

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GIVE BACK, LOOK FORWARD—HONORING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. EDISON HIROYUKI MIYAWAKI

HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, today, when the hallowed words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty seem to disappear into the fog of debate over immigration, I proudly rise to recognize and honor Dr. Edison Hiroyuki Miyawaki of Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Miyawaki, an American healthcare executive and graduate of George Washington University School of Medicine, is a pioneer in Hawaii's skilled nursing industry. He is President of Pali Corporation, one of the largest privately-held healthcare businesses in Hawaii, whose facilities serve patients needing continuing, complex care after acute illness. In addition to his work in healthcare, Dr. Miyawaki's dedication to, influence on, and contributions to education and athletics have touched Americans of all ages, ethnicities, and social strata.

Dr. Miyawaki's story began over 100 years ago when his father, Kazumi Miyawaki, immigrated to Hawaii from Hiroshima, Japan. The son of farmers, he sought new opportunities and found them in real estate. He built a successful general contracting business and paved a path that his son, born February 6, 1929, to Kazumi and his wife Fujiko, has walked for 89 years, 51 of those years with his late wife Sallie. Simply as the result of one person who responded to the Statue of Liberty's entreaty and came to Hawaii to start a new life, America has reaped a plethora of unanticipated, valuable gifts.

Born on Oahu and a son of Hawaii in every sense, Edison Miyawaki witnessed the horrors of World War II that impacted his family. These included the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima, his parents' birthplace where many relatives lived and where he spent the majority of his early years, and the federal government's threat to Japanese-Americans of internment despite their U.S. citizenship. While someone of lesser character might have turned inward because of those events, Dr. Miyawaki has followed his heart and applied his resources to make a difference to individuals, the State of Hawaii, and the people of the United States.

Millions throughout the country have enjoyed the entertainment Dr. Miyawaki has brought them through his support of professional football, baseball and basketball. He is the first Japanese-American to purchase an ownership interest in a National Football League (NFL) franchise, having been a co-owner of the Cincinnati Bengals since 1994. He has added to his sports portfolio through subsequent investments in the Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Celtics. As a member of the NFL Pro Bowl Committee, he was instru-

mental in convincing the NFL to keep the Pro Bowl in Hawaii for more than thirty years.

But his avid interest in sports and his largesse has extended beyond the professional arena, encompassing Hawaii high school student-athletes. His generosity is grounded in his belief that participation and competition in high school sports can enable student-athletes to develop character and leadership skills and learn the values of sportsmanship and teamwork, thus opening doors to higher education and successful careers. Dr. Miyawaki has provided Hawaii student-athletes with countless opportunities to receive university scholarships, including via the Miyawaki Scholarship Fund at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), his alma mater, where he served as a trustee for 13 years and which has named him a Distinguished Alumnus. To help those aspiring to play professional football, Dr. Miyawaki established an NFL training camp, opening doors and advocating for Hawaii players to gain try-outs with NFL teams for over three decades. Among the players who have successfully entered those ranks are Arnold Morgado (Kansas City Chiefs) and Paul Dombroski (Kansas City Chiefs, New England Patriots, Tampa Bay Buccaneers).

Dr. Miyawaki also values and provides financial support to a wide range of educational institutions and specialties. He is well-known for his generosity as a philanthropist in making educational opportunities available to young people in Hawaii and across the country. Among his major philanthropic projects are scholarships and research awards (Miyawaki "Trainee in Neuroscience" Award Endowment at University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine; Edison H. and Sallie Y. Miyawaki Gifts for Teaching in Neurology at Harvard Medical School; Miyawaki Scholarship Fund at Temple Medical School), teaching chairs (Robert H. Taylor, S. J. Chair in the Department of Philosophy at LMU), and structures (Miyawaki Hall at the Middle School of Punahou School; Miyawaki Library at LMU; Miyawaki Law Journal Center at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles).

Dr. Miyawaki has volunteered liberally to help his community, state, and country. He has served on the Hawaii Criminal Justice Commission and on the boards of numerous organizations (Japanese-American National Museum in Los Angeles; Japanese Cultural Center in Hawaii; the Mid-Pacific Institute). He has been honored by many in Hawaii for his extensive contributions spanning decades. Hawaii alone has inducted Dr. Miyawaki into the Hawaii Business Hall of Fame, awarded him the Charles Reed Bishop Medal, and named him a recipient of the National Football Foundation's (Hawaii Chapter) Community Service Award.

From grandfather to father to grandson, the Miyawaki legacy of "giving back and looking forward" continues with Dr. Miyawaki's son, Dr. Edison Kazumi Miyawaki, a Boston-based neurologist, author, and philanthropist. Hawaii is proud of the Miyawaki family, proud of their

contributions, and proud to acknowledge and express our gratitude for what we collectively have gained by long ago welcoming them and continuing to welcome them with a warm Aloha.

COMMENDING LIEUTENANT GARY KING

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Lieutenant Gary King, of the City of Doral Police Department, a speedy recovery from the gunshot wound he received on January 16th while off-duty. Lieutenant King was confronted in his own driveway by two men who ambushed and attacked him and his wife. In the struggle, the attackers shot Lieutenant King in the arm.

A longstanding member of the City of Doral Police Department, who has protected the citizens of Florida for over forty-eight years, Lieutenant King was rushed to the Jackson South Medical Center where he underwent surgery. He is currently recovering and is expected to return to duty shortly.

I take this opportunity to commend Lieutenant King on his long career in the City of Doral Police Department and thank the whole Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and other agencies involved for their swift action. Within days, MDPD officers arrested the two suspects and have charged them both with attempted second-degree murder, armed robbery, aggravated battery on a person sixty-five years or older, and armed burglary.

Lieutenant King began his long career in law enforcement in 1969 when he entered the police service with the City of Miami Police Department. After moving to the MDPD in 1982, where he served with honor in various roles, his hard work and dedication was rewarded in 1990 with a promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

In 2008, Lieutenant King went on to serve the City of Doral Police Department as Motorcycle Patrol Sergeant where his capabilities and experience were recognized with a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in 2012. Since then, Lieutenant King has served as a Uniform Platoon Commander and is currently the Traffic Section Commander. He has always held true to the City of Doral's Police Department philosophy of guardianship and has proudly worn the shield with valor and reverence for the values for which it stands.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Lieutenant Gary King for his outstanding service to our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a prompt recovery.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

OFFICER FRIENDLY RICHARD
ZIPP—TEXAS LAWMAN, U.S. MA-
RINE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, throughout his law enforcement career, fellow Texas officers called him "Officer Friendly." He spent his entire life in service to America.

Richard Zipp was born in Florida in 1949. He spent his youth in Albany, New York, with his mom, three younger brothers, and aunt and uncle. He moved to Ingleside, Texas, in 1966 and lived with the Harvey Family. He graduated from Ingleside High School in 1968.

