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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 25, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Eternal presence known by many names and served through many traditions, as servants and sages have done for millennia, we all come to Your well of truth with leaking buckets.

Our prayer today is for Your winds of wisdom, compassion, and love that blow throughout creation, to sweep through these Chambers of governance, crossing aisles and permeating ideologies of separation, inspiring those who work here toward conversations and decisions that yield peace, justice, and equity for the common good and dignity of all people.

As so many in this city and around our country prepare for days of recess, rest, relaxation, and recreation, may we remember the multitudes of people who have no resources in their lives for recreation, relaxation, or rest. In remembering them, may we be moved with compassion for them and be inspired toward acts of peace, justice, and love for all people.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 908, 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 Republic 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, May 24, 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 May 24, 2018, at 12:22 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 916.
That the Senate passed S. 1333.
That the Senate passed S. 2178.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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. 1333. An act to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans; to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 2178. An act to require the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 908, the House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

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 Mr. ROSS:
H.R. 5973. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require a report on risk transfer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Mr. BOST, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. CRIST):
H.R. 5974. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 5975. A bill to support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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.

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By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Ms. BARRAGAN):

H.R. 5976. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to direct the Secretary to provide additional funds to States to establish and make disbursements from high cost funds; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 5977. A bill to improve Federal efforts with respect to the prevention of maternal mortality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 5978. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide for certain payment limitations with respect to commodity programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5979. A bill to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 5980. A bill to authorize, develop, and implement a coordinated tracking system of federally-funded initiatives and grant programs for substance abuse treatment, prevention, and enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5981. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the Archivist from charging certain fees to veterans for destroyed records regarding such veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 5982. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the gratuity owed upon death of an employee in connection with the employee's service with an Armed Force, to limit the amount of any death gratuity paid upon the death of a Member of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

By Mr. YODER (for himself, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. ESTES of Kansas):

H.R. 5983. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer or an employee or other agent of a public safety answering point in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical harm or in order to respond to the user's call for emergency services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. MARINO,

Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. REED, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. COOPER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. NOR-

TON, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. HILL, Mr. CORREA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. HECK, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. GRIMALVA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Ms. DEGETTE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. RUSH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. KILMER, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. LEE, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mrs. DEMINGS):

H. Res. 914. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Ms. LEE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. CROWLEY):

H. Res. 915. A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in support of protecting patients' access to medically appropriate, evidence-based healthcare and information, and the ethical and professional obligations of healthcare professionals to provide that care and information; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. COOK, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H. Res. 916. A resolution honoring Las Damas de Blanco as the recipient of the 2018 Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 917. A resolution recognizing on May 28, 2018, Memorial Day, the denial of full voting rights in Congress for active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 5973.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerate in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 5974.

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

Article I, Section 8, US Constitution.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico:

H.R. 5975.

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

Article I, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution

“All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.”

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution

“The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular state.”

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5976.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 1

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 5977.

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

Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 5978.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 states “The Congress shall have Power To . . . regulate Commerce . . . among the several States . . .” And Article 1, Section 8, Clause I states

“The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States . . .”

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5979.

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

Article IV Section 3 Clause 2

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 5980.

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

Article I, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5981.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 5982.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress “to provide for the common Defence”, “to raise and support Armies”, “to provide and maintain a Navy” and “to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval

Forces" as enumerated in Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. YODER:

H.R. 5983.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 3, The Congress shall have power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common defence and the general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 173: Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H.R. 592: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.
 H.R. 754: Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 898: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
 H.R. 1038: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Mrs. BEATTY.
 H.R. 1130: Mr. HILL.
 H.R. 1134: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
 H.R. 1171: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. CORREA, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. O'HALLERAN.
 H.R. 1204: Mr. KATKO.
 H.R. 1298: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. EVANS.
 H.R. 1445: Mr. KHANNA.
 H.R. 1447: Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. FASO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. DOGGETT.
 H.R. 1676: Mrs. COMSTOCK.
 H.R. 1683: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia and Mr. NADLER.
 H.R. 1876: Mr. HILL, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, and Mr. HARPER.
 H.R. 1881: Mr. MARINO, Mr. HOLDING, and Mr. FORTENBERRY.
 H.R. 1939: Mr. KILDEE.
 H.R. 2077: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. SENBRENNER, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 H.R. 2092: Mr. POLIQUIN.
 H.R. 2106: Mr. CLYBURN.
 H.R. 2451: Mr. VELA.
 H.R. 2476: Mr. SIRES.
 H.R. 2528: Mr. COHEN.
 H.R. 2542: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 2556: Mr. PALAZZO.
 H.R. 2587: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia.
 H.R. 2651: Mr. HIMES.
 H.R. 2871: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.
 H.R. 3528: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
 H.R. 3730: Mr. TAKANO.
 H.R. 3738: Ms. DEGETTE.
 H.R. 3748: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 3960: Mr. HULTGREN and Mr. ROHR-ABACHER.
 H.R. 3976: Mr. PERRY and Mr. GIANFORTE.
 H.R. 4099: Mr. HARPER and Ms. SANCHEZ.
 H.R. 4223: Mr. LIPINSKI.
 H.R. 4229: Mrs. WALORSKI and Mr. MCKINLEY.
 H.R. 4472: Mrs. COMSTOCK.
 H.R. 4518: Mr. HIMES.
 H.R. 4548: Mr. O'ROURKE.
 H.R. 4941: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H.R. 4998: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5085: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
 H.R. 5132: Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KIND, and Mrs. DAVIS of California.
 H.R. 5155: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. HIGGINS of New York.
 H.R. 5223: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
 H.R. 5228: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5383: Ms. PINGREE.
 H.R. 5507: Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. KING of Iowa.
 H.R. 5517: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
 H.R. 5565: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. FOSTER, and Ms. BORDALLO.
 H.R. 5571: Mrs. LOVE.
 H.R. 5573: Mr. COURTNEY.
 H.R. 5590: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5640: Ms. STEFANIK.
 H.R. 5684: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.
 H.R. 5713: Mr. COLE.
 H.R. 5752: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5761: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. KHANNA.
 H.R. 5765: Mr. BEYER.
 H.R. 5791: Mr. BUCK, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. POLIS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 5792: Mr. BUCK, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. POLIS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 5797: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5798: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5801: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5804: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5806: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5809: Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5812: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER and Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 5819: Mr. ESPAILLAT.
 H.R. 5833: Ms. WILSON of Florida and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 5860: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.
 H.R. 5863: Ms. TITUS.
 H.R. 5924: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
 H.R. 5928: Mr. EVANS.
 H. Res. 651: Ms. PINGREE.
 H. Res. 886: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
 H. Res. 888: Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. RUSH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Ms. NORTON.
 H. Res. 907: Mr. GROTHMAN and Mr. DUFFY.
 H. Res. 911: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

104. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Council of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, relative to Council Resolution No. 22-484, the "Sense of the Council in Opposition to Concealed Carry Reciprocity Resolution of 2018"; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—

ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 10 by Mr. CURBELO of Florida on House Resolution 774: Mr. Walz, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kind, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Neal, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Mr. Paulsen, Ms. Speier, Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Gottheimer, Mr. Reed, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Suozzi, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gomez.

Petition 11 by Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania on House Resolution 873: Mr. Walz, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Ms. Rosen, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Lowenthal, Ms. Kaptur, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Serrano, Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Tsongas, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Schiff, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Cicilline, Ms. Moore, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Speier, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Mr. Tonko, Ms. Fudge, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Gutiérrez, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Correa.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 1 second a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DAN SULLIVAN, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2018.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
MAY 29, 2018, AT 9 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 29 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 9 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMBASSADOR FAITH WHITTLESEY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of the late Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, a distinguished public servant and a native of New Jersey. I have also been asked to express the condolences of my colleagues Congressmen DON BEYER, JOAQUIN CASTRO, CHARLIE CRIST, BILL HUIZENGA and ALEX MOONEY as well as Senator BARRASSO, whose lives have all been touched by the work of Ambassador Whittlesey.

Ambassador Whittlesey was the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland for nearly five years during both 1981–1983 and 1985–1988, and during the Reagan Administration she served as the Director of the Office of Public Liaison.

Her many roles in public life included time as the Chairwoman and President of the American Swiss Foundation in New York, and her service as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

During her influential career, Ambassador Whittlesey was a pivotal figure in building and developing Swiss and American relations, both domestically and abroad.

Ambassador Whittlesey was a graduate of Wells College and received her Law Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, earned a Ford Foundation Grant to attend the Academy of International Law in The Hague, The Netherlands.

During her career, she received honors such as the Reagan Revolution Medal of Honor, the Congress of Racial Equality Public Service Award, the Christian Freedom International Freedom Award, the Stratton Prize, and the William Tell Award. A book written by Thomas Carty centered on her career, entitled “Backwards, in High Heels: Faith Whittlesey, Ronald Reagan’s ‘Madam Ambassador’ in Switzerland and the West Wing”. Lastly, the Ambassador had the “Faith Whittlesey rose” named in her legacy.

These awards are a mere testament to Ambassador Whittlesey’s commendable dedication and leadership on behalf of our nation and the Swiss-United States relationship.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost an extraordinary, devoted person in Ambassador Faith Whittlesey. I invite you to join me in thanking her for many contributions to our country.

PHILIP SAHARCHUK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Philip Saharchuk for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Philip Saharchuk is a student at Two Roads Charter School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Philip Saharchuk is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Philip Saharchuk for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JULIA JENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to honor Judge Julia Jent and to wish her well upon her retirement. For her lifetime of service, and truly inspiring career, Judge Jent is worthy of the highest praise. Among her numerous contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana, most impressive is her compassionate and unwavering commitment to our veterans. The Judge will oversee her final Veterans Treatment Court graduation on May 30, 2018, at Woodland Park in Portage, Indiana.

Judge Julia Jent was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1957 when she was adopted by a military family from Texas. At the age of eighteen, she joined the United States Army. It was during her time in the service that she met her husband, Jack Jent, a fellow servicemember. Following their time in the military, the couple eventually moved to Northwest Indiana where they raised four children. After years of working a few different jobs, Julia decided to continue her education. In 1979, she received a Bachelor’s degree from Indiana University Northwest, and in 1982, she earned a law degree from Valparaiso University. Judge Jent worked thirteen years in private practice law, before she was appointed by former Governor Evan Bayh as Judge of the Porter Superior Court to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Judge Mary Harper, in 1997. She was then elected to a six-year term in 1998, and has presided over Porter Superior Court III for the past twenty-one years. In addition to her remarkable career, the Judge gives much of her time and efforts to numerous charitable and civic organizations, and for that she is to be commended.

Presiding as a Superior Court Judge, values such as respect for others, loyalty, and patriotism, instilled during her military service, as

well as her concern for the veterans appearing before her bench, served as the motivation for Judge Jent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Porter County. Recognizing many of our veterans struggle with addiction, mental health, and other issues after their time in the service of our nation, Judge Jent knew a more effective solution to address the nonviolent criminal charges veterans faced as defendants was to create a framework based on partnerships to focus on the root problem, rather than incarceration, and the Veterans Treatment Court was established in 2011. This court system allows defendants to participate in programs, including treatment and mentoring, that will meet their individual needs and take one to two years to complete before their record is expunged. The numerous graduates of this program attest to its success, and to it saving their lives, thanks to the dedicated professionals who share Judge Jent’s vision and her compassion and who work together to improve the lives of those in their community.

Personally, I have been blessed by the depth of Marge’s kindness. I first met the Judge in early 1983 when I was an unemployed lawyer beginning to seek my way in the world. From the first time I met her and Jack, I was enveloped in their friendship and constant assistance. I could not have been successful without it. But my story is not unique, but only one of innumerable instances of Judge Julia Jent’s empathy and kindness.

I am honored to call Julia Jent a friend. More importantly, Marge has been a friend to all, and the epitome of a public servant. Hers is a life we should all seek to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in honoring Judge Julia Jent for her outstanding service to the people of Northwest Indiana and to wish her well upon her retirement. Judge Jent’s impact on the region will be witnessed by generations to come, and for her many contributions, she is worthy of our gratitude and admiration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN BABER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a distinguished World War II veteran, Mr. John Baber, of Bath County, Kentucky.

