. This club is for students who want to make a difference and have dialogue on topics that we are not familiar with whether that is with where we live and or who we interact with. Be an up stander rather than a bystander. So I propose this question to you all in Congress, how can you make a change? Does that come from making a policy for ALL schools regarding no tolerance for racism, bigotry, and so many other isms? Let's rather make it mandatory students take a class to help them learn and be better United States Citizens? We are here at school to learn and leave to serve but how can we serve the world when we are not taught about it in school and or familiar with all races and ethnicities. I hope to hear back from Congress in hopes to change the

world for us since we are the leading future. Thank you for listening and please take this into consideration. Once again I am Jayla Johnson and I speak for the unheard voices and will continue to.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 672, and YEA on Roll Call No. 673.

GUS KENWORTHY OLYMPICS 2018  
TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gus Kenworthy of Telluride, Colorado. Mr. Kenworthy will be one of hundreds of other athletes competing in the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea as part of Team USA.

Mr. Kenworthy is an accomplished freestyle skier who has competed in slopestyle and halfpipe competitions for most of his adult life. His hard work and dedication has led to numerous commendations. From 2011 to 2013 he won the Association of Free-skiing Professionals World Championships overall titles. In 2013 while competing in the X Games he was awarded the bronze medal in slopestyle skiing as well as two silver medals in 2016 for the superpipe and slopestyle competitions.

Next years' Olympics won't be the first time Mr. Kenworthy is competing in the Olympic Games. In 2014, he represented Team USA in the Sochi Olympics and won a silver medal in the slopestyle event. His qualifying events for the 2018 games in the halfpipe will take place at Copper Mountain December 6 through 8, and for slopestyle in Breckenridge on December 15.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that Mr. Kenworthy will be representing not only the United States but the people of Telluride, Colorado in the 2018 Olympics. I stand with the people of the Third District in recognizing him for his achievements and wishing him luck in next years' Olympic events.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 672 and 673 on Monday, December 11, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 672 and 673.

HONORING THE GOLIAD HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Goliad High School Varsity Volleyball team. On November 18th, the Goliad Tigerettes won their second consecutive UIL Class 3A Texas State Volleyball Championship. They defeated the Callisburg Wildcats with an impressive 3-1 game record.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Dave Plymale, Goliad High School Principal Brenda Gohmert, Athletic Director Bobby Nicholson, Athletic Trainer Gary Hobbs, Head Coach Jess Odem, Assistant Coaches Lindsey Youngblood and Kelly Hill, Manager Kylie Neubar, and Student Trainer Grace Schubert, the team consisting of Freshmen players Molle Henicke and Karleigh Hill, Sophomores Brooke Yanta and Ashlyn Davis, Juniors Kassidy Nicholson, Amaya Brown, Kaci Hotz, Kely Thomas and Maddie Council, and Seniors Kaitlyn Duval, Mallory Hermes and Savannah Shaw have cemented themselves as one of the top athletic teams in Texas.

The Tigerette's success reflects an impressive level of skill and teamwork, and I applaud the coaches, administrators, families, and friends who supported the Tigerettes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this impressive accomplishment. On behalf of Congress and the Goliad community, we extend our congratulations on consecutive state titles and wish each player success in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING OF DR. CHARLES P. NEIMEYER, U.S. MARINE CORPS

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and pay tribute to Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer. A great American, Dr. Neimeyer will be retiring from Federal Service this month after serving 11 years as the Director and Chief of Marine Corps History, Quantico, Virginia. Prior to his time at Quantico, Dr. Neimeyer had an accomplished career as the Dean of Academics at the Naval War College, Forrest Sherman Chair of Public Diplomacy in Newport, Rhode Island, and the former Vice President of Academic Affairs at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. During his 20 year career as a military officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, Dr. Neimeyer served in a variety of posts and stations, including tours in all three active U.S. Marine Divisions and service at the White House under Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton. He retired from active duty at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1996.

Dr. Neimeyer is a graduate of the University of Maryland and successfully earned distinguished graduate degrees from Georgetown University and the U.S. Naval War College.

He is the author of a variety of historical monographs and countless national security affairs articles. His most recent work, *War in the Chesapeake: The British Campaigns to Control the Bay, 1813–1814*, was published by the U.S. Naval Institute in 2015, and went on to win the prestigious Simmons-Shaw award in 2017 given by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation for the best scholarly work by a federal historian.

