

is becoming increasingly diversified. Expansion outside the commodity sector and renewed confidence in the government's ability to manage its finances are seen by analysts as key drivers of the country's current performance and growing attractiveness as a destination for the U.S. and other investors.

During President Akufo-Addo's American visit, he will receive an Exemplary Leadership award from: The Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa; AllAfrica Foundation; The Constituency for Africa; The Corporate Council on Africa; Invest Africa USA; The U.S. Chamber of Commerce/U.S.-Africa Business Center; Africare; and The Whitaker Group. I stand with them to honor his work as Ghana continues to be a beacon of hope, a model for democracy and a leader on the African continent.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT
THOMAS HOGSHEAD ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Thomas Hogshead, who is retiring from the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department. Sergeant Hogshead has honorably dedicated his service to the citizens of Winnebago and Boone Counties and the Village of Cherry Valley for the past 25 years, and he will be greatly missed.

Sergeant Hogshead entered the line of duty with the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department on November 3, 1993. Since then, he has worked hard to secure the safety of the citizens of Winnebago and Boone Counties and his community. Through his tireless work ethic and professionalism he has set the tone for the rest of his department to follow. Someone once said, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way," and Sergeant Hogshead has proven himself to be a leader to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Sergeant Hogshead for his commitment to the Village of Cherry Valley Police Department and for all of the work he has done to better our communities. I congratulate him again on his well-earned retirement and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CABARRUS
COUNTY'S DIRECTOR OF EMER-
GENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ALAN THOMPSON AND HIS SERV-
ICE TO CABARRUS COUNTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize EMS Director Alan Thompson on nearly 30 years of service to North Carolina's 8th District and for serving as the Cabarrus County Director of Emergency Medical Services.

Alan has spent his life dedicated to public service. His career began as a volunteer firefighter until he was hired by Rowan County

EMS. During this time, Alan also served our country as part of the Army National Guard. Since being hired by Cabarrus County he has applied his knowledge in EMS to our community and helped those who need it most. He has been an integral part of helping me assist our constituents and provide them with the best services possible.

Over the years, Alan has been devoted to bettering lives in Cabarrus County. He worked as a paramedic field training officer, relief supervisor, supervisor and assistant director before he took on the EMS director position. Alan has also served as a tactical paramedic, a state medical assistance team member, ambulance strike team leader, educator, advanced hazardous materials medic and track medic. As you can see, Alan's servant heart never stops, no matter the day or time.

While Alan may no longer be the EMS Director, he will continue his passion for EMS as Director of Curriculum and continuing education programs for EMS and emergency management at Rowan Cabarrus Community College. This position will allow Alan to groom future EMS technicians and paramedics. I have no doubt the students under his leadership and experience will become the best in North Carolina. I am extremely grateful for Alan's service to our community and I wish him continued success.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring EMS Director Alan Thompson for his service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE MCINTOSH
SLAUGHTER, MEMBER OF CON-
GRESS, FIRST WOMAN CHAIR OF
RULES COMMITTEE, AND INDE-
FATIGABLE CHAMPION FOR
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ARTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of my dear friend and our beloved colleague, Congresswoman LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER of New York, a trailblazer for women, whose powerful voice was quieted this past Friday morning, March 16, 2018.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER lived a long, full, and consequential life and got the most out of the 88 years she graced this world.

She will be remembered in this House for her service to her constituents and her colleagues, her formidable intellect, her mastery of the legislative process, and her graciousness and kindness to all who came in contact with her.

After serving four years in the New York State Assembly, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was elected to the 100th Congress in 1986 to represent the 30th Congressional District of New York, which at the time included downtown and eastern Rochester, most of eastern Monroe County, all of Genesee County and northern Livingston and Ontario counties.

Reelected to the 15 succeeding Congresses, LOUISE SLAUGHTER carved out a legacy of leadership and accomplishments in the areas of women's rights and empowerment, the arts, health care, battlefield preparedness,

economic revitalization, the environment, and social justice.

Born in the coal mining town of Lynch, Kentucky and educated at the University of Kentucky where she earned degrees in microbiology and public health, LOUISE SLAUGHTER understood the connection between public health and a vibrant democracy, and fought to ensure passage of the landmark Affordable Care Act.

In the 112th Congress, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER introduced and shepherded to passage Pub. L. 112-105, the "Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act" or "STOCK Act," which prohibits the use of non-public information for private profit, including insider trading by members of Congress and other government employees, and requires many financial transactions by members of Congress to be reported within 45 days.

Mr. Speaker, since her first years on Capitol Hill, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER was an advocate for women all over the world.

Among her many accomplishments, Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER co-authored the landmark Violence Against Women Act, ensured the first federal funding to the National Institutes of Health to research breast cancer, and was a co-founder of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus.

It is particularly fitting and altogether appropriate that this tireless champion of women, children, and families represented an area near Seneca Falls, the location of the first women's rights convention in 1848.

The dean of New York's Congressional Delegation, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was the first woman to chair the powerful House Rules Committee, and the first woman to serve as Ranking Member of the Committee, and in both roles she carried the banner and led the fight for progressive values and to make our good country better.

I will always remember and be grateful to Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER for her help in my duties representing the people of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

I worked closely with Congresswoman LOUISE SLAUGHTER and drew upon her counsel and assistance to shepherd scores of bills and amendments to passage that have been beneficial to my constituents.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER was incredibly generous with her knowledge and experience and served as a mentor to new members of Congress, including me.

I will never forget that LOUISE SLAUGHTER's advocacy continued until her last days with us, including the National Women's March in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, LOUISE SLAUGHTER was an iron fist in a velvet glove.

A native of Kentucky, LOUISE SLAUGHTER never lost her Southern twang and charm.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER effortlessly mixed humor with logic to win over skeptics.

And then after disarming you, LOUISE SLAUGHTER made her move.

Through her words and deeds, LOUISE SLAUGHTER worked to make the lives of all Americans better.

LOUISE SLAUGHTER was a dear friend and her loss leaves a void in my heart.

It is my prayer that the Lord brings comfort to the many people—those whom LOUISE knew and those who felt they knew LOUISE SLAUGHTER—who know that a mighty oak has fallen and are heartbroken at the loss.