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House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 26, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend John Vidal, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious and whose law is truth, we beseech Thee so to guide and bless our Representatives in Congress here assembled, that they may enact such laws as shall please Thee to the glory of Thy name and the welfare of this people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 796, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 23, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 23, 2018, at 1:41 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 269.
That the Senate passed S. 292.
That the Senate passed S. 607.
That the Senate passed S. 943.
That the Senate passed S. 1091.
That the Senate passed S. 1116.
That the Senate passed S. 1223.
That the Senate agrees to the amendment of House of Representatives S. 772.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 4547.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 788, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker on March 19, 2018, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER:

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. PELOSI

The members of the New York delegation:

Mr. NADLER
Ms. VELÁZQUEZ
Ms. CLARKE
Mr. HIGGINS
Other Members in attendance:
Mr. HOYER
Mr. LEVIN
Mr. LEWIS of Georgia
Ms. DELAURO
Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California
Ms. ESHOO
Mr. HASTINGS
Ms. JACKSON LEE
Ms. DEGETTE
Mr. MCGOVERN
Mr. SESSIONS
Ms. LEE
Mrs. NAPOLITANO
Mrs. DAVIS of California
Ms. SÁNCHEZ
Mr. GOHMERT
Ms. MOORE
Ms. MATSUI
Ms. CASTOR of Florida
Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia
Ms. TSONGAS
Mr. CICILLINE
Mr. CARTWRIGHT
Mr. KILDEE
Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts
Mr. EVANS

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

REVISIONS TO THE AGGREGATES AND ALLOCATIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record revisions to the aggregates and allocations set forth in H. Con. Res. 71, the Fiscal Year 2018 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, and the Statement of Committee Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018 published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018, amended the statutory discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 2018 base discretionary programs in the amount of \$629 billion for defense programs and \$579 billion for

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non-defense programs. Section 5301 of H. Con. Res. 71 permits the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the applicable levels and committee allocations in the budget resolution and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, for enacted legislation that amends the statutory discretionary spending limits under section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA). For fiscal year 2018, aggregate levels of budget authority and outlays, the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations, and the allocation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism, included in the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, are revised. These revisions are provided for the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. Associated tables are attached.

Section 251(b) of BBEDCA allows for adjustments to the statutory discretionary spending limits for certain purposes including program integrity initiatives and disaster relief. The House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, contains \$1.896 billion in budget authority for program integrity initiatives and \$7.366 billion in budget authority for disaster relief, both of which are within the allowable limits for their respective purposes as established under section 251(b)(2)(B) and (C) of BBEDCA. Accordingly, I am submitting an adjustment to H. Con. Res. 71 and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, pursuant to section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to accommodate funding for both program integrity initiatives and disaster relief contained in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. After making these adjustments, the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1625, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, is within the fiscal year 2018 statutory discretionary spending limits under section 251(c) of BBEDCA. Associated tables are attached.

These revisions represent an adjustment for purposes of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. For the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, these revised aggregates and allocations are to be considered as aggregates and allocations included in the concurrent resolution on the budget and the Statement of Committee Allocations published in the Congressional Record on November 2, 2017, as adjusted.

Sincerely,

STEVE WOMACK,
Chairman.

TABLE 1.—REVISION TO ON-BUDGET AGGREGATES
[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal Year	
	2018	2018–2027
Current Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	3,136,721	1
Outlays	3,131,688	1
Revenues	2,490,936	31,171,521
Adjustment for H.R. 1625:		
Budget Authority	153,962	1
Outlays	65,875	1
Revenues	0	0
Revised Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	3,290,683	1
Outlays	3,197,563	1
Revenues	2,490,936	31,171,521

¹Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 2020–2027 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

TABLE 2.—ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
[In millions of dollars]

	2018
Base Discretionary Action:	
BA	1,208,000
OT	1,231,593
Global War on Terrorism:	
BA	78,097
OT	43,344
Program Integrity:	
BA	1,896
OT	1,576
Disaster Relief:	
BA	7,366
OT	368
Current Law Mandatory:	
BA	1,010,315
OT	998,404

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 269. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 292. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 607. An act to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 943. An act to direct the secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S. 1091. An act to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; in addition, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1116. An act to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1223. An act to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 23, 2018, she presented to the President of the

United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1625. To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4851. To establish the Kennedy-King Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 796, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4325. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting Designation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) and contributions from foreign governments so designated by the Congress, pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Sec. 6 (H. Doc. No. 115-105); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4326. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation of emergency funding, pursuant to Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Sec. 7058(d)(4) (H. Doc. No. 115-106); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4327. A letter from the Acting Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's 2018 annual report to Congress on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m(a); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 815(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1089(1)); (124 Stat. 2092); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4328. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress on Federal Activities Related to Stillbirth, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300c-13(b); Public Law 113-236, Sec. 2(b); (128 Stat. 2831); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4329. A letter from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting the March 2018 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396(b)(1)(C); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, Sec. 1900 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(a)(1)(A)(iv)); (123 Stat. 91); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4330. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-282, "School Health Innovations Grant Program Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4331. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-281, "Health Care Provider Facility Expansion Program Establishment Act of

2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4332. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-280, "Adult Career Pathways Task Force Expansion Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4333. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-279, "Workforce Development System Transparency Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4334. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-278, "Fair Elections Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4335. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-277, "Disability Services Reform Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4336. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-275, "Dining with Dogs Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4337. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-274, "Ann Hughes Hargrove Park Designation Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4338. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-276, "Boris Nemtsov Plaza Designation Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814) (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4339. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2017 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4340. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Report to Congress on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act's usage of the Act's Antitrust Laws Exemption, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d-6a note; Public Law 109-417, Sec. 405(a)(8); (120 Stat. 2877); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4341. A letter from the Senior Director, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), transmitting in addition to the Grant and Legislative Request for FY19 sent on February 15, 2018, other materials required by Sec. 24315(a)(2) of Title 49 U.S. Code; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4342. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust Management Report for Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105; (115 Stat. 886)); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 5410. A bill to improve public safety through sensible reforms to firearms regulations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. WESTERMAN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. YOHO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. HANABUSA, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico):

H.R. 5411. A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 with respect to grants for certain areawide integrated pest management projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MEEKS, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. FASO, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. KATKO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. REED, Ms. MENG, Ms. STEFANK, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 5412. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York, as the "Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MAST (for himself and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 5413. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit Members of Congress to use facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of meeting with constituents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself and Mrs. TORRES):

H.R. 5414. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that immigration status alone does not disqualify a parent, legal guardian, or relative from being a placement for a foster child, to authorize discretion to a State, county, or other political subdivision of a State to delay filing for termination of parental rights in foster care cases in which an otherwise fit and willing parent or legal guardian has been deported or is involved in (including detention pursuant to) an immigration proceeding, unless certain conditions have been met, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALKER:

H.R. 5415. A bill to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

172. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Senate Joint Memorial 8008, memorializing Congress to pass and The President to sign legislation reforming the harbor maintenance tax; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are sub-

mitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 5410.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. GABBARD:

H.R. 5411.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution including Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare Clause) and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause), Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2 (Property).

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 5412.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7: To establish post offices and post roads;

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By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 5413.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing Powers, and all other powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or officer thereof.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD:

H.R. 5414.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. WALKER:

H.R. 5415.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

-and-

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 202: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 242: Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. GALLEGOS, and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 392: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 466: Mr. HASTINGS.

H.R. 676: Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 785: Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 911: Mr. REICHERT.

H.R. 919: Mr. HIMES, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. ROYCE of California, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 930: Mr. DESJARLAIS and Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 947: Ms. BORDALLO.

H.R. 1026: Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota and Mr. EMMER.