Dr. Neimeyer's service as the Director of the Marine Corps History Division has been marked with great success. During his tenure, he was able to increase the historical output of his division by over 1000 percent. He also reorganized the division's branches and sent historians "down range" to cover the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, thereby ensuring the preservation of the critical operational history of our nation's foremost fighting service, the United States Marine Corps.

In addition, Dr. Neimeyer established the Marine Corps University Journal at Quantico. This journal now publishes cutting edge scholarships and work from students, faculty, and outside authors. The journal is leading the way toward a greater understanding of today's complex national security strategies. Because of these endeavors, Dr. Neimeyer's historical expertise on the United States Marine Corps has been sought out over the years by senior level officials in both the public and private sectors.

Most recently, Dr. Neimeyer served as a member of the board of inquiry that reevaluated the Marines we formerly believed to have been Iwo Jima flag raisers on February 23, 1945. Thanks to the professionalism of Dr. Neimeyer, and the other board members, the Marine Corps and the nation now know the identities of the actual flag raisers on top of Mount Suribachi on that fateful day. As a result of this experience, Dr. Neimeyer volunteered to serve as the staff historian for the Iwo Jima Association of America—a veteran's organization dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for Dr. Neimeyer's service both as a Marine officer and as the Chief of Marine Corps History. Over the past several years, Dr. Neimeyer provided invaluable and relevant historical information to my office. His timely data was always on target and nothing short of the exceptional quality I would expect from the chief historian of the United States Marine Corps. I am very appreciative of Dr. Neimeyer's service to our nation and thankful for the outstanding support his wife, Janet Louise, daughter, Kelli Klein, and two sons, Patrick and Christopher, gave him throughout his life. I want to thank Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer once again for his 20 years of service as an active duty Marine, and 17 years as a federal civil servant. I wish his beloved family fair winds and following seas as he and his wife embark on a new chapter in life.

RECOGNIZING JERUSALEM AS  
CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Holy City of Jerusalem is recognized as one of the

oldest cities in the world. It is also the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. Founded during the dawn of civilization, the city has been destroyed twice, captured and recaptured 44 times, and controlled by numerous great empires including the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Ottomans throughout its 6,000 year history. Throughout the centuries, Jerusalem has always been the spiritual capital of the Jewish people.

The Jewish people's connection to Jerusalem is clearly recorded in the Bible, with the city being mentioned by name 811 times. King David, the Biblical and historic King of Israel, made Jerusalem his capital in 1,000 BC. His son, Solomon, built the Holy Temple that was the center of the Jewish faith on Mount Moriah in the Old City of Jerusalem. After its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BC, it was rebuilt years later only to again be destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 CE. Remnants of the ancient temple still remain with the Temple Mount and its outer wall, known as the Western Wall, serving as the holiest site in Judaism today.

When the Romans destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem, it expelled its Jewish inhabitants, forbidding them from settling in the rebuilt city. Meanwhile, Muslim and Christian armies battled for the city, erecting their own shrines over top of the Jewish ones. We cannot ignore the importance the Temple Mount also holds to Christians and Muslims, being the location where Jesus prayed. Nevertheless, Jerusalem has for far longer been the center of the Jewish world. The city remained in political turmoil for centuries until the rebirth of the State of Israel and its unification under the Jewish State.

In 1949, the Jewish people declared Jerusalem the capital of their new nation. As David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, stated: "there has always been and always will be one capital only—Jerusalem the eternal. Thus it was 3,000 years ago—and thus it will be, we believe, until the end of time." The city has since flourished as the capital of Israel, being a place where all faiths can peacefully worship. While the future of the full city has yet to be decided, it cannot be denied that Jerusalem is the political, cultural, and spiritual center of Israel.

I applaud President Trump's courageous decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to relocate the U.S. embassy to the city. It is the obvious decision reflecting our strong commitment to the State of Israel and the Jewish people's historical ties to the land. The status quo of Jerusalem's holy sites should be maintained until a lasting peace agreement is decided on by the two sides.

JIM DOODY TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Doody. Mr. Doody's hard work led to the opening of the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park at the Fruita Visitor Center in Fruita, Colorado. Shortly after his work on the memorial, he went on to serve as a member of the Grand Junction City Council from

2005 to 2009 and as Mayor of Grand Junction for two of those years.

Mr. Doody was compelled to honor the brave men and women that sacrificed so much to fight for this country and wanted to permanently display that appreciation. To celebrate our veterans he worked to create the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park. His dedication to the project was clear when he drove across the United States to pick up a UH-1H 'Huey' helicopter for static display at the memorial, and his work led to the park opening on July 4, 2003.

