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The M.S. Chadha Center for Global India was made possible in large part by a gift from the Princeton Class of 1993, spearheaded by Princeton alumnus Sumir Chadha. The center is named after Mr. Chadha's grandfather, a renowned physician and former Director General of Health Services in India. I would also like to take this opportunity to salute the other sponsors of this project for recognizing its importance, and for supporting it.

I will be traveling to Princeton University this weekend to attend the grand opening of the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India, and congratulate the generous men and women whose efforts contributed to the launch of this new and exciting endeavor at Princeton. I look forward to attending the ceremony, and salute the university's faculty, administration and board of trustees for their dedication to cultivating a deeper understanding of the Indian contribution to our world, and to our national mosaic of cultures and ideas.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's 120th Anniversary. A time capsule will be buried on April 25, 2018 to commemorate this momentous occasion at Roswell Park's campus in Buffalo, New York. The capsule will remain sealed until the year 2118.

Included in this time capsule along with contributions from many others from the Western New York community will be a copy of this extension of remarks presented alongside a speech I delivered on the Floor of the House of Representatives last week calling for the continuation of Roswell Park's distinguished standing as a National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center.

Doctor Roswell Park gave the world cancer research when he opened as the first dedicated cancer center in 1898, and this esteemed facility has been contributing to our understanding of cancer and pioneering treatments ever since.

For 120 years Roswell Park has been recognized nationally for its groundbreaking work in the fight against cancer. That same confidence is felt by people here in Western New York who walk through those doors every day knowing that Roswell Park is the home of compassionate cancer experts who care for those afflicted with cancer.

Roswell Park gave the world the first pre-clinical chemotherapy program, the prostate-specific antigen test, and it is collaborating today with Cuba on a promising new lung cancer vaccine. New clinical trials to treat metastatic breast cancer and immunotherapy are occurring there today.

Today's discoveries provide great hope for the future of cancer prevention and treatment. While it is uncertain what cancer care will look like 100 years from now, it is certain that Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center will be leading the way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me this time to recognize the great influence that Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has had not only in the great city of Buffalo, but throughout the nation. It is an honor to celebrate this anniversary today.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF GEORGE A. VALLONE AND MARY "DIXIE" VALLONE

**HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two very special birthdays in North Jersey, George A. Vallone and Mary "Dixie" Vallone.

George A. Vallone, who was born on June 18, 1920, is a World War II Army veteran who served in an anti-tank division in North Africa. Later, George served in Rome as a Technical Sergeant working for the Allied Theater Commander. After returning home from the war, George continued to serve his community as the Co-Chair of the New Jersey Citizens for Property Tax Reform and as the President of the Sussex County Senior Citizens Presidential Council. George's work to better the country he loves so dearly is a testament to his patriotism. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing George's selfless sacrifices.

Additionally, Mary "Dixie" Vallone, who was born on March 8, 1929, has been an active member in the Sussex County community for decades. Mary is an award-winning crafter, winning several Blue-Ribbon awards at our local Sussex County Fairs. Mary has been a devoted wife and mother for nearly seventy years. Residents like Mary are what makes North Jersey such a special place to live.

George and Mary, happy birthday. I wish you both good health and happiness for years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Oakland Athletics baseball team.

While the team's history extends back all the way to 1901, when it was founded in Philadelphia as one of the charter baseball clubs of the new "American League", this year marks 50 years since the team recognized the potential of Oakland and the East Bay, and moved west in 1968.

That year on April 17th, the team played its first game in front of more than 50,000 fans at

the Oakland Coliseum, and quickly put together a championship dynasty. Led by Hall of Famers Reggie Jackson, Catfish Hunter, and Rollie Fingers, the "A's" became World Series champions during three consecutive years: 1972, 1973, and 1974.