As a young man, Mr. Baber answered the call and served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was stationed in the South Pacific on the USS *Clermont*. Mr. Baber returned home after helping the Allies achieve victory. Upon his return, he finished school.

Mr. Baber married Rene Hornbeck on July 23, 1949. He moved to Platte City, Missouri to work at Texas Eastern. After a long career, he retired in 1986.

Mr. Baber went on to become a member of the Gideons in 1986. He has always been an

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active member of the community, serving as a Scout Master and being involved in youth baseball. He is an active member of the Owingsville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Baber and other members of the Greatest Generation served their country bravely and are true heroes. Mr. Baber and his fellow men and women in uniform secured our freedoms for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a protector of freedom, and an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Thursday, May 24, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage of H.R. 5515, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. This legislation provides our men and women in uniform with the resources they need to protect our freedom at home and abroad, and fully funds the highest pay raise for our troops in the last nine years.

JACOB HERNANDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Hernandez for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Jacob Hernandez received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Hernandez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Hernandez for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING DR. THOMAS A. KAZEE

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Thomas A. Kazee upon his retirement as the 23rd president of the University of Evansville.

A political scientist by preparation, this Ohio native became the face of UE. While reaffirming its decades-old tradition of world-renowned higher education, Dr. Kazee championed the

role of the modern university and wisely recognized that it must continue to evolve and respond to contemporary challenges.

As creator of the "UE Guarantee," Dr. Kazee boldly defined UE's commitment to its students with emphasis on substantial financial aid, internships, international study, and graduation in four years. He prompted the University to reexamine its career development strategy even after graduation. He led a collaboration with the Indiana University School of Medicine and its crosstown neighbor, the University of Southern Indiana, in a transformational Center for Health Sciences in downtown Evansville. He orchestrated a master plan that led to construction of student townhouses, renovations of key academic buildings, and positioned the stately Lincoln Avenue campus for decades to come.

With profound gratitude for Dr. Kazee's career as an academian, community leader, and outstanding steward of a great university, I join all Hoosiers in extending my best wishes in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WOODY PETTUS

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, Woodrow "Woody" Pettus was a true Virginia gentleman. For 58 years, he worked at The Homestead, a historic resort nestled in the mountains of beautiful Bath County, Virginia. He was an institution there, known for his knack for remembering faces and names and always greeting guests and friends with a smile.

Woody left this earthly life for his heavenly home on May 16, 2018, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ruby Alloway Pettus, as well as two children, Woodrow Houston Pettus and wife Helen, and Lisa Pettus Aguilar, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and special family members. My prayers for peace and comfort are with them as they reflect on their loss and remember the memories they shared with Woody, affectionately known as "Pa" to some.

Woody was born on March 28, 1941, to the late Walter Woodrow Pettus and Nellie Moats Pettus in Warm Springs, Virginia. He started caddying at The Homestead as a teenager, and instantly made an impression on guests and co-workers alike. While he loved the game of golf, he wanted something with more history and decided to move to the stables and work with his father who was one of the senior Livery Drivers. Woody eventually moved on to the Dining Room where he served in a variety of roles, including his most recent position of Maitre d'. In 2003, Golfstyles magazine recognized him as the Maitre d'Hotel of the Year. Last September, Historic Hotels of America honored him as Ambassador of the Year, which is presented to an individual who has dedicated his or her career to a historic hotel for at least 25 years and has shown exemplary hospitality and service to the hotel and its guests. Woody was one of five generations of Pettuses who have worked at The Homestead. He was also a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Warm Springs, where he was baptized as a youth.

The Homestead is a special place for me and my family. Woody was a dear friend and always greeted my family warmly. He and I enjoyed catching up frequently over the years I know this is a sentiment widely shared as evidenced by the outpouring of support for him when his cancer diagnosis was announced and now in his passing. For many guests, the staff at The Homestead has become an extended family.

The weekend of June 1st, his family, friends, and his beloved "Homestead family" will gather to celebrate his life and pay tribute to his long and vibrant legacy—rich with kindness and a dedication to serving others. It is only fitting that he be celebrated at the place that he loved so dearly by the people he built relationships with over the past six decades.

Woody's presence will be dearly missed in the hallways and dining room of The Homestead, but certainly not forgotten. I know that I will long remember his kind smile and gentle demeanor, just like many others he met over the years. Woody was one in a million, and we are all better for having known him.

He sums it up best himself. When asked what he loves most about what he does, Woody said, "When I can look down the hall leading to the dining room and see some of my guests coming toward me, guests that I've known for years, coming back. That's when I know that my life has not been in vain."

HONORING MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER BRITT SLABINSKI

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I rise to honor Master Chief Petty Officer Britt Slabinski, a native of Northampton, Massachusetts.

Yesterday, Mr. Slabinski was awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Authorized by and awarded in the name of Congress, the Medal of Honor acknowledges those service members who display unparalleled bravery and a willingness to risk their own lives which clearly and conspicuously distinguishes them above their comrades. Mr. Slabinski is only the 12th living servicemember to be awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery displayed in Afghanistan.

In the early morning hours of March 4th, 2002, during the mountaintop battle of Takur Ghar, Mr. Slabinski led a reconnaissance team in support of a major coalition offensive against Al-Qaida forces in the valley below. According to the United States Navy, after enemy fire brought down one of his team's helicopters, "without hesitation, then-Senior Chief Slabinski made the selfless and heroic decision to lead the remainder of his element on an immediate and daring rescue back to the mountaintop."

The Navy notes that Mr. Slabinski, "with bullets piercing his clothing, repeatedly charged into deadly fire to personally engage the enemy bunker" before the situation became untenable. With daylight approaching, he maneuvered his team to a more defensible

position, requested reinforcements, and directed the medical care of his severely wounded teammates," including "carrying a teammate through waist-deep snow during an arduous trek across precipitous terrain."

Mr. Speaker, the Medal of Honor reflects the acclaim and appreciation of our entire nation. It reminds each of us of our sacred obligation to look after those who serve our country and defend our freedom. Britt Slabinski put his life on the line not only for the sake of his fellow soldiers, but for all of us. On behalf of his hometown of Northampton, and the entire United States Congress, I offer him my most sincere and heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his service to our nation.