Mr. Doody continues to work to maintain the memorial to this day. Mr. Doody helps fundraise for continued maintenance needs and has aided in designing the three bronze statues of a mother and father welcoming home their son at the memorial. On top of all this, he ensures that every November 11th there is a ceremony at the memorial where people can gather and recognize veterans.

I was fortunate to attend the ceremony on November 11, 2017. At the ceremony it was evident that Mr. Doody did not create this memorial for the purpose of commendation, but he nonetheless deserves to be recognized for his service to veterans and the community.

Mr. Speaker, just as Mr. Doody pays homage to our men and women that served, it is my honor to pay tribute to him for the work that he does on the Western Slope Vietnam Memorial Park. On behalf of the Third District of Colorado, I would like to thank Mr. Doody for his generous service to his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVE OUR  
COMMUNITIES FROM RISKY  
TRAINS ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, in light of recent train derailments across the country and ongoing transportation security threats, I rise to introduce the Save Our Community from Risky Trains Act, which directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to find ways to the greatest extent possible to reroute trains that are carrying certain hazardous materials from selected high-threat urban areas, including the District of Columbia. This legislation is needed now more than ever, especially given DOT's recent announcement that it will rescind a requirement that rail tank cars carrying crude oil be outfitted with an advanced braking system designed to prevent derailments.

D derailments of rail cars carrying hazardous materials are a serious concern and should be a priority of Congress. In 2016, 16 cars of a CSX freight train derailed in a dense residential neighborhood of the nation's capital, disrupting Metrorail, passenger rail, and freight rail service and putting families at risk. Among the derailed freight train cars, cars carrying sodium hydroxide, calcium chloride and ethanol—which is flammable and led to a Metrorail shutdown—spilled. The neighborhood was lucky that there were no injuries, but the continuing threat to the safety and security of urban communities is clear.

In 2007, the House passed the Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, which included my amendment to protect the

District and similar communities nationwide from dangerous hazardous material shipments by mandating that federal regulations and penalties be developed to increase security and safety for the shipment of these materials through high-threat urban areas. My amendment was not included in the final bill signed into law. While freight companies have begun working with DOT to voluntarily reroute the shipment of certain materials that are toxic or poisonous by inhalation, or explosive from these communities, there is no federal law requiring them to reroute the materials.

This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to require enhanced security measures for shipments of security-sensitive materials. The bill also requires railroad carriers to use the most secure route and storage pattern to avoid moving certain hazardous materials by rail through selected high-threat urban areas. These security sensitive materials include a highway route-controlled quantity of a Class 7 (radioactive) material; more than 25 kilograms of a division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosive; more than one liter per package of a material poisonous by inhalation; shipment in other than a bulk packaging of 2,268 kilograms gross weight or more of one class of hazardous materials for which placarding of a vehicle, rail car or freight container is required; and select agents or toxins regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

High-profile derailments in North Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Canada demonstrate the need for this legislation. Ethanol, which is flammable, still travels through big cities, and even within a few blocks of the U.S. Capitol. This bill will protect our communities from the risk created by trains carrying hazardous materials.

I urge support for this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING SI SI HAN

### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, I rise to recognize Si Si Han in celebration of her life.

Si Si was born in Burma on November 16, 1971. She came to the United States in 2002 when she married her husband, Ryan Saw. San Lorenzo would eventually become home for Si Si, Ryan, and their 10-year old daughter, Ashly.

Si Si worked for Caltrans for more than 10 years. Members of the Cal Trans team who worked with Si Si closely said that, rain or shine, she always had a smile on her face.

Early in the morning on December 2, 2017, Si Si was collecting tolls on the eastern span of the Bay Bridge. Only a few minutes into her shift, a box truck collided with the toll booth in which Si Si was working, killing her.

Si Si was not scheduled to work that morning, but she was always willing to help out when needed. Si Si tried to work mornings often so that she had more time to spend with her family. Those closest to Si Si said that she worked tirelessly to provide her daughter with the best opportunities available.

Si Si was a dedicated mother, wife, and daughter. She was a valued friend and col-

league among her Caltrans District 4 family as well. One colleague described Si Si as “the light of the bridge.”

Today, we stand to honor the memory of Si Si Han. Her generosity and kindness will never be forgotten. We are grateful to have had Si Si as a member of our Bay Area community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends, and may her warm spirit forever light the bridge she tended.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. WELSEY L. FOX, USMC (RET.)