- H.R. 1118: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 1171: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H.R. 1267: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 1276: Mr. SARBANES and Mrs. TORRES.
H.R. 1375: Mr. MACARTHUR.
H.R. 1519: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.
H.R. 1542: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. VISCLOSKY, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.
H.R. 1861: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 1872: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 1881: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. SHIMKUS.
H.R. 2220: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 2322: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
H.R. 2491: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 2584: Mr. FARENTHOLD and Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H.R. 2733: Mr. MACARTHUR.
H.R. 2972: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 3140: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 3361: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3378: Mr. MARINO.
H.R. 3429: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H.R. 3497: Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico and Mr. DUNN.
H.R. 3503: Mrs. COMSTOCK.
- H.R. 3528: Ms. TITUS and Mr. FASO.
H.R. 3545: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BARR.
H.R. 3624: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H.R. 3635: Mr. BUTTERFIELD.
H.R. 3642: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 3811: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 3867: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.
H.R. 3988: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 3997: Mr. PEARCE.
H.R. 4001: Ms. NORTON and Mr. CUELLAR.
H.R. 4012: Mr. MEEKS and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.
H.R. 4052: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. FOSTER.
H.R. 4253: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Ms. ADAMS.
H.R. 4369: Ms. BROWNLEY of California and Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 4379: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 4459: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
H.R. 4633: Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
H.R. 4733: Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
H.R. 4809: Mr. ROKITA.
H.R. 4828: Mr. SCHRADER and Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 4846: Mr. PERLMUTTER.
H.R. 4889: Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 4966: Mr. CURTIS.
- H.R. 4972: Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 5009: Mr. MCKINLEY.
H.R. 5026: Ms. GABBARD.
H.R. 5038: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 5085: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 5121: Mr. DESJARLAIS and Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 5173: Mr. NUNES.
H.R. 5180: Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. COOPER, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. VISCLOSKY.
H.R. 5198: Mr. MEADOWS.
H.R. 5210: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.
H.R. 5242: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.
H.R. 5243: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.
H.R. 5264: Mr. CONNOLLY and Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 5315: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H.R. 5348: Mr. JONES.
H.R. 5373: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.
H.R. 5398: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H. Res. 707: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H. Res. 743: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. LOWENTHAL.
H. Res. 763: Mrs. HARTZLER.
H. Res. 777: Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:30 and 4 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PAT ROBERTS, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2018.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable PAT ROBERTS, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ROBERTS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
MARCH 29, 2018, AT 3:45 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 37 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MORTON “MORT”
KIMMEL

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Morton Kimmel, or Mort to those who knew him. As a lifelong Delawarean, Mort was a great husband, father, grandfather, lawyer and philanthropist. He founded several non-profits and charities and devoted his life to serving others throughout Delaware.

After graduating from law school, he began practicing in the Wilmington area, eventually becoming a founding partner of Kimmel, Carter, Roman, Peltz and O'Neill PA. An attorney by trade, Mort tried more than 100 cases while simultaneously working on the charities that were the center of his life.

After Mort's son, Larry Kimmel, participated in the 1997 Blue-Gold Senior All-Star Games, Mort saw an opportunity to enhance the annual event as a fundraiser for local non-profits and charities to rally community support around the games. Today, because of Mort's work, the Blue-Gold Games are now played at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center and have become a statewide affair attracting people from all over. Proceeds from the game directly benefit Best Buddies Delaware, a non-profit providing aid to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mort's love of Delaware and philanthropic efforts extended beyond the Blue-Gold Games. He founded the First State Police Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds public safety initiatives with private sector donations. He also led the Kimmel-Spiller Charitable Foundation and served on the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House and Cancer Care Connection. In recognition of his generous spirit and life of service to Delaware, Mort was awarded the Order of the First State by then-Governor Jack Markell in 2017. Fittingly, he was inducted into the Delaware Basketball Hall of Fame earlier this Year.

It is with heavy hearts that we grieve the loss of our dear friend. Mort's selflessness touched the lives of Delawareans from all backgrounds, including the most vulnerable citizens, and I want to express my gratitude for the opportunities, services and care he provided to so many. It has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life to call Mort my friend, and there is no doubt in my mind that Mort Kimmel's impact will be felt in Delaware for decades to come.

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SYRIAN CIVIL WAR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, we recently marked the passage of seven years since peaceful protests against the ineffective, cruel, and undemocratic regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad were escalated by President Assad into a brutal civil war. It has cost hundreds of thousands of lives, displaced 6.1 million people inside Syria, caused another 5.4 million Syrians to flee to nearby countries, and left nearly 3 million people in besieged areas. Assad has gassed his own people, and dropped barrel bombs on his own cities. Assad's actions set the conditions for ISIS to metastasize into Syria, prosper, and spread terror and chaos in the region. He and his closest friends on the international stage, President Putin of Russia and the leadership of Iran, demonstrate no regard for the safety or wellbeing of the Syrian people.

The continuation of this war into its eighth year is a tragedy. The United States is right to stand in opposition to Assad's brutality and against the countless non-state groups that have seized on the chaos to pursue their own agendas, many of which are apocalyptic and dangerous to our national security.

Consistent with our national interest, we must do everything in our power to bring this conflict to a halt and prevent Syria, its ungoverned spaces, and the refugee camps on the territory of Syria's neighbors from becoming a breeding ground for the next generation of radical terrorists. This effort requires continued efforts by the military and our intelligence services, but also demands muscular diplomacy to find a lasting political solution and robust foreign aid to provide a generation of Syrians with opportunities other than picking up a rifle.

Until a lasting solution is found I believe our country needs to do so much more to relieve the suffering of those injured and displaced. We are an immigrant nation of 330 million, and yet from Fiscal Year 2011 to the end of February this year, we permitted less than 22,000 refugees from Syria to enter the United States. This is a failure to act compassionately, and I fear that history will judge America harshly for its tepid response to the torment and suffering of untold souls.

I encourage my colleagues and the Administration to not lose sight of the ongoing violence perpetrated by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his allies and to redouble our efforts to bring this horrific humanitarian crisis to a close.

HONORING CHARLIE RICHARD AND
ORA LEE BENSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richard and Ora Lee Benson for their 73rd year of marriage.

Mr. Charlie was the only child born to the late Beatrice Anderson-Benson and the late Pinkney “Bill” Benson, Sr. on February 21, 1925. His mother died after giving birth to him. His father later married the late Martha Ross-Benson and had four children from this union. Pinkney “Nick” Benson II, Robert “Bob” Benson, Mayzle Dean Benson who are all deceased, and his youngest sister, Gloria Benson-Remus, who lives in Lexington, MS.

Charlie's father and grandfather were both farmers and he followed in their footsteps. He was also a self-taught carpenter, worked at a coal factory and retired from Fleetwood Homes both in Lexington, MS.

On September 30, 1944 Charlie married his sweetheart, Ora Lee White. She is the third child of Lou Etta Thurmond-White and Cleveland White. She worked by her husband's side as a farmer and later worked many years as a cook at Lexington Elementary School until she retired.

There were twelve children born from this union: Frank McKinley Benson, Beatrice Benson-McKennie, Mayzle Jean Benson-LeSure, Howard Benson, Sylvester P. Benson, Maxcine Benson-Cobbins, William Carl Benson (deceased), Billie A. Benson-Ramsey, Jimmie Louis and Mildred Louise Benson are twins (Mildred is deceased), Leon Benson and Laverne Benson.

They have two god sons, Calvin Friar and Dennis Moore, also one god daughter, Diana Randle. There are 30 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mr. Charlie Richard served as a deacon until his health failed, and Mother Ora Benson served as a Mother on the Motherboard from the Guiding Light C.O.G.I.C. of Lexington MS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this beautiful couple that is celebrating their longevity of love and affection for 73 years of marriage.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
EDWARD G. SACCO

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a longtime constituent and World War II veteran Edward G.

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Sacco, who passed away peacefully on February 25, 2018 at the age of 97.

For the past 25 years Mr. Sacco was a resident of Bayport New York and the loving husband of Patricia Sacco. Mr. Sacco was also an employee of Hewlett-Packard for over 40 years.

During World War II, Mr. Sacco enlisted into the Army and after basic training was deployed to Northern Africa where his troop fought numerous battles.

After serving his country with honor, Mr. Sacco returned home and joined the Patchogue NY VFW post, where he proudly marched in Memorial and Veterans Day parades. During the Iraq War Mr. Sacco again showed his strong patriotism and commitment to his country by organizing his VFW post's efforts of gathering and shipping supplies to our troops overseas.

Those who knew Mr. Sacco have said he was a working man of great strength that never took life for granted. An avid runner who showed great commitment for health and exercise, including running marathons. He was a man that honored his country, his family and the company he worked for. A life well lived and a great example to his fellow citizens.

HONORING MR. BARRY SHRAGE

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Barry Shrage, the President of Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, who is stepping down after more than three decades of distinguished leadership.