During the 1980's, beginning with manager Billy Martin's "Billyball" system, the A's found new success and developed stars such as hometown heroes Ricky Henderson and Dave Stewart, and Dennis Eckersley. In 1989, the A's won the "Battle of the Bay" World Series in a four-game sweep against the San Francisco Giants. Game 3 of that series was interrupted by the Loma Prieta earthquake—which claimed the lives of 39 people in Oakland and caused the series to be delayed for 10 days while both cities recovered.

Breaking tradition, the A's decided against a victory parade out of respect for those impacted by the earthquake.

Following an ownership change in the 1990's and the team's decision to hire the legendary Billy Beane as General Manager, Beane instituted a system now known as "Moneyball" to find undervalued talent in order to field competitive teams. Beane's approach was revolutionary, and led to the A's outperforming expectations against better funded opponents.

During this period, the team won multiple American League West division titles, and set the then-American League record for the most consecutive victories in 2002 when the A's completed "the Streak" by winning 20 games in a row. This era was led by the "Big Three" pitchers: Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder, and Barry Zito, and hitters Miguel Tejada and Eric Chavez.

The Oakland Athletics have an impressive history of outstanding players, including Hall of Fame inductees, such as: Rickey Henderson, the greatest leadoff hitter in baseball history; Jim "Catfish" Hunter, an eight time all-star and five time World Series champion; Rollie Fingers, a seven-time all-star and one of the first modern "closers"; Dennis Eckersley, one of the most dominant relievers in history, and Reggie Jackson a six-time all-star selectee, World Series Most Valuable Player (MVP), and three-time World Series champion.

In addition to the team's on-field success, the Athletics have made an impact on the community they represent. Throughout the years, the Oakland A's Community fund has made it their mission to serve the East Bay community by promoting educational programs, health awareness, and crime and drug prevention. The team has also provided sorely needed athletic fields to Oakland's kids, and held the annual Community Fund Golf Classic for the past 35 years, the annual Root Beer Float Day, and the annual Breast Awareness Day to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Prevention Institute of California.

I commend the A's for being a valuable part of our Oakland community these past fifty years. I extend my congratulations on this important milestone to all managers, players, staff, and fans who have contributed to the team's rich legacy, and I wish the Oakland Athletics continued success on and off the field in the years to come.

REMEMBERING DEBRA KING

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Debra King, the chief executive of Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes—known simply as “CASA”—a nonprofit that has developed housing for thousands in the Triangle counties in North Carolina. Debra died on April 14. My staff joins me in this Tribute, for we have long admired and supported her work to ensure decent housing for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

Born and raised on a small farm in Beulaville, North Carolina in 1959, Debra was the first in her family to earn a college degree, majoring in journalism at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Following graduation, she settled in Raleigh, where she began work as a medical transcriptionist. She soon transitioned into what would become a lifelong passion for non-profit work, beginning as a grant writer for Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health. One of the first grants she landed was for a housing project to support individuals with mental illnesses, a project that set her on course as a champion for affordable housing.

Soon after, the Wake County Area Mental Health Program launched CASA, seeking to secure housing for people with disabilities and mental health challenges. In 1995, CASA asked Debra to serve as its Director and CEO, overseeing 15 apartments with one other staff member.

CASA’s housing model was unique and far-sighted for its time. Rather than housing people with illnesses in group homes or transitional housing, the organization provided permanent, safe, and affordable units with access to public transportation and supportive services as needed. Through 22 years of remarkable social entrepreneurship, Debra helped the non-profit grow to a staff of 27, managing nearly 500 units in Wake, Durham, and Orange counties.

Debra’s years at CASA coincided with most of my years working on affordable housing on the House Appropriations Committee. She was masterful at pursuing available funding—picking up on the national mandate, for example, to end veterans’ homelessness—and putting together the partnerships to put units on the ground. In the process she taught me and the other elected officials and staff with whom she worked how to make public programs most effective. It was a joy to cut ribbons on completed projects with her, but the spirit of those occasions was always, “We’ve got to do more.”