Richard served America in combat in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War (1968–1972). He was a platoon sniper and was shot in the shoulder on April 11, 1969. He was later awarded the Purple Heart. Richard was never bitter about the war, but he was proud to serve as a United States Marine.

While in the Marines, he also played TAPS for burials at sea for Marines and sailors on U.S. Naval Ships. When he was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1972, he had already graduated from the International Chief of Police Academy at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Richard joined the Houston Police Department, where he served 20 years in the Houston Police Department Honor Guard continuing to play TAPS for fallen Texas Peace Officers. Richard marched in the Honor Guard for the inauguration of President George Bush Sr., carrying the Texas flag. He participated in the Honor Guard ceremonies for National Police week in Washington, D.C. and Texas.

It was while Richard was on patrol for HPD that he met his wife Nelda.

Richard also found time to be Director of Security for Houston Theater Under the Stars.

After leaving the Houston Police Department, Richard joined the Harris County Texas Sheriff Department where he continued his service in the Honor Guard. He also served as bailiff in the courts, including my court when I was a judge. This is where "Officer Friendly" took care of court security and looked after the jury during trials. His demeanor with juries made them at ease and made them realize their importance to our justice system.

Richard retired in 2003 and he and Nelda moved to Georgetown, Texas. He joined the Williamson County Sheriff's Department and was Sergeant over courthouse safety and security. Finally, he retired in 2003 after 35 years in law enforcement.

Somewhere along the way, he volunteered to be in charge of security at the weddings of my four children.

Richard and Nelda were active members of the Georgetown Church of Christ, always taking time to visit seniors. He also had a special fondness for the Cherokee Home for Children.

Officer Friendly spent a lot of time helping veterans. He was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the American Legion.

Late last year, Richard was diagnosed with cancer. He knew his days were numbered, but had an amazing attitude about it all. He said, "I can wear pain but I'd rather wear peace."

When I talked to Richard, he was always the positive guy. He let me know that since he

was a Christian, he was anxious to see the Lord.

Officer Zipp died last week.

Last Saturday was Richard's funeral. His neighbors decorated his front lawn with numerous American flags in his honor. Both the Houston Police Department, Honor Guard and the Harris County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard helped to conduct the very moving ceremony.

Richard was proud of his service as a Marine.

Richard was proud to be married to Nelda. He was proud to wear the several badges of a Texas Peace Officer.

He was proud to be an American.

Richard was the true patriot.

TAPS has been played for the final time. This time it was for "Officer Friendly."

Semper Fi, Richard Zipp, Semper Fi.

And that's just the way it is.

UKRAINE CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1997, the "Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act," legislation that will lead to greater cooperation between the United States and Ukraine on matters of cybersecurity and require State Department reporting to Congress on best practices to protect against future cyber-attacks.

In recent years, Ukraine has been the target of an increasing number of cyber-attacks that have infiltrated state institutions and critical infrastructure to the effect of undermining its democracy.

It is past time we step up to work with our ally Ukraine in furtherance of our mutual interest in cyber security, the modern battlefield.

Ukraine is a frontline for nation state-directed cyber-attacks, which are potential harbingers of attacks on the United States.

Helping Ukraine strengthen its cyber defenses will not only protect Ukraine from future attacks, but it will also help the United States develop new and more effective technologies and strategies.

As a former member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am pleased to stand in support of the effort to advance the strategic interests of both the United States and Ukraine on a bipartisan basis.

Cybersecurity is a complex and serious national and economic security issue for any nation.

For years, Ukraine has been under siege from nation-state cyber-attacks that have sought to weaken its government and undermine hopes for an open and democratic society.

The United States must play an important role in this fight.

By not adequately responding and adapting to these cyber-threats in Eastern Europe, our nation is both letting down an ally as well as failing to take proactive steps to protect itself.

Standing strong with our trusted allies in the cause of freedom is liberty's best defense.

I am proud to work with my colleague, Congressman BOYLE, in encouraging cooperation

between the United States and Ukraine on this front, and look forward to continuing to work with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee to keep our focus on this 21st century battle.

I urge all Members to support H.R. 1997, the "Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act."

COLORADO THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2018 OLYMPIANS TRIB- UTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the athletes from Colorado's Third Congressional District who are competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The dedication, passion, and spirit of these 21 men and women prove that they are some of the best our nation has to offer, and they serve as a model for young adults all around the world. I am proud to recognize these athletes for their impressive achievement.

Competing in Alpine Skiing: David Chodounsky, Wiley Maple, Alice McKennis, and Mikaela Shiffrin;

Competing in Bobsled: Nathan Weber;

Competing in Cross-Country Skiing: Simi Hamilton and Noah Hoffman;

Competing in Freestyle Skiing: Aaron Blunck, Alex Ferreira, Gus Kenworthy, Keaton McCargo, and Torin Yater-Wallace;

Competing in Nordic Combined: Ben Berend, Bryan Fletcher, Taylor Fletcher, and Jasper Good;

And competing in Snowboarding: Mick Dierdorff, Arielle Gold, Hagen Kearney, Jake Pates, and Meghan Tierney.

While I am here to acknowledge the athletes that hail from my home district, I would like to thank every member of Team USA for their continued contribution to their sports and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these accomplished athletes. Their talent, hard work, and commitment has allowed them to compete on an international platform and I have no doubt they will make our nation proud. I want to thank them for representing the United States and Colorado's Third Congressional District and I wish them luck as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

HONORING LESSIE MOSES OF MILTON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Lessie Moses. Lessie, who just turned 98 years old this past November, served as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, working on airplanes in Ohio. Lessie was born and raised in her beloved hometown of Milton and is the oldest of nine children.

Lessie was part of the workforce that carried the nation while the men were at war, providing the warfighter the equipment they needed to get the job done. Lessie answered the

call when their nation asked and served in 1943 and 1944 on the home front to make sure our troops were well equipped. Lessie is a local pioneer of the Rosie movement in my district, and I am honored to recognize her achievements and help keep this history alive. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of the heroes of World War II.

May God bless Lessie, and I thank her for all she has done for the people of the great state of West Virginia and her community of Milton, and for her service to our nation.

PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE OR WAR CRIMES

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3851, the War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act, which targets perpetrators of genocide or war crimes, and commend my friend VIRGINIA FOXX for authoring it. The War Crimes Rewards Program, administered by the State Department, has helped apprehend perpetrators of atrocity crimes on the run from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. But our current law does not explicitly authorize rewards to enable prosecutions in the United States or domestic courts in other countries. This bill would make it clear rewards can be used to support domestic prosecutions.