Barry has dedicated his life to the service of others. From his time as a social worker in Mid-Westchester, New York, to his current role in Boston, he has worked to improve lives every day. He has taken action and made an impact on thousands of people, both Jewish and non-Jewish, in the Greater Boston area, in this nation, in Israel, and around the globe.

With everything he does, Barry demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the highest principles of Judaism, particularly *tzedek* (justice), *torah* (learning), and *tikkun olam* (the repair of the world).

He has also upheld the deepest American values of liberty and justice for all. In the 1980s, he was instrumental in bringing Jewish people from the Soviet Union, where they were not allowed to practice their religion, to the United States. Just last year, he founded the Combined Jewish Philanthropies Legal Aid Fund for Immigrants, an interfaith effort to assist those who are trying to start new lives of hope in this nation. He has stood throughout his tenure as a steadfast partner to all those who strive in common purpose to create a more just and peaceful world.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is not only his service that I celebrate today. Barry is a man of integrity and kindness whose abiding love for humanity is an example to us all. I offer him my sincere gratitude and best wishes for good health and continued success as he goes from strength to strength.

HONORING TAYLOR CANDY
COMPANY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Walter and Ozie Taylor, who are well respected Jackson entrepreneurs, set the bar high years ago when crafting a business model that's helped propel Taylor Candy to success in the Washington Addition community in Jackson.

Mr. Taylor came from a family of entrepreneurs. His father operated several stores and Laundromats and several other relatives owned various businesses. Mr. Taylor got his feet wet in business by establishing his own route while operating his first truck as an independent distributor through his cousin's wholesale candy distributorship. This led to the Taylors obtaining an SBA loan and establishing Taylor Candy Company at 1519 Cox St., which was later moved to the present location next door at 1523 Cox St. During this time, Mrs. Taylor joined in operating the company full time, after a nine-year teaching career. Mr. Taylor, also a short tenured school teacher, said "I needed a dependable and trustworthy associate, if the business was to be successful and so I beckoned her from the classroom and the rest is history." At the height of the business' activity in the 1980's, the company had many employees and a total of nine independent distributors. The Taylors now operate the business solely, with occasional assistance from part-time workers.

In 1974, the Taylors received acclaim from a prestigious minority business organization that named them "The Most Improved Business of the Year." Also in 1997, the business was featured as an outstanding small business in a local publication.

The Taylors offered these words of wisdom to budding entrepreneurs: "You should have the right attitude toward your business pursuit. Don't be afraid of failure. Failure gives you an opportunity to set a goal to understand what you have to do to improve. There are going to be downfalls. Let downfalls or failures be used as motivations for growth rather than reasons for giving up."

They said when they first started the company, the School of Business at Jackson State University, the couple's alma mater, provided counseling.

Through the years, the Taylors have supported community activity through giving to and participating in religious, social and educational programs and projects. Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been a benefactor, as well as numerous neighborhood schools and churches.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Taylor Candy Company for their dedication to serving others.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILLY" LEO

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William "Billy"

Leo, a public servant, small business owner, and proud resident of La Joya, Texas, who passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018.

From 1974 to 2011, Billy, known as "Mr. Democrat," served his community in a number of capacities. He served as County Clerk for Hidalgo County, Mayor of the city of La Joya, School Board Trustee for La Joya ISD, and from 1988 through 1996, Billy served as a delegate for the Democratic National Committee. During this time, Billy was also the proprietor of beloved local convenient store chain, Leo's Food Mart.

In 1960, Billy graduated from Texas A&I Kingsville with a degree in political science. . . Shortly thereafter, he emerged as a political leader, following in his father, Leo J. Leo's, footsteps. Both men served the people of Hidalgo County with great honor. He once said of La Joya and his life, "I worked hard and cared for my city. That's all I want to be remembered for. I was here and I think this is the best city there is."

Mr. Speaker, South Texas lost one of our greatest public servants, but his legacy will live on. It is a privilege to continue the fight William "Billy" Leo championed his entire life: making sure every voice in Hidalgo County, and South Texas, is heard.

HONORING SCOTT MEMORIAL
FUNERAL HOME

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Memorial Funeral Home, a Yazoo City business striving to offer good services to families.

Scott Memorial Funeral Home located at 1401 East Broadway in Yazoo City is locally owned by Benjamin D. Scott and has operated under a standard of excellence for their customers since 2010. Their mission statement is: "To provide funeral services that are dignified and caring, highly professional and dedicated to excellence in all details, with prices suited to each family's circumstances."

Scott Memorial Funeral Home offers burial and cremation services, burial insurance, life insurance, limousine services, and also has a notary public. The business also offers a plan that meets any family's individual needs, no matter the situation.

Scott said his favorite part about the job is serving the families who entrust their funeral service needs to him. He makes sure that the families' needs are carried out as professionally as possible during the most difficult time of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Scott Memorial Funeral Home and its owners for their desire to make a difference in the community.

LI BAIGUANG

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I remember Dr. Li Baiguang who died

unexpectedly on February 25, 2018. Dr. Li was a father and a husband, a lawyer and scholar, and he was a committed Christian who used his legal skills to defend the poor and oppressed in China. He was a true friend of freedom and a kindred spirit in the fight to protect religious freedom and other human rights in China. Though his work made him a frequent target of harassment and violence, until his death he remained passionately committed to the fight for the rights of Chinese citizens under the law. Dr. Li was truly one of China's best and brightest. He will be missed.

Li Baiguang was born in Hunan province in 1968 and received his doctoral degree in law from Peking University in 1997. Motivated by his Christian faith, Dr. Li defended farmers, migrant workers, and those persecuted by the Chinese government because of their religious belief. In 2006, Dr. Li met with President George W. Bush in the Oval Office. In 2008, he received the Democracy Award from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Dr. Li was in Washington DC, just a few weeks before his death. He expressed concern about the Chinese government's brutal crackdown on human rights lawyers and the possibility that new religious regulations would give the government an excuse to close all Protestant "house churches." I share these concerns and find China's deteriorating human rights situation deeply problematic. President Xi has presided over an extraordinary assault on the rule of law and civil society using repressive policies and new laws that threaten rights defenders in China and challenge both U.S. interests and U.S.-China cooperation and goodwill.

Dr. Li also spoke that day about a savage beating he received in October at the hands of Zhejiang province police. He was taken to a forest and tortured and warned to end his defense of a group of farmers dispossessed of their land by the Chinese government. To his credit, he did not back down from this threat.

He faced such dangers willingly and with a strong Christian faith. He fought daily for what was good and what was right and dreamed of a day when China would be more democratic and free. For his courage, he should be admired as a true champion of liberty and the rule of law.

Dr. Li is survived by his wife, Xu Hanmei, and their eight-year-old son Li Quingxin.

I believe that someday China will be free. Someday, the people of China will be able to enjoy all of their God-given rights. And a nation of free Chinese men and women will honor Li Baiguang as a hero. He will be honored along with all others like him who have sacrificed so much, and so long, for freedom.

HONORING SARAH KIMBROUGH
HALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall.

The weekend of September 15, 2017 marked the 30th year ministry celebration for Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall.

In 1987, local Pastor Edward Shields became gravely ill. At the time, he had a weekly

radio broadcast. As he could not perform this duty any longer, he asked Evangelist Hall to take over his radio ministry.

She thought that she would just do the program as he recovered from his illness. However, Pastor Shields did not recover, and Evangelist Hall continued to do the broadcast.

Evangelist Hall said that she had no idea that a door was being opened for her to minister on a national level.

As she assumed her new role of radio broadcaster, Evangelist Hall began to expand her ministry to include: nursing homes, donating to the homeless, visiting and ministering to the sick and elderly, jailhouse ministry, issuing school supplies to children, rendering support and comfort to the bereaved, providing financial support to various charities and non-profits and bringing local gospel musical artists to the area, just to name a few.

Evangelist Hall was born in Indianola, Mississippi, to Pastor Sam and Eula Kimbrough.

At the age of nine, she began singing with a gospel quartet and in her church's choir. It was at her father's church that she began arranging and scheduling church programs.

She moved to Chicago in 1966. After completing high school, she earned certifications in Business and Office Administration and Cosmetology. Although Hall lived in Chicago, she booked and arranged gospel artists to come to Indianola to perform. These programs grew, received much acclaim and have continued until this day.