HONORING DR. SUSAN WILLIAMS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Susan Williams, a world renowned marine ecologist who died last month in a tragic car accident. Dr. Williams' scientific research on coastal ecology and her activism surrounding the expansion of marine sanctuaries have left an indelible impact on the world. Born in 1951, Dr. Susan Williams earned a bachelor's of science in biology, a master's degree in biological oceanography, and a doctoral degree in botany and marine biology. After finishing her doctoral program in 1981, she conducted research at major marine laboratories across the world for three years. By 1986, after serving as the science director for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Undersea Research Program, Dr. Williams started teaching at universities while continuing her research. She became the director of the Coastal and Marine Institute at San Diego State University in 1990, and the director of the Bodega Marine Laboratory at the University of California Davis in 2000. Dr. Williams stepped down from that role in 2010, and became a full-time professor and researcher at the University of California, Davis, until her death in 2018.

Throughout her career, Dr. Williams' research underlined the connection between the health of oceans and the communities surrounding them. Her work on the ecology of nearshore marine ecosystems, seagrass, coral reefs, and invasive species helped illustrate the impact of warming oceans on coastal environments and yielded strategies for mitigating those impacts. Her work was heralded by the international scientific community, and provided the foundation for critical changes to state and federal policies addressing the management of coastal environments. As an educator and mentor, she had an immense impact: she supported students around the world, encouraged women in science, bridged international divides in her collaborations, and empowered others to be leaders in the field.

During Dr. Williams' ten-year tenure as the director of the Bodega Marine Laboratory, she brought scientists from around the world to conduct research at the laboratory, while at the same time working with local schools and the community in adopting conservation practices based on the latest scientific discoveries. Through this work and her ongoing research,

Dr. Williams became a valued advisor for state and federal officials seeking to protect the California coast. Nowhere was this more apparent than through her work in significantly expanding two national marine sanctuaries off the coast of Northern California: the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and the Gulf of the Farallones, now known as the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. Both sanctuary boundary expansions were proposed in legislation in 2005, and were ultimately expanded to more than twice their original size by the Obama administration in 2015. Throughout that ten-year process, Dr. Williams was the driving force that propelled the policy forward.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Susan Williams' lifelong pursuit of knowledge has left a positive legacy across our country and the world. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to her today, and honor the memory of a scientist who believed that no problem was insurmountable.

BELEN TZINTZUN CHAVEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Belen Tzintzun Chavez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Belen Tzintzun Chavez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Belen Tzintzun Chavez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Belen Tzintzun Chavez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN SPEAKS
TRUTH TO NATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Kansas City Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann was the keynote speaker at the 14th annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast here in Washington, D.C.

Archbishop Naumann's incisive remarks were extraordinarily inspiring, hope filled, uplifting, yet challenging. Like a modern-day Jeremiah, he spoke truth to the nation. After detailing some of the "threats to the well-being of our nation," Archbishop Naumann said "However, the most serious crisis for our country is none of the above, but rather a God-crisis—a crisis of Faith. . . ."

He said, "We have no permanent enemies, but only confused brothers and sisters who

have yet to encounter the Lord of Life and to experience His unconditional love and amazing grace. . . . It is our task to reclaim our culture one mind, one heart, one soul at a time."

I respectfully ask my colleagues in both the House and Senate and on both sides of the aisle to take a few minutes to read the Archbishop's remarkable words.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

Washington, D.C., May 24, 2018

I. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It is a great honor to be with you this morning and to address this distinguished gathering. As we assemble as a people of Faith to pray for our nation, we must first give thanks for our many blessings. We enjoy religious liberty, freedom of speech and expression, the right to assemble—to name only a few of the freedoms for which our Founders fought and subsequent generations sacrificed heroically to preserve. Despite our economic challenges, middle class Americans enjoy creature comforts that were unavailable to kings of earlier ages. For all this and so much more, we must give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

At the same time, there are certainly many challenges facing our nation. Within the past week we had another deadly school shooting. There are several tense international situations, e.g. the Holy Land, Iran, Syria and Korea. Many Christians throughout the world experience brutal religious persecution. Racial tensions remain high in many cities. One third of American children are being raised in homes without their biological fathers. The legal status of more than a million young people who were brought to this country as children remains in limbo. In Massachusetts, Illinois and the District of Columbia Catholic Charities is no longer able to place children for adoption. Our nation continues to give legal protection to doctors and organizations that profit from the killing of more than one million innocent unborn children. There are efforts in the courts and some states legislatures to coerce Catholic Hospitals to perform abortions.

Unfortunately, this is by no means an exhaustive list of the serious threats to the well-being of our nation. However, the most serious crisis for our country is none of the above, but rather a God-crisis—a crisis of Faith.

II. IS GOD DEAD?

Is God Dead? This was the title cover story for the April 8, 1966 edition of Time Magazine, when I was a junior in High School and Time was the most influential periodical in the United States. The 1966 article began with these words:

"Is God dead? It is a question that tantalizes, both believers, who perhaps secretly fear that he is, and atheists, who possibly suspect the answer is No.

"Is God dead? The three words represent a summons to reflect on the meaning of existence. No longer is the question the taunting jest of skeptics for whom unbelief is the test of wisdom and for whom Nietzsche is the prophet who gave the right answer a century ago. . . ."

At the time, the subject was considered shocking and provocative. I was reminded of this article while reading the 2017 book, *The Benedict Option*, by Rod Dreher who makes the case that we need a new St. Benedict to form vibrant Christian communities to preserve the truth of the Gospels during a new Dark Age of unbelief.

Dreher notes the decline in church attendance, the large number of Millennials who profess atheism or even more commonly

identify themselves as spiritual, but not religious. This non-religious spiritualism is a new paganism, where God is not the God of revelation who makes Himself known to us, but a god or gods that are fashioned in our own image to re-enforce our own desires. Dreher gives his assessment of the status of Faith in America: “. . . God may not be quite dead, but he is in hospice care and confined to bed.”

III. A CRISIS OF FAITH

Our culture is indeed experiencing a crisis of Faith that leads to a denial of truth. Once the relationship between man and God is severed, man becomes just a highly developed organism. Human life becomes just another thing in a world of things. Materialism reigns and breeds utilitarianism—our value is determined by our usefulness. We no longer possess inalienable rights that are God-given and from which no human being can deprive us.