Tribunals like those for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda have done yeoman's work and we should continue to support them. That is why I have called for the United States to support and help stand up a Syria war crimes tribunal. But domestic courts are also essential for prosecuting perpetrators. With so many fugitive terrorists who committed atrocity crimes in Iraq or Syria, and can be tried in the domestic courts of their home country or another country, this legislation is especially timely.

I support this bill and encourage my colleagues to do likewise.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I call on the Senate to finally vote on and pass H.R. 390, the Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act.

This House passed it unanimously last June 6 and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed it last September 19. The Committee Chairman, Senator CORKER, has since been holding it hostage and will not permit it to proceed to the full Senate for a vote.

The bill would authorize the State Department and USAID to direct some aid to Christians, Yazidis and other religious and ethnic minorities targeted for genocide to enable them to survive in their ancient homelands. It would enable oversight to ensure the career bureaucrats are fully implementing the policy of the Administration and provide clear, detailed authorization for appropriations.

H.R. 390 also authorizes the State Department and USAID to support organizations conducting criminal investigations into ISIS perpetrators of atrocity crimes and collecting evidence that can be used in domestic courts and tribunals. This advances our counter-ter-

rorism initiatives and justice for the victims. The House voted on H.R. 390 and the Senate should be given the same opportunity.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI MARINE LANCE CORPORAL (LCPL) EDWARD JOE DYCUS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Lance Corporal (LCpl) Edward Joe Dycus who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on February 1, 2012, during Operation Enduring Freedom. LCpl Dycus gave his life when he was mortally wounded by a member of the Afghan Security Forces in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. LCpl Dycus was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

LCpl Dycus grew up in Greenville, Mississippi. He attended Riverside High School. LCpl Dycus joined the United States Marine Corps in November 2010. Eric Harmon, a friend and fellow student of LCpl Dycus, said he was a humble person who respected his elders. Eric said, "everyone appreciated LCpl Dycus' sweet and soft-spoken nature. He was a great representative for the City of Greenville, his school, and the state of Mississippi."

LCpl Dycus' funeral was held at the Riverside High School gym. Eric said he will never forget that day because hundreds of residents lined the highway all the way from the gym to the Greenville Cemetery. The procession was led by the Patriot Guard Riders. "That is something I had not ever seen before," Eric said. "The outpouring of love and support from the community forever touched the hearts of his family and all of us who were there."

Theresa Carol Dycus, LCpl Dycus' mother, said her son joined the military because he wanted to serve our nation. "I was behind him in his decision," Theresa Carol said. "He was an awesome son who was loved by his family, friends, and community." She also remembers the day of the funeral when the town came to pay their respects. "The town just stopped," Theresa Carol said. "Greenville came together to support our family during our painful loss."

LCpl Dycus is survived by his father, Randy Dycus; his mother, Theresa Carol Dycus; his stepfather, Franky Drury; his brother, Rodney Lee Frothingham Dycus; his three sisters, Stephanie Marie Dycus Johnson, Laura Elaine Dycus, and Martha Carol Agnes Dycus; his brothers-in-law, Chris Tice and Joseph Adams Johnson; his five nieces and nephews, Hayden Tice, Kaution Tice, Ryder Tice, Caleb Johnson, and Cayden Johnson.

LCpl Dycus' service and sacrifice to protect the freedoms we all enjoy will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING MR. WESLEY JENSEN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Wesley Peder Jensen on his 100th birthday.

Born on February 6, 1918, Wesley has lived a full life, filled with adventure and service. He has witnessed many extraordinary historical events, from the Great Depression to the technology boom.

Wesley is part of the greatest generation. He served our country in the United States Army as a Tech Sergeant from 1942 through the end of World War II in September of 1945. During that time, he served in Australia and New Guinea.

In his dedication to his country and his community, Wesley has continued to make the world around him a better place throughout his lifetime.

I join with his family, friends, and Washington's Eighth District in congratulating him on this special occasion and wishing him a wonderful birthday.

HONORING THE GRADUATING SENIORS ON THE BUFFALO STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Malik Turner, J.O. Spence, Mike Henry, and Rey Jordan. As members of the Buffalo State men's basketball team, these students are known as dedicated athletes and scholars. Their leadership and hard work has stood out among their peers and in our community. I commend these young men for their academic and athletic dedication and congratulate them on the completion of their college careers.

Malik Turner played for Buffalo State as a forward and majored in Sociology. Malik comes from New York, New York where he attended NIA Prep High School.

J.O. Spence comes to Buffalo State from his hometown of Limon, Costa Rica. A graduate of Bayard Rustin High School, J.O. played guard for the Buffalo State Bengals. He will be earning his degree in Health and Wellness.

Coming from Syracuse, New York, Mike Henry is a graduate of West Genesee High School. At Buffalo State he played the positions of forward and guard. He will earn his degree in individualized studies.

Rey Jordan is a Buffalo native who graduated from McKinley High School. He majored in Economics while succeeding as a guard on the Buffalo State Bengals.

Handling the responsibilities of being a student athlete is an incredible challenge, and all four of these students handled this challenge exceptionally. As an alumnus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing my colleagues to join me in recognizing these extraordinary Buffalo State Bengals and in congratulating them as they obtain their undergraduate degrees. Their dedication and drive will propel them to success, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CRUZ SARMIENTO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to dedicate some time to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Cruz Sarmiento, for the inspirational life he led.

Mr. Sarmiento passed away on January 29, 2018 peacefully, at the age of 95, and his life should and will be remembered. Mr. Sarmiento's life embodies this country's greatest ideals—opportunity, determination, and the American dream.

Born in Juarez, Chihuahua in 1922, Mr. Sarmiento spent his early years in both Mexico and America, but it was his dedication to family that kept him in Juarez, as he cared for his grandmother. There, he met his beloved wife, Juanita, and together they returned to the U.S. He worked diligently to provide for his family of 8 children, emphasizing the importance of education to them. After moving the family to California and performing a variety of jobs, he seized opportunity through investments and was able to retire at age 65. He and his wife flourished during this long retirement.

Mr. Sarmiento's life sets an example for all; his hard work, perseverance, and sacrifice earned him the respect of all who met him. Mr. Sarmiento could always be relied on to help others, whether he was helping coworkers fill out documents when they could not read or write in English, or when he co-founded Mayas, an organization that held dances with proceeds funding the scholarships of future students. His selflessness and dedication to all communities around him was admirable. Mr. Sarmiento is survived by his family, including his children and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family will carry on the values of his legacy. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Sarmiento for the inspiring example his life has set, and I thank him for coming to America and enriching the lives of all around him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 51 and 52 on Monday, February 5, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 51 and Nay on Roll Call vote 52.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JOHNNY JACKSON, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Johnny Jackson, Jr., a former New Orleans city councilman, state representative and Ninth Ward community leader, who died on January 24, 2018 at the age of 74.