Over the years, Evangelist Hall has been instrumental in various community efforts, which include raising money for a number of non-profit organizations. One of her crowning achievements for the past 20 years has been her work and fundraising for the Mississippi Region One Burn Center.

Under Evangelist Hall's leadership, an excess of \$30,000 has been raised and donated to help with the treatment and care of burn victims, many of whom have no health insurance.

Over the years, Evangelist Hall has received numerous accolades, to include: the Woman of Influence by the American Gospel Quartet Convention; selected as Nation's Best and Most Blessed by Quartet Jamboree; was the recipient of the Ruby Summerville Dixon Award; was recognized by the Jackson Musical Association Award and the Annual Stellar Gospel Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Evangelist Sarah Kimbrough Hall for her dedication to serving others and giving back to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week, I voted against H.R. 1625, the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Most troubling, the bill shortchanges our nation's young people by failing to adequately address the gun violence epidemic. The bill also dismisses the urgent need to provide greater clarity for Dreamers and takes a cruel and heartless approach to immigration that does not reflect our country's values. It does all of

this while also failing to make tough decisions about our defense priorities. It maintains a \$78 billion increase in defense spending above last year's levels without dealing with wasteful and unnecessary nuclear expenditures that will make our country less secure.

That said, I credit our negotiators for funding key Democratic priorities and eliminating many Republican "poison pill" policy provisions. The omnibus included several key provisions that I support. The legislation includes additional funding to address our nation's crumbling infrastructure, including transit grant programs that I have long championed, and maintains critical funding for our public broadcasters. The bill also fully funds the Trade Enforcement Trust Fund, includes a \$4.6 billion increase for our nation's affordable housing programs, and maintains full support for program to ensure the U.S. continues increasing access to water, sanitation, and hygiene for the world's poorest people.

This is a tough job, and I commend the negotiators for their hard work.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4296

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4296, a bill that restricts how federal financial regulators determine the amount of operational risk capital large banks are required to hold. Operational risk standards were put in place after the financial crisis of 2008 and currently apply to the largest financial firms in the country. These capital requirements are designed to ensure that large financial institutions have enough money on-hand to protect consumers and taxpayers, avoiding another taxpayer funded bank bailout. At the time H.R. 4296 was brought to the floor, I voted in favor of passage. However, this was a mistake and I would like to reflect that I do not support this legislation.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was passed to ensure that the American taxpayers will not have to pay for another Wall Street bailout. I am a proud co-author and supporter of the Dodd-Frank Act and continue to believe that it is critical to protect our nation's financial stability. Dodd-Frank put in place financial regulations that protect the broader economy by mitigating risk of large financial firms. Further, it enacted much needed consumer protections to make financial products offered to consumers safer and easier to understand. Significant changes to Dodd-Frank could undermine the stability of the economy and our financial services sector and increase the likelihood that predatory lenders will return to prey on vulnerable consumers.

HONORING PFC MILTON LEE
OLIVE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legendary hero, PFC Milton Lee Olive, III.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III was born on November 7, 1946 in Chicago, IL. His mother died during the childbirth and his dad had no way to work and raise him. But his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Olive, from the Lexington, MS area stepped in. They went to Chicago immediately and brought him home with them and raised him in Lexington.

Upon graduation from High school in Holmes County, Lexington in 1965, young Milton went back to Chicago to live with his father and step-mother and during that summer he volunteered for the Army. He was then shipped out to participate in the hottest part of the Vietnam War.

On October 22, 1965 while on patrol near Phu Cuong, Vietnam, PFC Milton Lee Olive, III and other soldiers of the Bravo Company 2nd/503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade were given the mission of securing a 60-square-mile area known as War Zone D, or the "Iron Triangle." As the soldiers moved through the thick jungle brush trying to locate Viet Cong enemies, they came under fire but were able to push the enemy back.

As PFC Milton Lee Olive and four other soldiers, two of them black and two of them white, were in pursuit of the Viet Cong enemies, one of the enemy turned and threw a hand grenade into the middle of the platoon. Immediately, PFC Olive dashed forward yelling "I've got it," smothering a live grenade into his middle and moved away from the others, sacrificed his life to save others by falling on the grenade and absorbing the full blast.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III's selfless act of bravery saved the lives of four soldiers but ended his own life. He was just 18 years old.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III was awarded a memorial plaque in his memory of his bravery. He was the first African-American soldier and recipient of the Vietnam War to be honored America's highest military decoration—the Medal of Honor—from the United States Army as a soldier for his actions of bravery in the Vietnam War.

PFC Milton Lee Olive, III's monument was erected and can be visited in Holmes County at Miles Hill, south of Lexington, MS. There is also a park in Chicago bearing the young hero's name.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing PFC Milton Lee Olive, III for his bravery and dedication to the United States Military.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL LAWRENCE CLEVELAND "LARRY" CHAMBERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Rear Admiral Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers, USNA '52, USN (Ret.), who the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation honored at an event for its 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award recipients.

RADM Chambers and I share a common alma mater, Dunbar High School, where he graduated as valedictorian of the Class of 1948 and as commander of the JROTC corps

of cadets. In 1952, RADM Chambers became the second African American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

In 1954, RADM Chambers became a Naval Aviator and in 1959, Stanford University awarded him a Bachelor's degree in Aero Engineering. During his time in the U.S. Navy, RADM Chambers became the first African American to achieve:

Officer in Charge of a Fighter Detachment—VA-22 Det R, the "Fighting Redcocks," USS *Princeton* (CVS-37);

Commanding Officer of an Attack Squadron, VA-15, the "Valions," USS *Roosevelt* CV-42; Air Officer, "Air Boss," USS *Oriskany* (CV-34);

Commanding Officer of a Combat Stores Ship, USS *White Plains* (AFS-4), "The Orient Express;"

Commanding Officer of an Aircraft Carrier, USS *Midway* (CV-41), "Midway Magic;"

Commander of a Carrier Battle Group (CarGru3);

Commander of a second Carrier Battle Group (Interim Commander CarGru4);

Vice Commander Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR); and

Flag rank as a U.S. Naval Academy graduate.

In 1975, a month into his command of the USS *Midway* and during "Operation Frequent Wind," the final helicopter evacuation of Saigon, then-Captain Chambers performed a notable act of valor. During the mission's 18 hours of "controlled chaos," the USS *Midway* received 3,073 of the nearly 7,000 evacuees while helicopters covered her flight deck. Major Buang-Ly of the South Vietnamese Air Force crammed his wife and five children into the two-person cabin of a Cessna O-1 "Bird Dog." Maj. Buang-Ly took off and followed the helicopters out to sea. He found the USS *Midway*, and after three attempts, dropped this note on the deck, "Can you move the helicopters to the other side? I can land on your runway. I can fly one hour more. Please rescue me.—Maj. Buang-Ly, wife, and children."

The admiral commanding the *Midway's* Carrier Battle Group ordered CAPT Chambers to tell the pilot to ditch the airplane. However, CAPT Chambers saw through his binoculars that a woman and children were on the aircraft. As a naval aviator, he knew when the Cessna's fixed landing gear hit the sea, the light land plane would flip and sink with its passengers on board.

CAPT Chambers called all personnel not on watch to report to the flight deck. More than 3,000 of the 4,300 compliments came topside to carry out CAPT Chambers' order, "clear the deck!" The sailors heaved the helicopters blocking the USS *Midway's* landing area overboard into the South China Sea. He then ordered 25 knots and pointed the USS *Midway* into wind. Maj. Buang-Ly managed to strike a perfect deck landing in the over-loaded Cessna with no arresting hook. CAPT Chambers quickly met Maj. Buang-Ly and resumed landing more inbound choppers.

In 1984, after 32 years of service, RADM Chambers retired from the Navy with more than 5,000 flight hours and 1,000 carrier landings. He then went on to work in private industry. In his civilian retirement, he continues to embody the U.S. Naval Academy's mission and values.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring

RADM Chambers for his service to our country and in commending him on being selected as a 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award recipient.

HONORING EXCLUSIVE KUTZ
BARBER SHOP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop, a Yazoo City business making an impact not only on hairstyles, but also on the needy of the community.

Oliver Sampson, owner of Exclusive Kutz, along with Steve Beckford and Lonnie Conley, create lasting impressions on customers by providing them with popular or custom hairstyles.

