

LIEU, Congressman ADAM SCHIFF, and Congressman LEE ZELDIN to pay tribute to the visionary Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin, who passed away at the age of 97.

Rabbi Zeldin was the founder and spiritual leader of Stephen Wise Temple.

Stephen Wise Temple is located on an 18-acre mountain between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside of Los Angeles. The Temple started in 1964 with just 35 families and grew into one of the largest Reform Jewish synagogues and schools in the world.

Rabbi Zeldin transformed Jewish education in Los Angeles as an advocate for building Jewish day schools in the Reform movement. Thousands of students have now been educated at the Temple's educational venues which came to include a pre-school, elementary school, high school, and religious school.

Rabbi Zeldin was known for speaking from his heart on the pulpit, usually without any notes. He was a champion for issues ranging from access to education, affordable housing, and support for the state of Israel. Rabbi Zeldin inspired in future generations a desire to care for others and set an example of inclusiveness by welcoming Jews of all denominations, as well as non-Jews to the synagogue.

The Los Angeles community mourns the loss of its Rabbi, leader, teacher, mentor, and friend. We give thanks for the incredible legacy he leaves behind and for his many contributions to our community and the Jewish People.

We send our sincerest condolences to Rabbi Zeldin's children, Joel and Karen, and Michael and Terry; his brother, Bernard; his grandchildren, Sivan and Igor, Sasha and Dustin, Oren and Noga, Gabe, and Noam; and his great-grandchildren, Eytan, Ilan, Alina, Liam, Stav, Evan and Ido.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call No. 60 (on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 1892—Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018). Had I been present, I would have voted No.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1892, HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I will vote no on H. Res. 727 because of my strong objections to the Republican majority's refusal to do Congress' work on time and their rejection of regular order for debate on critical national priorities.

H. Res. 727 makes in order H.R. 1892. This bill is entitled the Honoring Hometown Heroes Act, but in its current form this legislation has

nothing to do with recognizing our first responders. In fact, the version of H.R. 1892 the House will consider under H. Res. 727 denies our first responders the certainty they deserve by providing them just 43 days of federal funding.

Discord and delay is no way to run our government. Instead of playing political games, it is time that Republicans join Democrats to reach a bipartisan budget agreement that keeps our government open, protects our national security, and meets our commitments to hardworking families.

HONORING THE CITY OF BEDFORD FOR PROVIDING EARLY CANCER DETECTION SCREENING TO ITS FIREFIGHTERS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary leadership of the City of Bedford for being the first city in the United States to provide early cancer detection blood testing to its fire department.

According to the International Association of Firefighters, cancer is now the leading cause of death among firefighters. During fire suppression and overhaul activities, firefighters may be exposed to smoke and other byproducts of combustion, many of which contain known carcinogens. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that firefighters have a 14 percent higher rate of cancer incidence as compared to the general population.

For departments across the country, these are more than just statistics; it is a reality that firefighters and their loved ones feel acutely. After experiencing firsthand the losses of both retired and active firefighters due to cancer, the City of Bedford took action. Earlier this year, the Bedford City Council—working with the Bedford Professional Firefighter's Association and Fire Chief Sean Patrick Fay—voted to provide early cancer detection blood testing to the fire department. With this test, Bedford firefighters have an advanced tool to help detect the possible presence of cancer in its beginning stages, giving them the best chance to fight the disease.

The firefighters of Bedford put themselves at tremendous risk day in and day out to ensure the safety of their community. I am profoundly encouraged by the implementation of the early cancer detection screening program and am certain that this is the first of many steps we can take to enhance protection for our firefighters.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the outstanding and proactive leadership of the City of Bedford and the brave men and women of the Bedford Fire Department.

HONORING SIMEON BOOKER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Simeon Booker, who passed away on December 10 at the age of 99.

Simeon Booker was a trailblazer for African Americans in journalism, becoming the first black reporter at The Washington Post before continuing his distinguished career as the Washington Bureau Chief of Jet and Ebony magazines.

Simeon's tireless dedication to uncovering the truth and seeking justice was pivotal to the civil rights movement. In 1955, Simeon traveled to Mississippi, and his story on the brutal murder of Emmett Till sent reverberations of shock, anger, and pain throughout the country. Later in the 1960s, Simeon's time with the Freedom Riders drew attention to the great dangers faced by civil rights activists and shined light on their hope and courage for change.

Throughout his life, Simeon fought hard to bring voice to narratives that might otherwise have been covered over and lost, and his words have galvanized change.

I have always looked to Simeon as a role model and leader in fighting for freedom and equality. I am deeply honored to have considered him a friend and to have learned from his compassion, bravery, and fierce love for others.

I offer my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Simeon Booker.

HONORING PETER MCINTOSH

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabun County's Peter McIntosh, a northeast Georgia photographer who has dedicated years to producing scenic snapshots of our mountain home.

Recently, the Georgia Council for the Arts selected three of McIntosh's photographs to hang in the state Capitol as part of its "Art of Georgia III: Celebrating Home" exhibit. The three photographs—"Chattahoochee Headwaters," "Tallulah Watershed Sunrise," and "Sunset—Blackrock Mountain State Park"—were selected as part of the exhibit's "North Georgia" category, which represents 76 of the state's counties.