A New Orleans native, Mr. Jackson was a 1961 graduate of George Washington Carver High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Southern University at New Orleans in 1965, and his master's degree in social work from Tulane University in 1980.

In 1968, Mr. Jackson became director of the Desire Community Center and was its leader during the time of the 1970 standoff between New Orleans police and members of the Black Panther Party. He used the center to offer breakfast and tutoring programs for children.

In 1971, Mr. Jackson was elected to the Louisiana state legislature, as only the body's third African-American member. He served in the state House of Representatives for 14 years from 1972 until 1986. Mr. Jackson became the New Orleans delegation's floor leader soon after his election and was a founding member of the state's Legislative Black Caucus. He also served as a delegate to the 1973 convention which rewrote the state constitution.

Mr. Jackson was recruited to run for the state legislature by members of the Ninth Ward political organization Southern Organization of United Leadership, better known as SOUL. He was a member of the group and later a founding member of another political group, DAWN, which stood for Development Association for Wards and Neighborhoods.

In 1985, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Delories P. Francois started the Desire Community Housing Corporation Staff Christmas Show and gift exchange for the neighborhood kids. Eventually, the program grew into a community event. The purpose of this program was to provide Christmas gifts for children in the Desire-Florida areas and was extended to the City of New Orleans. The program grew to provide bikes, computers, and toys to kids within the city.

From 1986 until 1994, Mr. Jackson served as the District E representative on the New Orleans City Council, representing New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward.

Mr. Jackson was a former board member of Total Community Action, Inc., the New Orleans East Economic Development Foundation, Desire-Florida Area Community Council, and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation. He also chaired the "Gospel is Alive" program, and was former president of WWOZ public radio.

Mr. Jackson became a member of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, Inc., in the 1980's. He soon thereafter became an active fundraiser for the club, which earned him an appointment to the Zulu Board. After the death of former King, Mr. Fred Thomas, Mr. Jackson was appointed as captain of the Zulu Diamond Cutters, a position he held for almost 28 years.

Mr. Jackson, always having a heart for the community, with the help of the Zulu Social

Aid and Pleasure Club, Inc. revived the Desire Carver Housing Corporation's original vision and formed the Zulu Toys for Tots Christmas Talent Show, which focused on raising money and collecting toys for underprivileged youth.

Mr. Jackson loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Jackson, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Jackson's survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ara "Jean" Parker Jackson, his mother, Mrs. Josephine Jackson; two sons, Kevin Jackson of New Orleans and Johnny Jahl Jackson of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Kenyatta Jackson Morris of Dallas, Texas, Johann Jackson of Tampa, Florida, and Jeanne Jackson and Samantha Spears, both of New Orleans; two brothers, Brandon Jackson, Sr. of New Orleans and Kevin Jackson of Slidell; two sisters, Cynthia Webster of Slidell and Cheryl Robinson of New Orleans; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Johnny Jackson, Jr.

HONORING MIKE FITZSIMMONS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Mike Fitzsimmons, Spokane's News Scope host on KXLY Newsradio 920 for his years of service to Eastern Washington. As an award-winning radio and television journalist, news director, and talk radio host, Mr. Fitzsimmons has served the people of Eastern Washington for more than 40 years. Mr. Fitzsimmons retired at the end of 2017 and I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to our great community.

Mr. Fitzsimmons famously covered the eruption of Mount St. Helens in May of 1980 where he spent 56 continuous hours reporting about the effects of this unique event on Eastern Washington. In 1996, Mr. Fitzsimmons held another marathon broadcast during the giant regional power blackout known as Ice Storm '96. Outside of reporting, Mike served as a radio and television anchor for Unlimited Hydroplane Racing for 45 years.

In addition to his career on radio and TV, Mr. Fitzsimmons has also dedicated his time to Gonzaga University where he is a Senior Lecturer of Integrated Media. He teaches courses relating to media law, public relations, broadcast writing, and media literacy. He has aimed to provide platforms for interpretation and critical analysis of the current fast-paced media environment.

I would like to thank Mr. Fitzsimmons for his years of dedication to the people of Spokane and Eastern Washington, and wish him the best of luck in the next chapter of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH-
WEST METROPORT CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce as it marks 30 years of service to the North Texas community.

Formed in 1986 as the Roanoke Business Association, this organization has enjoyed significant growth, expanding service to include Argyle, Haslet, Justin, Northlake, Trophy Club, and Westlake. In its 30 years of service, the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce has also grown from eight founding members to more than 420. These members—past and present—have worked diligently to create, promote, and enhance growth for the business community.

Since its inception, the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce has sought to positively impact leadership, stewardship, and business relationships for the benefit of all six of the communities it represents in the Northwest Metroport region.

There is no doubt that the Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce leaders and members have made meaningful contributions to their communities and the North Texas region, and I am grateful for their steadfast service.

IN HONOR OF JENNIFER FRIZZEL
FOR HER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE
AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere gratitude for Jennifer Frizzel as she moves on after fifteen years from her role leading public policy work for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Throughout Jennifer's long career as an advocate for reproductive rights and improved access to family planning resources, she has helped support women across New Hampshire in obtaining well-deserved quality healthcare. Whether it's been advocacy to protect buffer zones outside of clinics or fighting against a lawsuit to prevent the opening of a Planned Parenthood in downtown Manchester, Jennifer has made invaluable contributions to our state and the country. Her commitment and compassion have improved the lives of countless women in need, and she has cultivated a better future for Granite State women and families.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District and all those who have benefitted from Jennifer's work, I thank her for her incredible service and congratulate her on all that she has accomplished. I wish her the best of luck in the years ahead, and I look forward to our continued work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RESOLUTION
724

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 724. This is an important resolution and I am proud to support it.

The recent wave of sexual harassment allegations has been an important moment for our country. The last many months represent a sea change in how we, as Americans, talk about and respond to allegations of sexual misconduct.

Fortunately, it has empowered women to share their story through the #MeToo movement. This movement has made the country realize that allegations of sexual harassment touch all pockets of society, including, sadly, the Congress of the United States.

These allegations have exposed numerous allegations against congressional offices. This is concerning because it tells us that those who come to our nation's capital and serve the country they love must contend with unwanted harassment.

Further still, and prior to this thoughtful legislation, victims of abuse had to contend with the separate and various office policies, if any at all, of every individual member. This is disorienting and unhelpful.

Congress must set the example. That is why I am proud to support H. Resolution 724. H. Res. 724 would set mandatory anti-harassment and antidiscrimination policies for house offices.

Additionally, this Resolution would establish an Office of Employee Advocacy to provide legal assistance and consultation to employees of the House regarding procedures and proceedings under the Congressional Accountability Act.