Exclusive Kutz is proud to service men, women, and children of all cultures, providing the best experiences possible for their customers.

Barber shops are known for their conversations, and Sampson reflected on the variety of talks that have occurred in his shop, ranging from politics and religion, to economics and fiancés.

Exclusive Kutz was recently featured in an issue of The Yazoo Herald giving free haircuts and facials to the needy of Yazoo City at the Manna House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Exclusive Kutz Barber Shop and its owners for their desire to make a difference in the lives of children and the community.

MARKING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PATUXENT RIVER
NAVAL AIR STATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland's Fifth District. On April 1, 1943, the Navy formally commissioned the installation, marking the start of Pax River's long and storied contribution to the defense of our nation in times of both war and peace.

Over the past three quarters of a century, history has been made at Pax River again and again. The XP59-A, America's first all-jet aircraft, was first tested at Pax River in 1944. The flight test program launched in the late 1940's and expanded in the 1950's trained many of our nation's top military flight test pilots, including the members of NASA's Mercury 7 program. In the 1960's, several key developments in helicopter technology, surface-to-air missile systems, navigational equipment, and ordinance came out of Pax River and its innovative workforce specialized in development and testing. In 1983, Lt. Colleen Nevius became the first woman to graduate from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, making history at Pax River once again. The Naval Air Systems Command moved to Pax River in 1998,

making the installation the center of naval aviation.

Today, Pax River continues to play an outsized role in our defense and in the development and testing of new naval air systems. With the advent of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology and the emergence of Southern Maryland as a UAV development hub, Pax River will surely continue to lead the way into the future of naval aviation. I've been proud to support these efforts in Congress in recent years.

Pax River has been so successful throughout its history not only because of the men and women who have served there but because of the strong support for the installation in the local community. All of Southern Maryland is proud of the work being done at Pax River, and St. Mary's County residents tell me all the time how honored they are to host it. The local alliances that have sprung up over the years to bring military, business, and local community leaders together have enriched life both on and off the base.

I hope my colleagues in this House will join me in paying tribute to all who have made the Patuxent River Naval Air Station a success for seventy-five years, and I join in celebrating this milestone anniversary.

HONORING TAMETRICE ECKOLS
STRICKLAND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Tametrice Eckols Strickland.

Among the poets, trailblazers, and educational leaders who have paved the way, one of our local educational leaders is Tametrice LaChelle Eckols Strickland an administrator, mother, daughter, and advisor. Tametrice Strickland was born August 8, 1973, in Marks, Mississippi to L. T. and Lula Eckols. She has lived in the rural town of Lambert, Mississippi, and she has remained there for forty-three years.

Living in the Delta, God and family were at the forefront of daily life. She has been a member of Sykes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church most of her life. Having a relationship with God has been instilled in her. She is currently an evangelist, and she teaches Sunday school and Bible class lessons to adults, works with Sykes Chapel's Youth Ministry, Confinement Ministry, and Nursing Home Ministry.

Her teachers, family, and peers played a vital part in shaping her life. She really enjoyed school and was an honor student from elementary to high school while attending Quitman County public schools. In 1995, she graduated from Quitman County High School as the class president and class Valedictorian. After she graduated from high school, she attended University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi. After she married in the spring, her first son, Larry Strickland, Jr., was born in the winter of her senior year. However, she refused to allow anything to deter her from her dreams. She became more determined, and she persevered. Later that year, she graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English.

In August 1995, she returned to her hometown because she wanted to contribute to her community. She worked at Southside Junior High as a kindergarten instructor. In May of 1996, she transferred to Quitman County Middle School to teach language arts to sixth grade students. After teaching at Quitman County Middle School for two years, she served as an instructional coach. During this time, her second child, Aikeem Strickland, was born with physical and cognitive disabilities. She traveled to Northwest Mississippi Regional Hospital in Clarksdale, Mississippi and Lebonheur Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee almost bimonthly for years. Yet, she graduated in 2010 with a Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Mississippi.

In the summer of 2010 she enrolled in the Mississippi Alternative Path to Quality Leadership Program (MAPQL) at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. After completing her internship, she became an assistant principal at Quitman County Middle School. She served as an assistant principal for one year. The following year, she became the principal of Quitman County Middle School, and she served in that capacity for two years. She became the director of the first Alternative Pathway to Excellence Program in Quitman County School District. She worked with students who really needed a second chance and assistance with academic and behavior and tried to inspire them to achieve their goals. Instead of going from the pipeline of school to prison, her students went through the pipeline of school to school, college or a career.

Her life has been impacted by her family, instructors, colleagues, and people in her community. Her former instructors showed compassion toward her and positively impacted her life. Tametrice Strickland has been employed with Quitman County School District for twenty-one years and is currently an assistant principal at Madison Shannon Palmer High School. She is an inspiring example of dedication and determination. During her lifetime, she has strived to support and empower instructors and provide support, opportunities, and pathways for students to excel. Her former students are now innovative, highly qualified instructors, visionary administrators, effective managers, responsible nurses, and productive leaders.

In addition to working for Quitman County School District, she has served as a consultant for Mississippi Valley State University Reading Institute for two years. Additionally, she has served as a site coordinator for the Foundation of Economic and Education Development (FEED) and Motivating Parents and Children from August 2003 through May 2006, Lead Teacher for Create of Mississippi in 2005 and presented at the Mississippi Department of Education Summer Conference in June 2006.

Tametrice Strickland has been composing poems and short stories since she was in the sixth grade. Today, she is still working on poetry books and short stories to publish in the future. Some of her accolades include Who's Who among America's Teachers, Teacher of the Month, Appreciation Award from the Foundation of Economic and Education Development (FEED) and Motivating Parents and Children Program (MPAC), Inspiring Vision Award from Batesville Job Corps Center, and Out-

standing Community Service Award from Quitman County Development Organization, Inc.

On May 13, 2017, Tametrice Strickland received her Specialist in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University. As an educator, her goals remain the same. She wants to motivate students to strive for greatness and discover their full potential. She wants to inspire the next generation to affect a positive change in the Quitman County; this rural location does not determine the students' destination. She believes that students have the ability to discover, create, and excel, and it is their duty to prepare them with the necessary tools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tametrice Eckols Strickland as an amazing administrator who is goal oriented and making a difference in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. GEOFFREY WILSON JOLLEY FOR HIS DEDICATED CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our own. On Friday, March 30, 2018, Mr. Geoffrey (Geoff) Jolley will bid farewell as my District Director and General Counsel, having overseen my District operations since my first day, on January 3, 2005, as a Member of Congress in these hallowed halls. For more than 13 years, Geoff has dedicated his life to serving our community. He has quietly juggled two careers in public service, working for the people of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and as a Kansas City Firefighter/EMT.

Geoff is a Kansas City native and lifelong resident. After graduating high school, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics with a minor in African-American Studies from Emory University in Atlanta. He then earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 2002.

Prior to serving nearly six months in 2004 as the Campaign Coordinator on my inaugural campaign, Geoff worked for my predecessor, Congresswoman Karen McCarthy. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Geoff joined a volunteer fire department and a FEMA urban search and rescue team while still enrolled in law school. After graduation, he spent six months as a Lieutenant with the Antarctic Fire Department at McMurdo Station, Antarctica before returning to Missouri and ultimately joining the Kansas City Fire Department.

Over the years, Geoff has helped me build my district offices from the ground up, from our beginnings at the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City to the openings of my satellite offices in Independence and Higginsville. It was not unusual to see my District Director working on the floor in his suit, wiring and configuring computers in the Kansas City Office, physically laying the hardwood floor in my Independence Office, or hanging photos he had taken around the District in the Higginsville Office.

From working with me to establish the foundation in my office to implementing my vision for district projects, Geoff has served as a sounding board for many of my creative projects, providing legal, practical, and political insight. Once we identified a path forward, he spearheaded many of my major district successes. He has maintained an expansive portfolio over the years, including speaking on my behalf at Chamber and community meetings, overseeing our monthly finances and assisting with personnel matters, helping coordinate constituent services and town halls, and addressing issues impacting residents of the Fifth District, such as the federal budget and appropriations, transportation and infrastructure, energy and the environment, among others.