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Wes Fox. Col. Fox enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 at the start of the Korean War to begin his 43-year career. Wes served 16 years as a noncommissioned officer before commissioning as a second lieutenant and retiring as a colonel.

Col. Fox valiantly served the nation and became a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. He led his men through heavy fire, even picking up the weapon of a Marine killed in action, to continue fighting the enemy. Col. Fox sustained severe injuries from shrapnel, continued to lead his Marines, and called in air support. After the battle was over, Fox refused medical treatment, set up an supervised a defensive perimeter, and remained until all the Marines were evacuated. According to his Medal of Honor citation, “his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his Marines to such aggressive actions that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex.” Col. Fox retired from the Marines in 1993 with decorations including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After retirement, Col. Fox served as the Deputy Commandant of First Battalion in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Col. Fox authored two books: “Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps (Memories of War)” and “Six Essential Elements of Leadership: Marine Corps Wisdom from a Medal of Honor Recipient.” I am honored to have known Wes and to have served as a witness to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service and leadership. He is survived by his wife, Dottie; three daughters; four brothers; four sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Colonel Wesley L. Fox.

#### HONORING MARJORIE DICKINSON, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALI- FORNIA, DAVIS (UC DAVIS)

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mar-

jorie Dickinson, a tireless advocate for California higher education. Since 1987, Marjorie has served as the Assistant Chancellor for Government and Community Relations for the University of California, Davis. As the first person to be appointed to the position, her impact on shaping the university’s Government and Community Relations program cannot be understated.

Marjorie and her team serve to represent UC Davis to local, state, and federal government officials, advocating for the university community on a wide array of issues. Her work has cultivated positive relationships within the local community while also balancing a national perspective, helping UC Davis continue to be a leader in the field of higher education whose impact is truly global.

A product of the University of California system herself, having graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, Marjorie has also served with the California Post-Secondary Education Commission. Her entire career is a testament to her dedication to higher education in our state, and her passion for the University of California is constantly on display.

Marjorie’s remarkable tenure is coming to an end, but she is preparing to embark on the next phase of her life: a well-earned retirement. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Marjorie for her three decades of service, and we are joined by the entire UC Davis community in wishing her nothing but the best for the future.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD “BABE” ERDOS

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Harold “Babe” Erdos who died on July 21, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. Babe lived in Morristown, Ohio with his wife Sue.

Babe was a third-generation coal miner and a union man. He was a union member for 46 years and United Mine Worker of America member for 43 years with Local Union 1304. After working underground for many years, he joined the staff of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) as a union organizer. In this position, he used his family’s stories and experiences to advocate for miners. In 1983, he became actively involved in the political component of UMWA where he worked to influence legislators and to inform miners about legislation that would affect them. Even after retirement, he remained actively involved in the political action of the union. Babe considered this group of miners as a family rather than simply a profession. While Babe is perhaps most known for his work with the coal miners, he also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and later in life he was elected Mayor of his hometown of Cadiz, Ohio.

But above all, Babe was a dedicated husband, father, union member, and member of the community. Those who had the pleasure of knowing him spoke of his character and commitment to representing working class people. He is remembered as a man who

never complained and always carried himself with a dignity that defined who he was. He leaves behind an enormous legacy and some big shoes to fill in the union. I extend my deepest sympathies to Babe's family, friends, and Union family. I know he is deeply missed by all.

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STOP UNDERRIDES ACT OF 2017

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Stop Underrides Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill I introduced earlier today along with my colleague on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Rep. DESAULNIER from California, and in the Senate, Senators GILLIBRAND and RUBIO, to prevent deadly truck underide crashes.

An underide crash is when a car slides under the body of a large truck, such as a semi-trailer, during an accident. In these instances, the safety features of passenger vehicles are not able to prevent passenger compartment intrusion and often result in severe or fatal injuries even at low speeds.

Too many lives have been lost or forever altered by these preventable crashes and the time has come for Congress to act.

The Stop Underrides Act does just that—lays out a path to bring an end to these terrible and all too often fatal accidents by requiring all large truck trailers to have front, side, and rear underide guards.

These guards, if installed would have likely prevented the death of Michael Higginbotham, who was killed in an underide crash in Memphis and whose parents, Randy and Laurie Higginbotham, have inspired me to take action on this long overdue issue.

It's simple. This legislation will save lives, it's the right thing to do, and that is the bottom line.

This is common sense legislation and I urge my colleagues to support the passage of the Stop Underrides Act.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on December 7, 2017 I missed Roll Call vote 671. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

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RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STANTON GILDENHORN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great contributions that have

been rendered to our country and to my home state of Maryland by my constituent and wonderful friend, Stanton Gildenhorn. I offer these remarks just a few days ahead of Stan's 75th birthday next week.