The pursuit of pleasure becomes the highest goal. This hedonism is a futile seeking of greater and more intense pleasures that in the end leave us more and more empty. Suffering and death become the great enemies that we strive futilely to eliminate or at least impede.

It is this loss of a sense of God that also leaves us vulnerable to lose sight of the innate value of each and every human being. We consider those who are profoundly disabled as more vegetable than human. We experience their care as a burden rather than an opportunity for the expression of the noblest form of love.

We begin to see human life at its earliest stages as something too tiny to have rights, but something very useful to destroy in order to exploit its components in the hope of healing or restoring youth to those already born. This loss of a sense of God also leaves us helpless to find meaning in suffering. Suffering becomes the other real evil and thus to be avoided at all costs. If it is impossible or perhaps difficult to eliminate the suffering, then it becomes acceptable to eliminate the one suffering.

IV. THE ESSENCE: AN ENCOUNTER WITH A PERSON

Pope Emeritus Benedict, in his writings and speeches reflecting on the essence of what it means to be Catholic declared it is not our dogma and doctrine. Obviously, it is not that he thought these to be unimportant, after all he had been the Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith—he was the architect of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Yet, important as they are, they are not the essence of Catholicism. Similarly Pope Benedict maintained that living an ethical life is not the heart of what it means to be Catholic. Again, he was not claiming this is insignificant, but it is the fruit of our Faith, not its essence.

Pope Benedict asserts the essence of Catholicism is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Without that personal encounter, our dogma and doctrine makes no sense. Without this encounter we will not have the capacity to persevere in living a virtuous life.

V. JESUS, THE MAN WHO LIVES

Malcolm Muggeridge—the late BBC television personality, while an agnostic, filmed a documentary on Mother Teresa of Calcutta entitled *Something Beautiful for God*. Muggeridge made Mother Teresa a household name in the English speaking world. Muggeridge's experience of Mother Teresa's selfless love changed the trajectory of his life.

The BBC subsequently assigned Muggeridge to do a documentary on Jesus. In Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity

while observing the prayerfulness of Christian pilgrims venerating the spot commemorated as the birth place of Jesus, Muggeridge was inspired to name his documentary—*Jesus, the Man Who Lives*. Muggeridge realized Jesus was not just another historical figure, but he was still alive and animating the lives of his disciples like Mother Teresa and millions of other saints canonized and uncanonized for the past 2,000 years.

It is this same Jesus we encounter every time we open our hearts to His presence in prayer. It is this Jesus, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, who conquered death and is alive, whom we receive in the Eucharist.

It is this Jesus who transformed Peter from the coward of Good Friday to the martyr in Rome, who changed Paul from a persecutor of His disciples to the greatest Christian missionary, who inspired Francis of Assisi to abandon a frivolous life of comfort and through simplicity and poverty to awaken the world to the Gospel. It is this same Jesus who motivated Thomas More to resign as Chancellor of England and die a Martyr's death rather than betray his conscience, who emboldened the North American Martyrs to make the perilous crossing of the Atlantic to evangelize Native Americans well aware that they would meet violent deaths, who led St. Damien to provide pastoral care for the lepers of Molokai knowing the probability that eventually he would succumb to the dreaded disease, and who gave Blessed Stanley Rother, a farm boy from Oklahoma the courage to stay with his flock in Guatemala despite being a target of the death squads. This is to name only a tiny fraction of some of the more well-known disciples who found abundant and eternal life in losing their lives following Jesus, the Man Who Lives.

VI. A GOD WHO DIED BUT IS NOT DEAD

The Original Sin was the decision by our first parents to push God out of their garden in order to become their own gods. This is the archetype of every sin. God's response to humanity's rebellion is mercy. God does not abandon us to dwell in the darkness created by our rejection of His love. Instead, God comes to rescue us just as he saved Israel from the slavery of Egypt. Sin masquerades as freedom but in reality enslaves us to disordered cravings. Jesus came to liberate us from the bondage of sin and to vanquish death destroying its power to rob life of its meaning and render it absurd.

The method of this rescue was not to use His almighty power to force us into submission to His will, but it was through His incarnation to become one with us in all things but sin. Like a special operations soldier dropped behind enemy lines, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, enduring unspeakable suffering because of our sin.

Jesus defeats humanity's twin enemies, sin and death, by walking through death to eternal life. We believe in a God who died but is far from dead. The triumphant, risen Lord is still animating the lives of those who open their hearts to encounter His love. Thus for the Christian, we are never without hope.

In recent years, I have been drawn to read the memoirs of former atheists who have become Catholic. Two of my favorites in this genre are Jennifer Fulwiler's *Something Other Than God* and Sally Read's *Night's Bright Darkness*. Both of their conversions illustrate, if we just open a crack in our hearts, God's amazing grace will come rushing in.

VII. A NEW GREAT AWAKENING

In our prayer this morning, let us pray for a religious revival in our nation, another great awakening. For those of us who have encountered the Risen Jesus we have a responsibility to bring His love and mercy to others, especially as Pope Francis so often

reminds us to those on the peripheries. We are called to be Missionary Disciples, communicating the love of Jesus to others and bringing others to encounter the Risen Lord.

We have no permanent enemies, but only confused brothers and sisters who have yet to encounter the Lord of Life and to experience His unconditional love and amazing grace. We are called to renew our nation, not primarily by enacting laws, but by announcing the Joy and Hope of the Gospel of Jesus to individuals in desperate need of its good news. It is our task to reclaim our culture one mind, one heart, one soul at a time.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE OF EVA SCHLOSS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eva Geiringer Schloss, who lives such an inspiring life as a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz. Ms. Schloss is the stepsister and good friend of Anne Frank.