And, critically, it would list sexual harassment as a violation of the House code of official conduct.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to be able to speak with a moral voice about the problem of sexual harassment, then we must begin with this institution.

That is why I am proud to support this legislation.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
GEORGE P. SHADID

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of retired State Senator George P. Shadid, of Peoria, Illinois, who devoted his life to serving his community and the State of Illinois. George left us on February 3rd, and will be greatly missed by family, friends, former colleagues, and his community.

George was born on May 15, 1929 to Edna Massad Shadid and Philip A. Shadid; one of nine children born to the proud Lebanese immigrants. On May 30, 1953, George married Lorraine K. Unes. They had two children, George Jr., who sadly passed away in 2005, and James, who currently serves as chief U.S.

District Judge for central Illinois. George and Lorraine were also blessed with four grandchildren.

Throughout his life, George embodied the role of a true public servant, dedicating his life to serving others. He started his long career in public service as a police officer for the Peoria Police Department. After serving in that capacity for twenty-three years, in 1976 he was elected Sheriff of Peoria County. In 1993, George was appointed to serve as State Senator of the 46th District of Illinois, representing Peoria, Tazewell and Fulton counties. In the Senate, George became lifelong friends with then State Senator Barack Obama. He retired from the Senate in 2006. He was a mentor and friend to many, and was admired by colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his honesty, and his commitment to finding commonsense, bipartisan solutions with the goal of bettering his community and the State of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize the late George Shadid on his extraordinary work and service to the State of Illinois. I am grateful for George's contributions to our community, and my condolences are with his loved ones at this difficult time. It is because of dedicated and selfless leaders such as former Senator Shadid that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SRI
LANKA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Sri Lanka is a free, independent, and sovereign nation—a unique country with a rich history, dating back to its flourishing civilization of the 2nd Century B.C.;

Whereas, Sri Lanka is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of its independence;

Whereas, Sri Lanka has developed its economy based on its agriculture, cultivation of semi-precious stones, and manufacturing industries. And although Sri Lanka experienced invasions and rule by the Portuguese, Dutch, and British, Sri Lanka regained independence through a peaceful and constitutional process in 1948;

Whereas, after 70 years of independence, Sri Lanka has emerged as a key South Asian country committed to democracy, free market economics, and sound development policy;

Whereas, this year also marks the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between free Sri Lanka and the United States of America and bi-lateral relations between the U.S. and Sri Lanka have always been strong;

Whereas, trade and investment between the U.S. and Sri Lanka continue to grow. Recent U.S. goods exports were \$372 million. U.S. exports consisted primarily of industrial machinery, medical instruments, aircraft parts, lentils, paper, specialized fabrics and textiles for use in the garment industry, fruits, and pharmaceuticals. Sri Lanka is currently the

115th largest export market for U.S. goods. Corresponding U.S. imports from Sri Lanka were \$2.88 billion;

Whereas, as Sri Lanka celebrates seven decades of freedom, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to pay tribute to all of her national heroes and freedom fighters who fought for independence and extend congratulations to the approximately 100,000 Sri Lankans in the U.S., whose communities have made economic and social impacts throughout various communities across America;

Whereas, Sri Lanka's rich history of over 2,500 years, and its tremendous progress as a nation in 70 years alone, proves Sri Lanka's tremendous potential for the rest of the 21st Century and the future beyond; now be it *Resolved*, That in commemoration of Sri Lanka's 70th year of independence, members of the United States House of Representatives congratulate the government of President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and look forward to working with the government of Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Americans, and the Sri Lankan community in the United States for years to come.

RECOGNIZING TEENS AGAINST DIFFERENCE AND PALM BEACH COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION YOUTH IN ACTION

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, opioids are prescribed to reduce acute pain and are used as anesthesia during surgery. But, as we are all too aware, they have a high potential for abuse. Approximately 2.4 million Americans are currently battling an opioid-use disorder.

In 2015, over 33,000 Americans died from an opioid-related overdose. In 2016, this number jumped to over 42,000. These tragic numbers show a worsening epidemic, which has been declared a national public health emergency.

Mr. Speaker, this epidemic significantly impacts our nation's youth, with the rate of non-medical use of opioids by adolescents and teens doubling from 1991 to 2012. The rate of teen drug overdose deaths skyrocketed 19 percent from 2014 to 2015, with 772 drug overdose deaths reported nationwide for teens aged 15 to 19.

Students throughout Palm Beach County, Florida have responded to this emergency in an effort to save lives by raising community awareness of the epidemic and by reaching out to elected officials to urge them to action.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these students and the work they have done to address this national public health emergency.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, February is Black History Month. It is a time

to reflect on the progress we have made in this country in the pursuit of equality and justice and to honor the people whose hard work and sacrifice contributed in that endeavor.

While we certainly have made progress in many areas, I think it is also important to acknowledge the problems that still persist so that we may continue the work of those who we honor, not just in February but throughout the year.

We will hear a lot about 2018 being the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but it is also the 50th anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign, which Dr. King championed before his death.

The Poor People's Campaign came to Washington in the spring of 1968 and set up a shantytown called Resurrection City where thousands lived on the National Mall, just a short distance from where I stand here tonight.

A central part of the Campaign was the drafting of an Economic Bill of Rights, which called for:

"A meaningful job at a living wage;"

"A secure and adequate income for all those unable to find or do a job;"

"Access to land for economic uses;"

"Access to capital for poor people and minorities to promote their own businesses;" and

The "ability for ordinary people to play a truly significant role in the government."

Fifty years later, we are still fighting for these same economic rights.

In 1968, a nonwhite family in America had a median wealth of about \$3,000 while white families had a median wealth of around \$60,000.

The wealth gap since then has only expanded, with black families holding a median wealth of \$17,000 versus \$171,000 in white families—a wealth gap of a factor of ten.

Homeownership—an important tool for wealth creation—is only 42 percent for black families but 68 percent for white families.

Retirement savings for black families is now around \$25,000 but over \$157,000 for white families.

It is important to note that Hispanic families have to deal with a wealth gap just as bad as black families.

In the greatest country in the world, your economic security should not be so closely tied to your race or your zip code.

In his Nobel Prize address in 1964, Dr. King noted: "There is nothing new about poverty. What is new, however, is that we have the resources to get rid of it."

Mr. Speaker, we, as members of Congress have a responsibility to use those resources to address the problem head on.

Certainly, we in the Congressional Black Caucus are committed to solving the problems of the wealth gap and economic inequality to bring our country closer together.

We must promote policies that increase job creation in low-income communities; strengthen our social safety nets, not take away benefits; invest in training programs so workers can transition to high-skilled, high-wage jobs, and make investments in revitalizing schools, infrastructure, and neighborhoods.