Having been Mayor of Kansas City during devastating floods, one of my early priorities included protecting the lives and livelihoods of constituents living in flood-prone areas. Geoff worked quietly with the Army Corps of Engineers and stakeholders along Turkey Creek, Brush Creek, and the Blue River by attending stakeholder meetings and advocating for federal resources for these flood control efforts. He also worked with the City of Kansas City, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Justice on the City's ever-challenging Overflow Control Plan, by successfully pushing for the inclusion of green infrastructure and an extended implementation period. At the time, Kansas City was granted the longest implementation period of any municipality in the country, and more recently, we have been working to extend it even further to bring needed financial relief to our taxpayers.

Geoff led the staff in planning, developing and implementing a multi-pronged effort that included both public and private organizations and entities in order to maximize the use of 2008 Economic Stimulus Act and 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) resources in the District for the good of our entire community. This inclusive effort yielded grants, partnerships and alliances that brought needed resources and opportunities for job creation, economic development, public transportation, housing improvements, utility and infrastructure projects, health and social programs, as well as educational and veterans programs that will have enduring positive impacts on the recipients.

Perhaps the largest and most ambitious of those efforts included the Green Impact Zone (GIZMO). GIZMO consisted of 150 blocks in Kansas City's urban core where Geoff supervised our effort to bring various stakeholders, including neighborhoods, the Mid-America Regional Council, the City of Kansas City, State of Missouri, and dozens of corporations, non-profits, developers, and other entities together to concentrate efforts in a targeted fashion to weatherize homes, install a smart electrical grid, demolish vacant properties, rehab abandoned buildings, and create job opportunities for residents in the area. We accomplished this by helping to bring over \$160 Million in ARRA and other federal funds to the area. The Green Impact Zone aimed at transforming an oft-ignored part of our community into one of the environmentally greenest pieces of urban geography in the world. GIZMO was regularly highlighted nationally as a model for regional collaboration in the sustainable community efforts.

Among the ARRA grants received for GIZMO included a \$50 Million TIGER grant, a

\$48 Million SmartGrid grant, and a \$20 Million EECBG grant. Geoff coordinated dozens of meetings with stakeholders and staff to help craft grants that would be impactful and then ensured strong fiscal management, accountability, and oversight during the implementation stages. The TIGER grant helped bring much-needed curbs and sidewalks to neighborhoods in the urban core, provided funding for a new Troost Bridge and pedestrian crossing at Brush Creek, improved streetscaping and corridor installations along transit routes, and more. Geoff's staff work and collaboration with Kansas City Power & Light aided in the development and federal funding of KCP&L's SmartGrid Innovation Park. SmartGrid put the Kansas City area in front of the line when it came to the energy efficiency revolution. The park features a 1 MW storage battery, a solar array, and educational kiosks to illustrate how power is delivered to the customers.

In 2012, Geoff also played an integral role in helping to bring ShotSpotter, a gunfire detection system, to our region. I had initially viewed the success of this program in Washington, DC and was determined to institute a pilot project in Kansas City. Geoff worked with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and U.S. Department of Transportation to use existing federal funding to install ShotSpotter technology along the Troost BRT route. In its first couple years, it helped reduce gunfire by 26 percent in the areas where the technology was installed. The Kansas City Police Department continues to fund this technology today to support their proactive policing strategies and deployments, in their ongoing commitment to improve the safety, security and quality of life for our residents.

Over two decades ago, I fought for the revitalization of Liberty Memorial, an historic and majestic monument built nearly a century ago by Kansas Citizens and dedicated to all our nation's veterans of World War I. It stands as a constant reminder of our veterans' sacrifice, but also as a tribute to peace and liberty. During my service in Congress, my respect and commitment for our veterans has remained a priority and Geoff has worked on numerous efforts to raise awareness of World War I. In 2006, he joined me at the opening of the WWI Museum, built below Liberty Memorial, and worked closely with me and our Washington staff to help get the entire site officially designated as the National WWI Museum and Memorial. Geoff has served as my representative to the Board of Trustees for the National WWI Museum and Memorial and became an integral part of Board, helping to secure legislation and funding from the State and serving on the Host Committee for their annual Night at the Tower.

For the past twelve years, Geoff led our staff as we worked with a bi-partisan, bi-cameral delegation, including Senators ROY BLUNT and CLAIRE MCCASKILL, along with my colleagues, Congressmen TED POE, DOUG LAMBORN, SAM GRAVES, and KEVIN YODER to create the U.S. WWI Centennial Commission. Geoff has served as my liaison at dozens of meetings and events alongside the Commission. As April 6, 2017 marked the Centennial of the United States' entry into World War I, Geoff was asked to serve on the WWI Commission's Management team to help coordinate our nation's official ceremony, a major international gathering in Kansas City to commemorate this historic moment. On that day,

thousands of people came to the National World War I Museum and Memorial to pay respect and to give honor to those who fought to keep our world safe. Geoff worked directly with the Centennial Commission to ensure the celebration would go off without a hitch. Over 250 foreign dignitaries were in attendance from nearly 30 countries. In addition to working with WWI Commissioners, Museum and Commission staff, event planners, dozens of representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, including those from the Defense Department, State Department, and National Archives, among others, he volunteered as the staff lead on committees, including the security and aviation committees. Geoff's service on the latter committee resulted in him being asked to officially welcome the French Air Force's premiere demonstration team, Patrouille de France, to Kansas City's Downtown Airport upon their arrival for the event. Even after such a successful event on April 6th, Geoff has continued to work diligently to promote additional funding, educational outreach and national programming for this worthy cause.

These are but a sampling of the many projects, events, and initiatives that Geoff has worked on during his tenure in my office. However, as my colleagues in this Chamber know, we are regularly pulled in many directions as we try to represent the nearly 750,000 constituents in our Districts. Oftentimes, it is our staff, serving behind the scenes, helping to ensure those constituents and stakeholders get prompt attention as they maneuver through the bureaucratic hurdles that regrettably get in the way. There is not a member of this esteemed body who wouldn't be proud to have Geoff Jolley on their team, and his service has certainly been a blessing for me. On a personal note, nine years ago, I had the pleasure of officiating the wedding of Geoff and his wife, Kimberly, and know him to be a loving husband and a devoted father of two beautiful young girls, Sophia and Maggie. I will miss the girls' cheerfulness, playfulness, and relentless energy, on display every time they stopped by the office or community events.

Mr. Speaker, Geoff is a loyal, caring, and compassionate individual whose selflessness, empathy, and unflappable personality will be sorely missed. As he transitions into other areas of public service, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing his lifetime of dedication to our community and country and wishing him continued success. The people of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, including me, are better off because of Geoffrey Jolley.

HONORING HOLLY GROVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church organized in 1915 in Drew, Mississippi by a group of baptized believers in Christ. The church was erected on its present site on July 17, 1917, under the leadership of Rev. W. S. Stevenson and its Board of trustees: Brother H.

Y. Betts, Brother Grant Clark, and Brother Albert Brown; and Deaconess: Sister Margaret Wilkinson, Sister Hattie Williams-Cockrell, and Sister Lugene Brown.

Rev. A. L. Hill was elected pastor in the early 30s and remained until 1943 along with the Deacons: Brother Wesley Liddell, Brother Tom Sutton, Brother Nathaniel Fuller, Brother Joe Mixon, Brother Abel Hinton, Brother William Tyler, and Brother Miles Applewhite; and Deaconess: Sister Margaret Wilkinson, Sister Josephine Sutton, Sister Alberta Applewhite, Sister Estella Williams, Sister Ophelia Jennings, Sister Ida Long, and Sister Nancy Wilson.

Rev. T. W. Richardson was elected pastor in 1943 and in 1968 the church was reerected in 1969 after the death of Rev. Richardson. The board of Trustees were: Brother James Hunter, Brother LaHue Parker, and Brother Foster Green; and Deacons: Brother Arthur Phipps, Brother Otha Spraggs, Brother Foster Green, Brother J. S. Gresham Sr., Brother LaHue "Shock" Parker, Brother C.R. "Baby" Campbell, Brother Solon Williams, Brother Willie "Hot" Moore, Brother Coleman Washington Sr., and Brother Joe Moore; and Deaconess: Sister Estella Williams, Sister Alice Green, Sister Zenobia Campbell, Sister Mary Young, Sister Mary Lee Moore, Sister Minnie Ross, Sister Mary Singleton, and Sister Aretha Liddell.