Ms. Eva Geiringer Schloss was born in 1938 shortly after the annexation of Austria by Germany. She studied art history at the University of Amsterdam and went on to become an accomplished author detailing the experiences of her family. Mrs. Schloss is also the co-founder of the Anne Frank Trust UK, and recorded virtual reality answers to numerous questions for museums everywhere in the world ensuring we never forget those tragic events. Ms. Schloss is an inspiration to all of us in remembering the Holocaust and honoring the lives of those lost.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Eva Schloss that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Eva Schloss today as an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, I missed Roll Call vote 229. Had I been present, I would have voted NO to reject the motion to table the appeal in order to allow the House to debate Mr. Thompson's timely amendment to strengthen the gun background check system.

CONGRATULATING DR. LINDA L. M. BENNETT

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett as she retires as the third president of the University of Southern Indiana.

Dr. Bennett's steady leadership, wise counsel, and dedication to academic excellence

has vaulted this still-young state university to a heightened stature. She raised the profile of its academic offerings, particularly in nursing and engineering, and expanded its reach through statewide involvements, community service, and online programming. During her nine-year tenure, USI experienced dynamic growth and diversity in its student population, attracted top-flight faculty, and became a higher-education destination throughout Indiana and across the globe. The campus, itself, took on a signature personality with new structures that helped define an enduring physical character.

A highly regarded civic leader, Dr. Bennett has lent her talents to countless organizations and civic causes, and she has been widely recognized for her thoughtful contributions, many, of which, were conducted outside the public eye.

I am grateful for Dr. Bennett's legacy of stewardship in guiding USI's development, and join all Hoosiers in extending my best wishes in her retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
ASTANA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Astana on its 20th anniversary. In this short time, the capital city of Kazakhstan has hosted high-level political and diplomatic events, including several international forums for a nuclear weapons-free world.

Most recently, Astana hosted the successful EXPO 2017, which focused on the future of energy. Kazakhstan has shown promise not only as an important economic partner of the United States in the energy sector, but also as a strong proponent of clean energy. It joined the Paris Agreement and many other international efforts to curb climate change and improve our environment.

In its 20-year history, Astana has become one of the most modern cities in Central Asia. It continues to serve as a hub for the region and link between the East and the West.

I look forward to a long partnership between Washington and Astana. A partnership that will include productive cooperation on shared economic and security priorities, as well as efforts to advance the development of an independent, stable, and politically free Kazakhstan. With these advances, Astana would become a model for other nations and a central partner on so many shared objectives.

EMILY OGATA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Ogata for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Emily Ogata is a student at Warren Tech North and received this award because her

determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Ogata is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Ogata for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SUPPORTING THE PHILADELPHIA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S HIS-
TORIC EUROPE AND ISRAEL
TOUR

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with great honor to salute the Philadelphia Orchestra on its upcoming historic tour through Europe and Israel. I have had the privilege of working to support them over the years during my time in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and now here in Congress. I can't think of a better cultural ambassador for our country, the Commonwealth, and our great city, than the finely-tuned Philadelphia Orchestra.

With support from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's Department of Community and Economic Development and State Department diplomats, and more than 150 Pennsylvania musicians, non-profits, and business leaders, this historic journey starts in Brussels, Belgium, and will wind its way through Luxembourg, France, Germany, and Austria. These historic countries are iconic in their musical backgrounds, having given birth to such artists such as Beethoven, Brahms, Poulenc, Wagner, and Mozart.

I take special pride in the Philadelphia Orchestra's visit to Israel, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. This visit not only confirms and solidifies the distinct, and unique cultural, political, and humanitarian bond amongst the City of Philadelphia, the Jewish community, and the State of Israel. Israel and its people have been continually under siege for ages from the time of Judea to Sumeria, and by recognizing their dignity, honor, and courage, the Orchestra's visit serves to underscore how important Israel to the Middle East writ large, and to America. And let me add that the Philadelphia Orchestra should be noted for the diversity of its musicians and staff orchestra's diversity complements.

I would like to give special recognition to the Philadelphia Orchestra's director, Yannick Nezet-Seguin, the chairman, Richard Worley, and the woman at the top who has helped forge ties both near and far, Philadelphia Orchestra Interim Co-Presidents Ryan Fleur and Matthew Loden. And I also wish to salute Naomi Adler, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and Director of Government Affairs, Robin Schatz for their leadership, and special role in informing us on the unwavering dignity and humanity of Israel.

I am proud to represent a city that boasts some of the most iconic music heard around the world. I salute our well-traveled Philadelphia Orchestra and look forward to my next symphony.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP FAGAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Philip Fagan on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Fagan shares his birthday with his twin sister, Phyllis. They both reside in Adair, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during Philip's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Philip has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. Fagan in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 90th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Philip Fagan on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing him even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JUDGE CLARE JUPITER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Judge Clare Jupiter of Orleans Parish Civil District Court, who died on May 18, 2018 at the age of 65.

Born in Chicago, Illinois where her father was attending art school, Judge Jupiter came to New Orleans as a toddler and spent the rest of her childhood in the city. She was the second-oldest of 12 children. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in New Orleans and earned a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1974 before returning to New Orleans to work as a reporter for the States-Item, the city's afternoon paper, she was known as a gifted writer who took the time to understand the topic at hand.

Judge Jupiter left journalism to attend law school, graduating in 1978 from Duke University School of Law, and then returned to New Orleans to practice law. She was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1979. She became part of the firm Jefferson Bryan and Gray, which later became Bryan and Jupiter.

Judge Jupiter worked as outside general counsel for the Orleans Parish School Board and supported causes such as WWOZ Radio, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Covenant House, and New Life Ministry. She was one of the first female attorneys at what had been an all-male firm and became the

firm's top writer, reviewing and improving others' briefs.

Judge Jupiter was elected to Civil Court's Division E seat in 2011 and re-elected in 2014. She suffered a health setback in 2015 but returned to the bench.

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

Judge Jupiter's survivors include her husband, Pat Bryant; brother, New Orleans Traffic Court Judge Steven Jupiter; a son, Kwame Bryant of New Orleans; a daughter, Ms. Nia Bryant of New Orleans; six brothers, Eric, Danny and Jerome Jupiter, all of New Orleans, David Jupiter of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Carl Jupiter of Houston and Omodare Jupiter of St. Croix; four sisters, Gayle Jupiter of Albuquerque, Ann Jupiter-Mitchell of Washington, Jill Jupiter-Jones of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Jane Bell of New Orleans; her mother, Romona Felton Jupiter of New Orleans; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Judge Clare Jupiter.