Families of color, and all American families, deserve equal access to economic opportunity. They deserve better jobs, better wages, and a better future.

HONORING MARGOT CISNEROS TORRES WHO IS RETIRING

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of Executive Director of Human Resources for San Benito Consolidated Independent School District (SBCISD), Margot Cisneros Torres who is retiring. As a director, principal, assistant principal, and educator, Mrs. Torres dedicated her life to bringing knowledge to others.

Mrs. Torres received her Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Texas Pan American and her Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Texas in Brownsville. She holds Provisional Secondary Teaching Certificates in Secondary English and Spanish Grades 6–12, Mild Management Certificate PK–12, and Professional Superintendent Certificate PK–12.

Prior to serving as the Executive Director for Human Resources at SBCISD, Mrs. Torres worked for the Brownsville Independent School District for 26 years in many positions including high school English teacher, Assistant Principal, Human Resource Specialist, and Principal. Additionally, she served as a school principal at Point Isabel Independent School District for three years. Mrs. Torres will be completing an impressive 31 years in education upon her retirement at the end of this academic year.

The presence of Mrs. Torres will be missed at San Benito Consolidated Independent School District, but her legacy as a leader will be felt for years to come. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Torres and her family all the best as she begins the next chapter in her life.

HONORING DR. CARTER G. WOODSON OF HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Carter G. Woodson and to celebrate his legacy with my friends at Marshall University. Dr. Woodson is a former resident of Huntington, West Virginia, and is known as the "Father of African-American History." He believed in the importance of education, served as a principal of his alma mater Douglas High School, and later earned a doctorate in history from Harvard University. Dr. Woodson pioneered the observation of Black History Month and devoted his life to documenting the important contributions African Americans have made to our nation's history.

The Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University has the great honor to welcome Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden who will speak directly to the community and students of Marshall University. I extended my wishes for a successful event celebrating the life of Dr. Woodson and all that he has achieved.

I want to thank Professor Morris for his continued dedication to honoring the work of Dr. Woodson every year. He continues to ensure

future generations and students at Marshall have the opportunity to learn about the legacy of this remarkable historical icon. Dr. Woodson's legacy and his work to ensure that African-American history is preserved and recognized in our community will continue to inspire the students of Marshall University for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call votes 51 and 52 on February 5, 2018. Had I been present, my votes would have been the following: Nay on 52, and Aye on Roll Call vote 51.

HONORING THE GRADUATING SENIORS ON THE BUFFALO STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Mariah Rosario and Caleh McLean. As members of the Buffalo State women's basketball team, these students are known as gifted athletes and scholars. I commend these young women for their academic and athletic dedication and congratulate them on the completion of their college careers.

Mariah Rosario played for Buffalo State as a forward and majored in Criminal Justice. Mariah comes from Flushing, New York where she attended Robert F. Kennedy High School.

Caleh McLean comes to Buffalo State from her hometown of New Rochelle, New York. A graduate of New Rochelle High School, Caleh played guard for the Buffalo State Bengals. She will be earning her degree in Economics and Finance.

Handling the responsibilities of being a student athlete is an incredible challenge, and both of these students handled this challenge exceptionally. As an alumnus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing my colleagues to join me in recognizing these extraordinary Buffalo State Bengals and in congratulating them as they obtain their undergraduate degrees. Their dedication and drive will propel them to success, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF BRIGADIER GENERAL VERNON RODNEY TATE, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 3, 2018, a memorial service

was conducted at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, Maryland, to honor the life of Brigadier General Vernon Rodney Tate, Sr.

I include in the RECORD the following obituary published in The Post and Courier on February 1, 2018:

Brigadier General Vernon Rodney "Rod" Tate, Sr. passed away peacefully on January 28, 2018, in his home on Daniel Island, South Carolina, with his beloved wife, Lynn, his children and two faithful rescue cats, Frankie and Cooper, by his side. He celebrated his 80th birthday this past November with family. Rod was born on November 18, 1937, in Washington, D.C. to Dr. Vernon Dale Tate and Katherine Ann (Moore) Tate, and lived his childhood years in Hingham, Massachusetts. Rod earned his Eagle Scout rank as member of Troop 25 in Hingham, Massachusetts. He moved to Annapolis with his family in 1954 when his father began serving as Director of Libraries at the U.S. Naval Academy. Rod graduated from Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Massachusetts, in 1957. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland in 1961, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and the University of Maryland Swim Team. He later received a Masters of Business Administration at George Washington University with a focus on International Marketing in 1967. Rod began his career working at Xerox Corporation. He later founded Nationwide Fulfillment Systems located in Ridgely, Maryland, serving Fortune 500 companies. During this time, he served in the U.S. Air Force and spent his last five years in service as a Brigadier General, USAF, working in the Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), which included duties at the Pentagon, Office of Secretary of the Air Force. He was also a Mobilization Assistant to the Inspector General (SAFIG). Upon retirement from the Air Force, Brigadier General Tate received the Distinguished Service Medal.

Rod and his late wife, Missy, founded Weems Creek Nursery School and Kindergarten, Annapolis, MD in 1972, which, 46 years later continues making a difference in children's lives. They also established Super Skate roller rink together in 1979. During retirement, Rod and his son, Vernon (Skip) Rodney Tate, Jr. founded Recreation World RV Center, Annapolis, MD. Over his lifetime, Rod was involved in many philanthropic causes, serving in various capacities including Anne Arundel Medical Center, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, the Annapolis Area Christian School, the Summit School, Cushing Academy, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and other organizations. Rod was a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC), the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club, and the New Providence Club in Annapolis. Most recently, he has cherished his time attending East Cooper Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, SC and hosting weekly Bible studies with his wife. He was an active member at the Daniel Island Club. Rod lived a full life and enjoyed sailing and Wednesday Night Races at AYC, traveling, golf, restoring historic homes, was an automobile enthusiast, and most of all, cherished spending time with his family.

Rod is survived by his wife, Lynn of 10 years; his sons, Vernon Rodney (Skip) Tate, Jr., (Katharine), William Paul Tate; his daughters, Hilda Margaret (Maggie) Tate Riith (Michael), all from Annapolis and Elizabeth Downing Jowett, (Marshall) of Yale,

Michigan, from his 43 year marriage with the late Missy Tate; ten grandchildren; and a sister, Charlotte Tate Bendell (Alfred) of Hagerstown, MD. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the John M. Taylor Funeral Home, 147 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD. The service will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, 710 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, MD. Interment will follow at the St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Cemetery, 1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD.

Those wishing to do so may make donations to one of the philanthropies mentioned above, Respite Care Charleston, Dementia & Alzheimer's Support, the Charleston Animal Society or the Senior Dog Sanctuary of Maryland. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight delay on February 5, 2018, I was unable to vote on Roll Call numbers 51 and 52. If present, I would have voted yes on H.R. 4547, and would have voted no on approving the journal.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEEPING SALVADORAN FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to provide Salvadorans who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) lawful permanent resident status and a pathway to citizenship after five years.