Rev. W. L. Smith Jr. was elected pastor in July of 1969. Trustees were: Brother James Hunter, Brother LaHue Parker, Brother Foster Green, Brother J. C. Quinn, and Brother L. C. Quinn; Deacons: Brother Otha Spraggs, Brother LaHue Parker, Brother Solon Williams, Brother J. S. Gresham, Sr., Brother Bishop Hopkin, Brother Arthur Phipps, Brother Tommie White, Brother Bobby Love, Brother Coleman Washington Jr., and Brother Joe Moore; and Deaconess: Sister Estella Williams, Sister Alice Green, Sister Zenobia Campbell, Sister Estella Phipps, Sister Doshi Love, Sister Dossier Petty, Sister Candace Hill, Sister May Lee Moore, Sister Betty Quinn, Sister Sally Foote, Sister Mable Jackson, Sister Annie Foote, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Genette M. Smith, Sister Bobbie White, and Sister Charlene Love.

Rev. W. L. Smith Jr. retired and became Pastor Emeritus in September of 1992. Rev. C. J. Nelson served as Interim Pastor from December of 1992 through June of 1993. Board of Trustees were: Rev. Cleve McDowell, Sister Mary Phillips, Sister Jessie First, Sister Shery Nelson, Brother James Shoulders, and Brother Edward Triplett.

Rev. Adoris Turner was elected pastor in September of 1994 to November of 1997. Board of Trustees were: Sister Mary Phillips, Sister Charlis Miller, Sister Sheryl Nelson, Brother James Pointer, Brother Coleman Washington, Jr., Brother Solon Williams, and Brother Booker T. Black, Jr.; and Deaconess: Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Susie Staples, Sister Canary Pointer, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Charlene Love, and Sister Genette M. Smith. Rev. Jesse Gresham served as Interim Pastor from 1997 to 1998. Pastor Martha Shoulders served as his assistant.

Rev. Scotty Williams of Greenwood was elected as pastor in September of 1998 for a very brief period. No significant changes were made to the church under his leadership. Rev. Perry Grant of Greenville was elected as the pastor in 1999, where he remained for less than a year.

Rev. Jesse Gresham was elected as pastor in February of 2000, where he serves as Pastor and Musician. Rev. Martha Shoulders served as Youth Pastor. Two new musicians were elected: Charlie "Chuck" Allen of Clarksdale and Everette Walton of Drew; a fellowship hall was added; the Youth Ministry was assigned the second Sunday of each month; the Men's Ministry was assigned the fourth Sunday of each month; and two members were called into the ministry: Deacon Bobby Love and Brother Robert Hunter. Rev. Bobby Love now serves as superintendent of Education and Rev. Robert Hunter now serves as Youth Minister. The Deacons were: Brother James Pointer, Brother Coleman Washington, Jr., Brother John Johnson, Sr., Brother Melvin Mins, Brother Howard Williams, Brother Lacy Wilson, Brother Booker Black, Brother James Dixon, and Brother Willie Hooper; the Trustees were: Sister Annie Round, Rev. Bobby Love, Brother James Shoulders, Sister Mary Phillips and Brother Edward Triplett; and the Deaconess Board consisted of: Sister Aretha Liddell, Sister Dorothy Williams, Sister Minnie Spraggs, Sister Sisce Staples, Sister Ora Washington, Sister Dorothy Banks, Sister Bobbie White, Sister Charlene Hooper, Sister Essie Johnson, Sister Earnestine Dixon, Sister Gloria Williams, and Sister Sharon Hunter.

Rev. Gresham served for fourteen years. In 2014 Rev. Bobby Love was elected Interim Pastor until October 2015. Then, Rev. William "Ray" Blackmon was elected as pastor in November of 2015. Pastor Blackmon's installation was on February 14, 2016. Under his short tenure two musicians were added: Brother Seneca Owens, who played on the first, third, and fourth Sundays and Bishop Kimberly Randle, who played on the second and fifth Sundays and during this same time two tellurones and a surveillance system were installed. Rev. Bobby Love serves as Director of Christian Education and Rev. Robert Hunter serves as the Youth Minister. Deacons James Pointer is the chairperson of the Deacon Board and Deacon Howard Williams is the co-chairperson. The other Deacons are: Deacon Roy Stanford, Deacon James Dixon, Deacon Willie Hooper (who resigned in May of 2017) and Deacon Booker Black, Jr. There are two deacons in training: Brother John Henry Johnson, Jr. and Brother Eddie Horton. The trustees are: Sister Charlis Miller-Criss, Sister Bobbie White, Sister Sheryl Nelson, Sister Karen Mims, and Deacon Roy Stanford.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the growth of Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church for its longevity and dedication to serving others.

HONORING MR. JAMES T. BRETT

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James T. Brett, President and CEO of the New England Council, on receiving the Éire Society of Boston's 2018 Gold Medal Award.

Since 1937, the Éire Society of Boston has celebrated the rich history of the Irish experience and the many important contributions that Irish-Americans have made to our country

and around the world. In keeping with tradition and the long list of distinguished recipients, the Éire Society has chosen to honor a truly inspiring individual this year.

A lifelong resident of Dorchester, Massachusetts, James "Jim" Brett has dedicated his life to serving others and raising awareness for critical issues such as accessible healthcare, education, economic empowerment, and disability rights. After fifteen years in the Massachusetts State Legislature taking on a number of leadership roles such as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation and Joint Committee on Banking, Mr. Brett joined The New England Council where he has continued to promote a strong economic environment and quality of living in the region.

Since leaving office in 1996, Mr. Brett remains a leading voice in advocacy for individuals with disabilities both in New England and nationally, serving as a Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, a member of the National Council on Disability, and Chair of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability and Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission.

Across Massachusetts, we are proud to call James Brett our neighbor and grateful for his continued service to the disadvantaged among us. As the Éire Society of Boston gathers on April 7th to celebrate this important achievement, I call on Congress to recognize the many accomplishments of Mr. Brett's distinguished career and the impact that his tireless efforts have had on so many in New England and nationwide.

HONORING DEXTER M. BROOKINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, LTC Dexter M. Brookins who entered the service on 11 August 1987 as a Private in the Infantry. LTC Brookins received his commission from the United States Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1997 from Jackson State University as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Previous assignments include Launcher and Fire Control Platoon Leader for F/1-43 ADA in Kunson, S. Korea from July 1997 to June 1998 and Battery Executive Officer for B/1-43 ADA in Suwon, S. Korea from June 1998 to November 1998, and D/2-1 ADA from November 1998 to July 1999. Major Brookins also served as the Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General (1-Star General) at Joint Task Force-6 from July 1999 to January 2001. In August 2001, he was assigned to the 31st ADA BDE from which he later deployed to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2002 to September 2002. He later assumed command of A/3-2 ADA in December 2002. He later deployed Alpha Battery to Kuwait/Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March to May 2003.

In April 2004, LTC Brookins was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Army Staff (JCS/OSD/ARSTAFF) Intern Program (a three year program). As a JCS/OSD/ARSTAFF Intern, LTC

Brookins attended graduate school at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. to earn an Executive Masters in Policy Management. He then served a year as an action officer in the Psychological Operations Division in the Operations Division (J-3) on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Later he was selected to serve as the Operations Officer (Special Assistant) to The Inspector General of the Army (3-Star General) in the Pentagon. Major Brookins was a White House Military Social Aide to President George W. Bush from September 2005 to June 2007.

In July 2008, LTC Brookins became the Operations Officer for 6-52 ADA, Fort Sill, OK. He then forward stationed the battalion to South Korea where he served as the Operations and Executive Officer for 6-52 ADA from April 2009 to January 2011. Later, he was assigned to the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander's Initiatives Group as the CIG Traveler, accompanying the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander (4-Star General) on all of his TDYs off peninsula from January 2011 to June 2012. Currently, LTC Brookins is assigned to the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, Norfolk, VA as a Force Protection Plans Officer.

LTC Brookins holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Jackson State University and an Executive Masters of Policy Management Degree from Georgetown University. His military education includes Airborne School, Air Assault School, the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic, the Air Defense Artillery Captains Career Course and the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School.

His awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the three Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Medal, two Overseas Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Basic Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

LTC Brookins is an active member of the Rocks, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Society of White House Military Aides. LTC Brookins is married to Jenée E. Brookins. They have a 17 year old son named Javier and an 12 year old daughter named Bailey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing LTC Dexter M. Brookins. for his dedication to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF BRYAN
WHITNER

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Bryan Whitner of the Canton

Police Department in Haywood County, North Carolina. On behalf of the citizens of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Chief Whitner for over 30 years of outstanding service to the people of the Town of Canton and Haywood County.

Chief Whitner began his career with law enforcement as a Waynesville Police Department Patrol Officer in 1987. He then served as a Canton Police Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain until he was promoted to Chief of Police in 2010. Chief Whitner faithfully served as the lead criminal investigator for 17 years during his time in office. During his career, Chief Whitner obtained law enforcement accreditation for the Canton Police Department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, a large accomplishment for the Canton Police Department.

As a Tuscola High School graduate, Haywood Community College graduate, and Western Carolina University graduate, Chief Whitner has been a long-time student of institutions in Western North Carolina. Chief Whitner received his associate of applied science degree in criminal justice technology from Haywood Community College in 1998 and later received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Carolina University in 2006.

Over the course of his career, Chief Whitner has served on numerous committees, including Child Fatality Review, Kids Advocacy Resource, Law Enforcement Planning Committee, DWI Task Force and Haywood Community College Curriculum Advisory Committee. Chief Whitner's dedication to excellence has made him a wonderful Chief, and his commitment to the Canton community has made him beloved by many. The outreach programs he initiated in Canton schools will have an impact on the Town of Canton for many years to come.

Chief Whitner has earned the respect of his community through his commitment a the Canton Police Department and engagement in the community. For his abiding service to the people of Western North Carolina, I am privileged to express to Chief Whitner the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

HONORING MRS. GLORIA
RICHMOND JACKSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gloria Richmond Jackson.

Gloria Richmond Jackson came into this world on a windy day in March of 1957. She is the eleventh of thirteen children born to Floyd and Earnestine Richmond. She spent her early years on the Adams Plantation, three miles southwest of Lambert, Mississippi in Quitman County.

She left the State of Mississippi in 1972, and spent 33 years living in Louisiana, Texas, California and Illinois. In 2005, the Lord led her back to Lambert to work with the youth; but the true blessing of her return was the loving and nurturing relationship that developed between her and her mother who passed away July 17, 2011.

Jackson's mission quickly led her to become immersed in community work. In June 2005, she began working with the youth at the North Delta Youth Development Center in Lambert. As Director of The Children's Village Project, she encouraged them by sharing her story of trials and triumphs in an attempt to assist them with healthy development.

Jackson is proud of her southern upbringing and credits a lot of her accomplishments as a direct result of having a wonderful mother. She describes her mother as being, "Mississippi Strong." Her mother wasn't afraid to get involved with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. She worked with others to help get African Americans register to vote in Quitman County. She even defied the Superintendent of Education's warning, that if any of the school bus drivers participated in a Freedom March with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., they would be fired. She marched, but kept her job as a Bus Driver for the elementary school in Lambert.

Mrs. Earnestine Richmond's positive impact wasn't limited to only a few of her children: Her first-born daughter, Tressie Richmond Woods, in 1965 became the first African American to work as a Loan Officer for the Quitman County Farmers Home Administration, located in Marks, Mississippi.

Her daughter, Evon Richmond Ector, participated in the now famous, "Poor People's Mule Train March to Washington" in 1968.

Her daughter Mae Richmond Mosley was the first African American to become Vice President of Human Resources for Briggs and Stratton Engines Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 2003 to 2007 when she retired.

Gloria Richmond Jackson, her youngest daughter, was the first African American to attend Lambert Jr. High School in 1969. Five of Mrs. Richmond's sons have owned businesses: Edgar Richmond (Automotive Repair Shop) Chicago, Illinois. Benjamin and Leo Richmond, co-owners (Bar and Lounge) Chicago, Illinois. Charles Richmond (Vending Machine Service Company, St. Louis, Missouri) and a Home Health Service Company with locations in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri). James Richmond currently owns an Automotive Towing Service in Wellston, Missouri.

Jackson was appointed to the position of Town Clerk for Lambert, June 13, 2016. Prior to her appointment as Town Clerk, she was employed with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. of Lambert, Mississippi for eight years. There she worked as a Data Research Associate and Abstinence Educator in the Quitman, South Panola and Coahoma Municipal School Districts.

Her career with American Airlines began at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois in 1989; it spanned for over fifteen years. She started out at American while working evenings in Facilities Maintenance, concurrently attending Catherine Business College at night. After graduation, she was promoted to Ticket Counter Agent, two years later she was promoted to Sales Support Representative, and later she accepted the position of City Ticket Office Sales Representative until 2001. At that time she returned to Chicago O'Hare Airport to fill a position as Premium Service Representative in the very same office where she once worked as a janitor (Facilities Maintenance). Following a seven-year leave from American

Airlines, she returned to work at AA in 2012, commuting from Lambert to Chicago for seven months. She retired May 13, 2013 after fifteen years of dutiful service.

Jackson is a Baptist Minister and Assistant Pastor, Sunday School Teacher and Lecturer at Pleasant Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Lambert, Mississippi under the leadership of Pastor Reginald Griffin.

She is a Published Author, "Leaving Lambert" (a painful journey to joy in God from a small Mississippi town) Inspirational Speaker, Certified Abstinence Educator, Data Researcher and Retired Premium Service Representative.

Jackson also entered into the political arena where she ran for Quitman County Tax Assessor and also ran for Chancery Clerk. She remains engaged in community activities, writing, her church ministry and mentoring the youth of Quitman County.

In December 2010; Jackson married Robert L. Jackson, Mississippi State Senator for District 11. They have a blended family of six children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gloria Richardson Jackson for her dedication in serving her community.

HONORING LLOYD CLINTON
"SONNY" MARTIN

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life of Lloyd Clinton "Sonny" Martin of Pennington Gap. Sonny passed away on March 8, 2018 at the age of 82. He was a man who devoted himself to helping people in Lee County, whether his customers or his community at large.

Sonny made his living as a community banker, spending over 60 years in the business, most notably at Powell Valley National Bank (PVNB). He began as a loan officer, subsequently rose to president and chief executive officer, and remained active on the board until the end of his life. In addition, he served two terms as a member of the Virginia Bankers Association Board of Directors. Devoted to helping people, and talented at it, Sonny made customer service a hallmark of his career. According to PVNB Executive Vice President Leton Harding as quoted in the Kingsport Times-News, Sonny's philosophy was, "We

are a true community bank serving everyone in the community."

Sonny improved Southwest Virginia through his career, but he found other ways to do so as well. As a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, first as a representative of the Bristol District and then as an at-large member for rural areas, he advocated for Southwest Virginia's interests. After Lee County's hospital closed in 2013, he led the search for ways to reopen it. He also served on the Pennington Gap Town Council. Sonny was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the First Baptist Church in Pennington Gap. In 2004, he cast a vote for president as an elector in the Elector College. In recognition of his contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia, he received the Patrick Henry Award.

Survivors include Sonny's wife of 59 years, Joyce, daughters Mary Virginia "Jennie" and husband Scott Joy and Karen and husband Tony LaScola, and granddaughters Lauren and Carolyn Joy. I offer my condolences to his family, as well as my gratitude for all his services on behalf of Southwest Virginia.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:30:04 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:30:37 a.m. until 3:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 5410–5415, were introduced. **Page H3049**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thomas J. Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3047**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John Vidal, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H3047**

Funeral of the late Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on March 19, 2018 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter: Representatives Pelosi, Nadler, Velázquez, Clarke (NY), and Higgins. Other Members of the House in attendance: Representatives Hoyer, Levin, Lewis (GA), DeLauro, Maxine Waters (CA), Eshoo, Hastings, Jackson Lee, DeGette, McGovern, Sessions, Lee, Napolitano, Davis (CA), Sánchez, Gohmert, Moore, Matsui, Castor (FL), Johnson (GA), Tsongas, Cicilline, Cartwright, Kildee, Takano, Clark (MA), and Evans. **Page H3047**

Senate Referrals: S. 269 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 292 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 607 was

referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 943 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. S. 1091 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 1116 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. S. 1223 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H3048**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3047.

Quorum Calls Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:45 p.m., Thursday, March 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in pro forma at 9:30 a.m.

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