IN RECOGNITION OF RABBI
LAURENCE MALINGER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rabbi Laurence Malinger on his 25 years of rabbinical service. Rabbi Malinger is a respected leader of Temple Shalom in Aberdeen, New Jersey as well as the greater community. His contributions are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Rabbi Malinger has served as senior rabbi of Temple Shalom since 1999 and continues to support the Temple's mission of religious education and guidance, social action and community service. He is a trusted confidant to his congregation and an inspiring spiritual leader.

Prior to his service at Temple Shalom, Rabbi Malinger was Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth in Delaware after serving the Congregation for four years as Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education. He has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics, a Master of Education with School Psychology, a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and most recently was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity for his dedicated years of service.

A devoted man of faith and community involvement, Rabbi Malinger is engaged with various organizations and issues, including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Bayshore Ministerium, the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County's Jewish Addiction Resource and Garden State Equality, among others.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rabbi Malinger on his 25 years of rabbinical service and thanking him for his many years of outstanding leadership to Temple Shalom and the community.

JOSUE ESTRADA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Josue Estrada for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. Josue Estrada received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Josue Estrada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Josue Estrada for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CAREER OF THE
CHARLOTTE 49ERS DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS JUDY ROSE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Judy Rose and her service as the Director of Athletics for UNC Charlotte.

I've known Judy for many years, and watched her succeed at every opportunity she was given. As only the third female Division I Athletic Director in NCAA history, a role she has held for 28 years, Judy has made a tremendous impact on my alma mater and the entire Charlotte community. She helped build an athletic program that empowers student-athletes with tools to be successful and provides our community teams to be proud of.

Over the years, she has taken our athletic department higher than anyone ever envisioned. And most importantly, she did so with the highest ethical standards. I am proud we have not had one hint of scandal during Judy Rose's tenure. In my opinion, she is one of the most influential figures in UNC Charlotte history.

I still remember back in the 90's when I was Student Body President—there were plenty of people who didn't share her vision for putting the basketball arena in the middle of campus, or didn't believe a Division I football team would ever be a reality. Nevertheless, Judy always saw the big picture and always knew what a powerhouse UNC Charlotte athletics could become. She saw the potential, and she's a huge reason why UNC Charlotte now has thriving alumni engagement and why the student population has boomed the last 20 years.

I am proud, on behalf of the UNC Charlotte family that is Niner Nation, to say thank you, Judy Rose. Your extraordinary leadership will be missed. We wish you and Ken all the best in this next chapter of your lives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the outstanding career of Judy Rose.

CONGRATULATING IAN KUEHL ON
HIS TITLE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ian Kuehl, a senior from Stockton High School, for earning the 285 pound Class IA title for the Illinois State Championship in Wrestling.

Ian Kuehl pinned his last opponent of the season in 3 minutes and 25 seconds to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Ian for his tremendous accomplishment. Ian's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold and cap off his season of 47 wins and only 1 loss. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Ian is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Stockton throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ian Kuehl on his state title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 208.

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS O'BRIEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Phyllis O'Brien on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Ms. O'Brien shares her birthday with her twin brother, Philip. They both reside in Adair, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during Phyllis' life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Phyllis has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Phyllis in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 90th

birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Phyllis O'Brien on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

RILEY NEARY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Riley Neary for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Riley Neary is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Riley Neary is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Riley Neary for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE
OF ELSIE HEIDENREICH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elsie Heidenreich, who lived an inspiring life as one of the first women to serve as a Red Cross nurse in World War I.

Ms. Heidenreich was born into a family of nine in Woodbine Township in 1893. She put herself through nursing school, and at age 25 completed the nursing program at the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Chicago. After enlisting in the military, she sailed overseas on assignment to France and worked tirelessly with the sick and wounded. Ms. Heidenreich returned to the United States after the Armistice was signed and served as a Red Cross nurse until 1921, when she left the service to become a missionary in China.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Elsie Heidenreich that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Elsie Heidenreich's life and her service to this great country.

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Colorado

Freedom Memorial, its President and Founder, Rick Crandall, and his wife, and its cofounder, Diane Crandall. This monument to our fallen heroes, located in Aurora, Colorado, provides all Coloradans the opportunity to come and pay their respects for the greatest sacrifice that our men and women in uniform can give.

The Colorado Freedom Memorial, which holds over 6,000 names, first opened in 2013 and is the first memorial in the United States that pays respect to members of the military who have served in any of America's wars from the State of Colorado. For this year's fifth anniversary, the memorial will be dedicating a new flag pole, holding a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and unveiling a new exhibit which contains soil from eight American cemeteries overseas where Coloradans lie who never made it home.

The anniversary of the memorial is especially fitting as we observe Memorial Day and pay homage to the men and women who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of our nation. I am proud to have this memorial located in my district and would like to recognize cofounders Rick and Diane Crandall. Their leadership and dedication to our veterans is truly admirable, and I thank them for all of their work.

Mr. Speaker, it is, and always will be an honor to pay homage to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our nation and our American freedoms, and I salute the Colorado Freedom Memorial for allowing all to visit and pay their respects.

RECOGNITION OF AZERBAIJAN'S
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, known as Republic Day.

On May 28, 1918, the National Assembly of Azerbaijan adopted a Declaration of Independence, and formed the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world.

For over 50 years (1920–1971), Azerbaijan suffered under the weight of the Soviet regime. As they rebuilt from the wreckage of the failed communist empire, Azerbaijan grew into a strong and reliable ally of the United States.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is not only a valuable partner of the United States, but also plays a critical role in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Azerbaijan was one of the first countries to render unconditional assistance to the United States after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. It also has a strong friendship and partnership with Israel, one of the closest allies of the United States.

Azerbaijan continues to play a key role in energy security and diversification for U.S. allies in Europe and Israel, including leadership on the Southern Gas Corridor.

On this 100th anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, the United States remains grateful for the strategic relationship and abiding friendship between our two countries.

HONORING MISSISSIPPI NAVY
WWII VETERAN, PAUL SONNIER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Sonnier, a resident in my district and a United States Navy WWII Veteran.