This year will mark the third year that McIntosh's work has been selected for this honor. Like his previous photographs, this year's collection will take their place on the walls of the Gold Dome, magnifying our state's natural beauty and cultural traditions.

I stand with Governor Deal in congratulating Peter McIntosh on his work and look forward to seeing the next sights he captures.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
MICHELE K. LAMONTAGNE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Michele K. LaMontagne, who currently serves as Chief of Staff for the New Mexico Air National Guard and was recently promoted to Brigadier General.

Brig. Gen. LaMontagne began her military career as a student at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Right after graduation, she set in motion her interest in aircraft and munitions maintenance during an officer course at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. When she was being commissioned, she had to select the job she would eventually like to do. After speaking with officers about the opportunities to lead as many people as possible, they recommended maintenance.

Her assignments, over the last 24 years, have taken her to South Carolina, Republic of Korea, Nevada, Colorado and finally Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. At each of these bases, she served primarily in maintenance operations, eventually becoming a Maintenance Squadron Commander and a Wing Inspector General for the New Mexico Air National Guard.

In 2012, Brig. Gen. LaMontagne served as Director of Staff for the New Mexico Air National Guard, was promoted to Director of Support, Maintenance Group Commander and today serves as Chief of Staff. Her responsibilities include planning and executing employees during contingency and domestic operations in federal and state emergencies and developing positions and recommendations on issues, including mission requirements, placement of units and future missions.

Throughout her career, Brig. Gen. LaMontagne has received many awards and decorations including a Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal, a National Defense Service Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Brig. Gen. LaMontagne also works as a business coach at Rio Grande, a Berkshire Hathaway Company, and specializes in project management, people development, human resources management, distribution operations, IT Strategy, and many other challenging areas. In both of her careers, she insists that the people that depend on her drive her to do her best.

I would like to congratulate Brig. Gen. Michele K. LaMontagne, one of very few women who have been bestowed with the rank of Brigadier General, for her many years of service to our nation as a member of the Air Force and her continued commitment as a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on Mon-

day, February 5. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call votes 51 and 52.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FROM DISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Independent Contractors from Discrimination Act to extend to independent contractors the same federal anti-discrimination protections enjoyed by employees. My bill would extend the antidiscrimination protections of the following statutes, which apply to employees, to independent contractors: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

In a Bureau of Labor Statistics 2005 analysis of the American workforce, approximately seven percent were considered independent contractors. That number has surely only grown in the 13 years since that analysis with the growth of the so-called "gig economy." These workers, who often do the same work as employees, have almost none of the protections guaranteed to employees, including health insurance, collective bargaining, retirement security and even antidiscrimination. My bill focuses only on the employment discrimination, such as discrimination based on race, age and gender, from which every worker is entitled to be free.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REP. CARLOS TRUJILLO TO SERVE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the appointment of my good friend, Florida State Representative Carlos Trujillo, to serve as the United States Ambassador to the Organization of the American States.

In the Florida Legislature, Carlos serves as the Chair of the Appropriations Committee and Alternating Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee where he executes his kind approach and strong leadership. I had the privilege to serve alongside Carlos in the Florida Legislature, and witnessed firsthand how his straightforward approach earned him respect from both sides of the aisle.

I was pleased to hear of his recent appointment by President Trump as Ambassador to the Organization of the American States. I can assure you that he will do well in advancing the American principles of freedom and pros-

perity on the global stage. His background in law and his natural talent for negotiating ensure that for him, success is inevitable.

Carlos is a family man, and his success is strongly supported by a strong, loving family consisting of his wife Carmen and his children Carlos Manuel, Isabella Alba, Juan Pablo, and Felipe Andres.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Florida State Representative, and my friend, Carlos Trujillo on his appointment to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of the American States.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EMILY ANNE STAPLES TUTTLE

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Emily Anne Staples Tuttle. Emily Anne passed away on January 13th at age 88. Born May 3, 1929, she is warmly remembered by her three children, Missy, Kathryn, and Gregory, four stepsons and 16 grandchildren and step-grandchildren as a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Emily Anne's family and many friends will gather on February 12th, to celebrate her remarkable life and legacy.

Emily Anne was also a bold community leader who led by example. After a career in business, she became the first woman member of the Democratic Farmer Labor Party to be elected to the State Senate in 1976. As a legislator, she distinguished herself as a trailblazer for gender equality and a champion for underserved communities. Following her legislative service, she was elected as a Hennepin County Commissioner, served as a candidate for Lt. Governor in 1990. Later she served as an advisor to Governor Jesse Ventura. Throughout her career in public service, she demonstrated a steadfast commitment to excellence in all she did.

Her dedication to serving others continued long after her government service, and is defined by her drive to promote women, education, health care and the arts. Among the many institutions and organizations she helped to found and sustain were the first Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, the first Women's Institute for Social Change and the United Nations Association of Minnesota. She was active with numerous boards and organizations, including the University of Minnesota, the Guthrie Theater and Abbot Northwestern Hospital Foundation.

It was a pleasure to know and work with Emily Anne. I valued our friendship and was always grateful for the many kindnesses she showed me and my fellow women elected officials. She truly was one of a kind and will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the remarkable life of Emily Anne Staples Tuttle.