Stan is a well-known public servant, politico, and television personality in our community. He got his start as the youngest staffer in President John F. Kennedy's White House and later worked for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Stan earned a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law and worked as an attorney in private practice for many years, including in Rockville. He also put his superior legal skills to good use to benefit our community by working at non-profit organizations like the Montgomery County Humane Society and serving as both the Chairman and Counsel for the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee.

A passionate political thinker and strategist, Stan has managed or worked on dozens of campaigns in the last 40 years, at nearly every level of government, and chaired the Montgomery County Charter Review Commission. He was a fixture on national and local television shows for decades, and continues to offer valuable and incisive political commentary today.

I am honored to recognize the important contributions of my constituent, Mr. Stanton Gildenhorn today and hope this chamber will join me in wishing him a happy 75th birthday.

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HONORING JACKIE GILLAN, PRESIDENT OF ADVOCATES FOR HIGHWAY AND AUTO SAFETY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the career of Jackie Gillan, President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. Jackie will soon be retiring after nearly 30 years with Advocates.

For decades, Jackie has been at the forefront of transportation safety—in and out of government. Her record of public service is impressive. She served as a staffer at the U.S. Department of Transportation during the Carter Administration and in the U.S. Senate. She has also worked at state transportation agencies in New Jersey, Ohio, and California.

I know Jackie from her post-government career as a champion for consumer safety. She joined Advocates as a board member in 1989. She became Vice President a year later and President in 2011.

Under her leadership, Advocates has worked effectively at the federal and state levels to improve child safety; strengthen laws against impaired driving; require seatbelts, child restraints, and motorcycle helmets; establish teen driver programs; and increase funding for highway and auto safety. In 2002, two-year-old Cameron Gulbransen was killed in a tragic back-over accident. With Jackie's help, I passed a bill in Cameron's memory to require back-up cameras in passenger vehicles. The fight did not stop there though. We fought for years afterward to implement the law until the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finalized a rule in 2014. Thanks

to Jackie's tireless efforts, back-up cameras are now standard in Model Year 2018 passenger vehicles.

This year, we have been working together to pass the HOT CARS Act, which would help prevent child heatstroke deaths by requiring rear seat reminders. Jackie has been an ally in numerous other efforts as well, from limiting the sale of cars under open recall to ensuring the safe deployment of autonomous vehicles.

Jackie leaves her current role with an impressive legacy of crashes prevented, injuries averted, and lives saved. But I don't expect Jackie to disappear into retirement. As she moves from President to President Emeritus of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, I am confident that she will continue to be a safety champion. And whether they know it or not, everyone on the road today owes a little bit of gratitude to Jackie Gillan.

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CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 11, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 3359, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2017.

I thank Chairman MCCAUL for introducing this important piece of legislation that addresses the cybersecurity needs of our nation.

H.R. 3359, amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to redesignate the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) National Protection and Programs Directorate as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Under its new designation the CISA would be headed by a Director of National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security, who will be responsible for leading national efforts to protect and enhance the security and resilience of U.S. cybersecurity, emergency communications, and critical infrastructure.

CISA will be composed of DHS components reorganized as: the Cybersecurity Division; the Infrastructure Security Division; and the Emergency Communications Division, which was previously the Office for Emergency Communications.

The agency will also have its own privacy officer to ensure compliance with relevant federal laws.

CISA must carry out DHS's responsibilities concerning chemical facilities antiterrorism standards.

The bill requires DHS to: develop, implement, and continually review a maritime cybersecurity risk assessment model to evaluate current and future cybersecurity risks;

seek input from at least one information sharing and analysis organization representing maritime interests in the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center;

establish voluntary reporting guidelines for maritime-related cybersecurity risks and incidents;

request that the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee report and make recommendations to DHS about methods to enhance cybersecurity and information sharing

among security stakeholders from federal, state, local, and tribal governments; public safety and emergency response agencies; law enforcement and security organizations; maritime industry participants; port owners and operators; and maritime terminal owners and operators; and

ensure that maritime security risk assessments include cybersecurity risks to ports and the maritime border of the United States.

As with other threats that this nation has faced and overcome, we must create the resources and the institutional responses to protect our nation against cyber threats while preserving our liberties and freedoms.

We cannot accomplish this task without the full cooperation and support of the private sector, computing research community and academia.