Of the 200,000 Salvadorans living in the U.S. with TPS, nearly 30,000 live in the Washington, D.C. metro region, the largest concentration in the nation. This bill would change the status of Salvadoran TPS holders to lawful permanent residents and allow them to apply for naturalization after five years. Deporting Salvadoran TPS holders raises unique issues because of the great number of years they have spent in the U.S. and the large number of their children who were born in this country and are American citizens. The Trump Administration's callous and unnecessary decision to end TPS for Salvadorans requires immediate pushback. I am also pleased to be a cosponsor of the American Promise Act (H.R. 4253), which would protect from deportation all individuals currently receiving TPS or Deferred Enforced Departure.

My bill would begin the effort to protect from deportation Salvadorans who have lived here for nearly two decades and have made long-term contributions to our region and to the nation. I urge its adoption.

INTRODUCTION OF NAMING THE
POST OFFICE ON NORTH TUSTIN
STREET IN ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
THE SPECIALIST TREVOR A.
WIN'E POST OFFICE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Army Specialist Trevor Anthony Win'E from my district in the city of Orange, California.

Specialist Win'E was a young man of strong convictions. A few months after 9/11, he joined the Army on May 1, 2002, to serve his country. After Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he arrived at Fort Lee, Virginia for the petroleum supply specialist course. Upon his graduation from that course in October 2002, Specialist Win'E was then assigned to the 24th Quartermaster Supply Company at Fort Lewis, Washington. In November 2003, the Company, was scheduled to deploy to Iraq. At the same time, Specialist Win'E was on orders to move to South Korea but approached his commander and he asked to deploy and serve alongside his fellow soldiers in the unit. He was granted that request to continue with his unit to Iraq.

Sadly, while serving in Tikrit, his convoy was attacked by improvised explosive devices. Specialist Win'E was in the lead truck. Tragically, the following day, May 1, 2004, Specialist Win'E died from injuries sustained during that attack. He was only 22 years old.

Therefore, to honor his service to our nation, I am introducing legislation—with the support of the entire California delegation—to name the facility of the United States Postal Service located on North Tustin Street in Orange, California as the Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the memory of Specialist Trevor A. Win'E by supporting my legislation to name a Post Office facility in his hometown after the young man so that his service and sacrifice may be remembered.

HONORING PRINCE HALL
UNIVERSAL LODGE NO. 1

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 173 years of service of the Prince Hall Universal Lodge No. 1 of Alexandria, Virginia.

The Prince Hall Free Masonry began in Alexandria in 1845. Over the past 173 years, Universal Lodge No. 1 has worked on significant issues such as slavery, education and schools, church buildings, and the general welfare of African Americans. I greatly commend their many years of service to the Alexandria community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 51 for final passage of H.R. 4547, which took place Monday, February 5, 2018, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. As a cosponsor of this bill, I would have voted Aye had I been present.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROGER
MCFARLIN

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Roger McFarlin, who retired at the end of last year after forty-five years of service as a family physician in my district.

Dr. McFarlin grew up in Hillsboro, Illinois, where he graduated high school in 1962. After finishing medical school in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. McFarlin practiced in both Colorado and Montana before moving back to Hillsboro to be close to home.

Since then, Dr. McFarlin has taken care of hundreds of patients in the area, who, according to his wife, are not just their patients, but family and friends. For nearly fifty years, he's made house calls and hospital visits, and has become a familiar name to most in Montgomery County.

Dr. McFarlin has been an important voice in the healthcare community for over forty-five years. He previously sat on the board of directors for Hillsboro Area Hospital and was the medical director for the Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He also served on the board for the Montgomery County Health Department and is a longtime member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He has been awarded the Hillsboro Education Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005 and also received the Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association; true testaments to Dr. McFarlin's dedication to his patients and his commitment to providing excellent healthcare to families.

Dr. McFarlin plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife, Doris, on their farm. I'm thankful for Dr. McFarlin's many years of service to patients in Central Illinois. I wish him and his family the best as they start this new chapter.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF
ROBERT YOUNGDEER

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Robert Youngdeer of the Qualla Boundary in Swain County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Chief

Youngdeer for his decades of service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United States of America.

Chief Youngdeer was born in Ravensford, NC near the town of Cherokee, NC in Western North Carolina. After graduating from High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Marines for eight years. Chief Youngdeer served in World War II and had been in the service for two years when he was wounded during the battle of Guadalcanal and was awarded with a Purple Heart. After serving with the Marines for eight years, he then joined the Army Paratroopers and retired after twenty years of military service to our nation.

After leaving the military, Chief Youngdeer served in numerous law enforcement positions in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agencies, working with tribes in Alaska, Arizona, North Dakota, Mississippi and South Dakota. Chief Youngdeer returned to Cherokee, North Carolina and served as the Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from 1983 to 1987. Since his time as Chief of the Eastern Band, Chief Youngdeer has been bestowed the title of "Honored Man" by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and has been honored by the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. Chief Youngdeer married Geneva Alene Stafford Youngdeer on Nov. 6, 1943, and together they have two children, Merritt and Judy.

Chief Youngdeer is revered by many for his lifetime of service to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and to the United States of America. As a serviceman and as Chief, he has always put the needs of others ahead of himself. Western North Carolina has been blessed to have such an extraordinary leader in our community. For his faithful service to the people of Western North Carolina, I express to Chief Youngdeer the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina.

HONORING VICTORIA GONZALEZ
FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL
SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Victoria Gonzalez, a young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award—the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has issued more than 20,000 Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. She must also design and implement a Gold project.

Victoria's project was based on a need she observed firsthand. While volunteering at a Christmas party for the Ozanam Homeless Shelter in Brownsville, Texas, Victoria realized

the homeless did not have access to meals every day. With the help and encouragement of Mr. David Bonnett, her school's National Junior Honor Society sponsor, and funding approval from the administrators of Saint Joseph Academy, Victoria implemented a program to feed area homeless. Volunteers from Saint Joseph Academy now prepare and distribute meals on the fifth Friday of longer months, filling a gap in services. I applaud Victoria's efforts to help those most in need.

Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Victoria, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her for this significant service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to travel conditions leaving West Virginia. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 51.

KABUL ATTACKS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a wave of terrorist attacks have rocked the Afghan capital over the last few weeks killing over 130 people and leaving hundreds more injured. These horrific assaults in Kabul were specifically designed to demonstrate Afghanistan's vulnerability and instability. By attacking in the heart of the young Afghan democracy, terrorists are attempting to show the world that our efforts have failed and that they can murder with impunity. We must not accept this.