When she was named “Tar Heel of the Week” by the Raleigh News & Observer in 2015, Debra declared: “The greatest gift we can give people is the chance to be who they are . . . Housing is so critical to who we are. If you lack that, how can you be okay?” She was a stalwart believer and advocate for the “Housing First” philosophy, insisting that individuals in crisis will see better outcomes if their basic needs, particularly decent housing, are met from the onset.

Debra’s compassion and dedication to her cause, combined with hard work and business

acumen, have bettered the lives of many in the greater Raleigh area and have left behind a strong organization—including many who have learned and drawn inspiration from her—that will continue to serve. We join with Debra’s family, her many friends and admirers, and members of the communities she served, in mourning her passing and honoring her life of compassionate leadership and public service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL  
HOWARD RICH

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life of Paul Howard Rich, an outstanding leader and beloved member of the community. I am honored to represent in Congress. Mr. Rich, born on April 14, 1941 in Worcester, Massachusetts later moved to Southern California where he worked his way up in the labor movement as an active member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 441. If it were not for Paul, I would not be where I am today. He was a true mentor, not only to me, but to countless young people who joined the labor movement in Southern California. During his 55 years as an IBEW member, Paul was an inspirational leader who left a lasting impact on multiple generations of electrical workers to come up through the ranks. Everything Mr. Rich championed served the greater good.

Beyond his dedication to social justice at work, Paul was an active member of his church community and the consummate family man. His faith was an inspiration. I know that Paul will forever remain close to the hearts of so many, including Mary, his wife of 57 years, his 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Countless other family members, friends, and colleagues will carry on Paul’s legacy service to the community.

Although no words can take away the pain from Paul Rich’s loss, may his loved ones find comfort in knowing that his legacy will never be forgotten.

NO ASSISTANCE FOR ASSAD ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2018*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4681 the No Assistance for Assad Act.

This legislation limits U.S. assistance for regions of Syria controlled by Bashar al-Assad and Russian forces. H.R. 4681 states that we will not provide early recovery, reconstruction, stabilization or aid in parts of Syria controlled by Bashar Assad or associated forces.

The conflict in Syria is intensely complicated and the Syrian people are suffering. However, we cannot keep providing support for a regime that is poisoning its own people and ravaging the region with irreparable wounds. The U.S. has provided over \$7 billion in aid and plays

an essential role in clearing unexploded ordnance in Syria—a service that all sides on the conflict depend upon. H.R. 4681 will put critical pressure on Assad’s forces and his allies by limiting this service to regions controlled by U.S. allies and forces fighting for freedom from Assad’s tyranny. Concrete and powerful steps must be taken to move towards a resolution and H.R. 4681 is a good step in restoring order in the region.

Providing aid worldwide is a critical element of the United States position as an international voice for Democracy and peace. However, we cannot assist a regime that attacks its own people with chemical weapons, and we cannot support Assad by cleaning up his mess. H.R. 4681 will force Assad to face the consequences of his actions and I support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Ms. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I was absent to attend a memorial service. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 148 and YEA on Roll Call No. 149.

HONORING MARGARET K. LEWIS  
ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret K. Lewis of Panama City, Florida who turned 100 years old on April 20th.

Ms. Lewis has led a life of service to North Florida and represents the best of America. She pioneered special education in Bay County, Florida and cared for a group of students who had seemingly been left behind.

Fifty years ago, students with special needs had nowhere to turn when it came to schooling. Ms. Lewis took on the role as teacher and advocate for these students. She started teaching classes in shared spaces, and then transformed a local school into an inclusive environment for students with all levels of ability. In 1980, that local school was named after her.

Ms. Lewis has been a pillar of the community and remains an active member of the school’s advisory board.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Ms. Margaret K. Lewis a Happy 100th Birthday and thanking her for her service to students and families throughout North Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EVAN H. JENKINS**

OF WEST VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2018*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 148, and Yea on Roll Call No. 149.