Earlier this Congress, I introduced H.R. 3202, the Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act, which was passed by the full Homeland Security Committee.

H.R. 3202 requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on the policies and procedures developed for coordinating cyber vulnerability disclosures.

The report will include an annex with information on instances in which cyber security vulnerability disclosure policies and procedures were used to disclose details on identified weaknesses in computing systems that or digital devices at risk.

The report will provide information on the degree to which the information provided by DHS was used by industry and other stakeholders.

The reason that I worked to bring this bill before the committee is the problem often referred to as a "Zero Day Event," which describes the situation that network security professionals may find themselves when a previously unknown error in computing code is exploited by a cybercriminal or terrorist.

I am pleased that the Committee on Homeland Security passed H.R. 3202 to address the need to support information sharing regarding threats to computing networks.

I look forward to the Full House consideration of H.R. 3202.

In the first few weeks of this Congress I introduced a number of measures on the topic of cybersecurity to address gaps in our nation's cyber defensive posture:

SCOUTS Act—H.R. 940;  
CAPITALS Act—H.R. 54;

SAFETY Act—H.R. 950;

Terrorism Prevention and Critical Infrastructure—H.R. 945; and

Cybersecurity and Federal Workforce Enhancement Act—H.R. 935.

H.R. 940, the "Securing Communications of Utilities from Terrorist Threats" or the "SCOUTS Act," directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the sector-specific agencies, to work with critical infrastructure owners and operators and State, local, tribal, and territorial entities to seek voluntary participation on ways that DHS can best defend against and recover from terrorist attacks that could have a debilitating impact on national security, economic stability, public health and safety, or any combination thereof.

H.R. 940, is relevant to today's hearing because it addresses the need for a two way communication process that enables private sector participants in information sharing arrangements with DHS to communicate their views on the effectiveness of the information provided; the method of information sharing; and their particular needs as time passes.

Specifically the bill establishes voluntary listening opportunities for sector specific entities to communicate their challenges regarding cybersecurity, including what needs they may have for critical infrastructure protection; and how DHS is helping or not helping to meet those needs.

The Society of Maintenance and Reliability Professionals have endorsed H.R. 940, and input on the legislation included the Edison Electric Institute, an electric utility association.

H.R. 54, the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity Asset Protection of Infrastructure under Terrorist Attack Logistical Structure or CAPITALS Act, which directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to produce a report to Congress regarding the feasibility of establishing a DHS Civilian Cyber Defense National Resource.

H.R. 950, requires a report and assessment regarding Department of Homeland Security's response to terrorist threats to Federal elections. The Comptroller General of the United States is directed to conduct an assessment of the effectiveness of Department of Homeland Security actions to protect election systems from cyber-attacks and to make recommendations for improvements to the actions taken by DHS if determined appropriate.

H.R. 935, The "Cybersecurity and Federal Workforce Enhancement Act" identifies and

trains people already in the workforce who can obtain the skills to address our nation's deficit in the number of workers and positions available for those with needed skills.

H.R. 940, the "Securing Communications of Utilities from Terrorist Threats" or the "SCOUTS Act," is the relevant to today's hearing because this bill focuses on the communications sent by DHS to sector specific entities and the ability of these entities to communicate to the agencies their perspective on the usefulness of the information; the form of communication that would be most helpful; and requires a report to Congress by DHS on the views of critical infrastructure owners and operators on the information sharing process related to cybersecurity.

Each of these bills will build upon an aggressive approach for securing cyber technology to manage critical infrastructure, chemical facilities, and port operations, ranging from communication and navigation to engineering, safety, and pipelines, that are critical to protect our nation's interest.

Over the past year, Russian actors' targeted U.S. election infrastructure, hackers escalated efforts to breach the domestic energy sector, and WannaCry and NotPetya ransomware wreaked havoc on public and private infrastructure around the world.

According to Symantec, a leading provider of cybersecurity solutions, said that "The world of cyber espionage experienced a notable shift towards more overt activity, designed to destabilize and disrupt targeted organizations and countries."

As cyber threats continue to evolve and become more sophisticated, so must U.S. efforts to confront them.

The Department of Homeland Security, through the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), plays a central role in the federal government's cybersecurity apparatus and in coordinating federal efforts to secure critical infrastructure.

DHS is charged with coordinating agency efforts to secure the (.gov) Domain, while also serving as the hub for cybersecurity information sharing between and among the private sector and federal government.

It is my hope that as this Congress moves forward that we will seek out the best ways to bring the brightest and most qualified people into the government as cybersecurity professionals.