Terrorism is designed for this purpose, to terrorize, to kill with the intention of coercing people to form political opinions or decisions that they would otherwise not make if they were not living in fear. But a future with the Taliban and al-Qaeda returning to power in Afghanistan is to accept that terrorism works and that millions who now live free, must again be subjected to the oppression of Taliban rule. We committed ourselves to the cause of defeating terrorism in Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, and we must hold to this course.

However, after sixteen years of war, there has always been one fundamental flaw with our strategy. It has assumed that Afghanistan's neighbor, Pakistan, shared our goals. The recent attacks in Kabul present more evidence that Pakistan is not our ally in this cause. In the investigation of the attacks, the Afghan government has determined that their source was in the safe havens of Pakistan. And why should we be surprised, when it was Pakistan's intelligence service which created the Taliban and fostered a partnership with al-Qaeda decades ago?

For years, we have attempted to pursue terrorists living across the Afghan border in Pakistan, including operations that killed Osama bin Laden and dozens of other senior terrorist

leaders. But Pakistan pretends they were never there. It claims it has removed the safe havens but we know the Taliban leadership is still in places like Quetta and Peshawar—beyond the reach of U.S. and Afghan forces. We know that thousands are radicalized at Pakistani school and madrassas every year. And despite its bluster about being tough on terrorism, it frequently releases the terrorists it holds. Just last month it released a renowned militant leader who recruited thousands of fighters for the Taliban and in December freed the leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba from house arrest. These terrorists walk free, direct attacks, and incite generations of young Pakistanis and Afghans, all while the Pakistani government collects billions of dollars in U.S. aid. This can no longer stand if we are to ever bring the war in Afghanistan to an acceptable conclusion.

I applaud the President's decision to suspend security assistance to Pakistan and to publicly shame it for its role in harboring terrorism. The peace and security of South Asia should not be held hostage by the reckless policies of Pakistan. Until it can forgo its sponsorship of this extremist ideology and joins the responsible nations of the world in actively combatting groups like al-Qaeda and the Taliban, we should cease our partnership with the government of Pakistan. And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 5, 2018 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 51, and NAY Roll Call No. 52.

HONORING MS. WILLORA "PEACHES" CRAFT EPHRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable public servant and hometown hero, Ms. Willora "Peaches" Craft Ephram.

Ms. Ephram owned a very popular soul food restaurant in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. Peaches opened in 1961 after Ms. Ephram was able to save up enough money to own her dream restaurant. Ms. Ephram's soul food restaurant took on her nickname, "Peaches," and it served as a staple around the city of Jackson as well as the state of Mississippi. In 2007, Democratic Presidential Candidate, Barack Obama, stopped by Peaches during his campaign, where Ms. Ephram packed him an order of cobbler to go.

In 2013, Ms. Ephram stepped down from her famous restaurant due to open-heart surgery, and her son Roderick ran Peaches until its closure that same year. Last week, at 94-years-old, Ms. Ephram passed away due to pancreatic cancer.

Today, we honor the life of Ms. Willora "Peaches" Craft Ephram and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE "OUR THREE WINNERS" ENDOWMENT FUND

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha, whose lives were taken in a violent hate crime three years ago at their home in Chapel Hill.

Deah was a 23-year-old student in the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and had recently married Yusor, who was set to enroll in the School of Dentistry in the fall of 2015. Yusor's sister, Razan, was a 19-year-old student of architecture at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Diligent in their studies, these promising young adults also demonstrated a strong commitment to community service, consistent with the tenets of their Muslim faith. Deah organized food drives and provided free dental supplies to local homeless and underserved communities. Razan utilized her artistic talent through selling portraits reflecting pacifism and tolerance, using proceeds to provide medical and humanitarian aid for children in the Middle East. Yusor, a leader in N.C. State's Muslim Student Association, traveled abroad to provide care for, and share the stories of, refugees displaced by war. In the months leading up to that devastating day, Deah, Yusor, and Razan were fundraising for the Project Refugee Smiles Dental Relief Mission to provide dental care to refugees from war-torn Syria.

These three exemplary lives were extinguished on February 10, 2015 by the acts of an anti-Muslim extremist who had long menaced the neighborhood and maintained an arsenal of lethal weapons. This appalling act of violence devastated our community and served as a harsh reminder of the bigotry and hatred that too many still face.

In the wake of the tragedy, classmates, friends, and family members came together to turn their grief into action by establishing the Our Three Winners Endowment Fund, a foundation to honor and continue the humanitarian efforts of Deah, Yusor, and Razan. The Foundation has provided grants to the annual Project Refugee Smiles Dental Relief Mission and scholarships for students who demonstrate values of academic excellence and community service.

Prejudice and violence against Muslim Americans and other religious, ethnic, or racial minorities has no place in American society, yet many of our fellow citizens continue to experience harassment and discrimination every day. On February 10 of each year, the anniversary of the senseless hate crime that took the lives of Deah, Yusor, and Razan, the people of Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and other communities touched by their lives come together to commemorate their humanitarian legacy and rededicate ourselves to building bridges of understanding, acceptance, and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, on February 5th, on roll call votes 51 and 52, I was not present due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call vote 51 and “nay” on roll call vote 52.

HONORING BRUCE MOUNT, SR.

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Bruce Mount, Sr. of the

Historic Town of Eatonville, who passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018.

As we honor the life of Bruce Mount, Sr., we celebrate in particular the outstanding work he accomplished in the Town of Eatonville.

We all know Mayor Mount loved God, his family, and the citizens of Eatonville, Florida. Mayor Mount consistently put people first, believing that his service to humankind was an expression of his service to God.

Mayor Mount's accomplishments made a real difference in the lives of Eatonville's residents, and gained him much-deserved local, state and national recognition.

He believed in empowering the Town of Eatonville through economic development and housing rehabilitation. We are all proud of the Eatonville “Rebuilding Together” project, which restored dozens of unsafe homes for low-income families.

Under Mayor Mount's leadership, four million dollars was awarded for Phase II of the Kennedy Boulevard Streetscape project. This iconic Gateway was designed as a powerful

symbol of the residents' compassion and determination through the years.

Mayor Mount was a public servant who loved children and invested in their well-being and future opportunities by leading the effort to bring the Boys & Girls Club and community gym to the Town of Eatonville.

Mayor Mount put people first, evidenced by his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his constituents. He expanded access to diabetes treatment for senior citizens, and was a founder of the Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance. Mayor Mount worked to keep residents and business owners safe by securing much-needed equipment for Eatonville's first responders.

Mayor Bruce Mount, Sr. will be missed, but his positive contributions to Central Florida, the nation, and especially the Town of Eatonville will never leave us. He will always serve as an inspiration.