Paul Sonnier was born on January 13th, 1926, in Delcambre, Louisiana, near Lafayette. As the fifth oldest of ten children, Paul's ability to serve as a role model and leader has been evident throughout his life. Sonnier's father died when he was young, and Paul felt it was his duty to help his mother provide and care for his younger siblings.

On December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor sparked a fire inside of Paul, and he knew "joining up" would help provide for his family as well as honor his country. Paul enlisted in the U.S. Navy, in January of 1944, and served our country until May of 1946, when he was honorably discharged.

In the Navy, he served aboard the USS *LCI (G) 458* and was found worthy of membership in The Ancient and Sacred Order of the Golden Dragon as well as the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep. He received two battle stars as well as a Presidential Unit Citation.

After his military service Paul worked for Freeport Sulphur Company in Port Sulphur, Louisiana, and later became a tugboat captain, until he retired.

Paul was married and has six children and fifteen grandchildren. He moved from Louisiana to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and has lived in the fourth Congressional District ever since.

World War II veteran, Paul Sonnier, lives his life with honor and bravery, leaving behind a legacy that must be remembered as one of America's Greatest Generation.

On April 23rd, the Phi Mu Women's Fraternity at the University of Southern Mississippi honored Mr. Sonnier by granting one of his last wishes—dancing with a beautiful woman. That he did, several times over. He said that it was wonderful to see that today's young people remember those who fought in World War II and would be kind enough to shower him with love on that day.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Paul Sonnier today, and express the gratitude of our district to him for his service and dedication to our country by answering the call and serving honorably and bravely in World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE
OF LUELLA WILLIAMS ELLIOTT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Luella Williams Elliott, who lived an inspiring life serving in the United States Army from 1943–1945 during World War II.

Ms. Elliott was born in 1908 in rural Stockton, Illinois. She enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was stationed with the Women's Army

Corps (WAC) in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Ms. Elliott drove an Army ambulance and was assigned to Nichols General Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She achieved the rank of Sergeant by 1945, when she left the Army. While Ms. Elliott was in the service, she received the WAC Service Medal and the WAC Good Conduct Medal.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Luella Williams Elliott that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Luella Williams Elliott's life and her service to this great country.

MIGUEL OLIVAS MALDONADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel Olivas Maldonado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel Olivas Maldonado is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel Olivas Maldonado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miguel Olivas Maldonado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYNN E.
WOLAVER

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a respected community leader, and a dear friend from my congressional district, for his lifetime of service to our country and to the people of Southwest Ohio.

Dr. Lynn E. Wolaver, age 94 of Fairborn, passed away Monday May 7, 2018 at the Hospice of Dayton. He was born March 10, 1924 in Springfield, IL, the son of the late Lindie and Esther (Skooog) Wolaver.

Lynn is the former Mayor of the City of Fairborn, Ohio and Dean for Research Emeritus at the Air Force Institute of Technology located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is a charter member of the Federal Senior Executive Service and was first appointed to super grade status in 1967 at the age of 43 at the USAF Aerospace Research Laboratories where he was one of the Directors. His civilian protocol status was DV-5 equivalent to a Major General.

His academic life includes time with the University of Illinois, (BSEE 1949, MSEE 1950),

The Ohio State University extension at Wright Field (1951-1956) and the University of Michigan where he obtained the Ph.D. degree (1964) in a program called Computers, Information and Control Engineering.

Lynn was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and flew in C-47 aircraft in the European Theater of Operations with the IX Troop Carrier Command Pathfinder Group.

The former Mayor started employment at Wright-Patterson in 1950 and retired in 1988. He did research in the areas of navigation, guidance and control, systems analysis, astrodynamics and bioengineering. In addition to his job as Dean, he also served as Chairman of the System Engineering Program and as a research Professor of Engineering Science. Prior to joining AFIT in 1970, he was one of the directors of the Aerospace Research Laboratories. He was a Project Engineer on the Navigation System for the B-58, helped develop the release envelopes for the Sidewinder Missile, and was a pioneer in precision trajectory analysis. Lynn also served as Adjunct Professor in mathematics at Wright State University for seven years starting with the first day it opened its doors, and taught at the Ohio State Extension at Wright Field, and at the Engineering and Science Institute of Dayton. He also lectured at a number of management workshops including the Brookings Institute, Federal Executive Institute, American Management Association and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Lynn belongs to the standard set of honoraria including Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical Engineering Honorary), Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honorary), and Sigma Xi (Research Honorary). Among his honors and awards are Senior Executive Bonus Awards, Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, Exceptional Service Medal, University of Illinois Distinguished Alumnus Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce Ed Duncan Distinguished Citizen Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce Presidents Award, Fairborn Ministerial Association Peace Maker Award, and induction into his Springfield (Illinois) High School Hall of Fame and in 2006 he was selected as Grand Marshal of the Fairborn Fourth of July Parade. Lynn was selected as the Outstanding Senior Citizen in Greene County for 2009 by the Agency on Aging PSA2. He also received the prestigious E. J. Nutter Award as outstanding Greene County Citizen for 2010. He was inducted into the Ohio Seniors Hall of Fame in 2010 and a the Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame in 2015. Lynn and his wife Arah-Dean were selected as King and Queen of the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival. He is a member of the New York Academy of Science, the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Biofeedback Society, Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, Midwestern Simulation Council, charter member of the Astrodynamics Committee of the American Rocket Society, member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Engineering Education. The former Mayor was listed in American Men and Women of Science, Who's Who in Midwest (12th-16th edition), Who's Who in Government, Directory of International Biography, Leaders in American Science, World Space Directory, Outstanding Leaders in Education and the Dayton, Ohio telephone directory.

Dr. Wolaver is the author of over 60 technical papers in the fields of navigation, astrodynamics and nonlinear systems analysis and physiological systems modeling. He has a textbook in Astrodynamics and is a reviewer of technical articles for a number of journals, an editor of the Brazilian Engenharia International Journal and served as reviewer and consultant to the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, National Science Foundation, and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

He is also active in civic affairs being a member of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, Fairborn Rotary Club and the American Legion. He served six years on the City Planning Board, two years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, eight years on City Council, two of those years as Deputy Mayor and four years as Mayor. He was one of ten Dayton corporate leaders on the Dayton Development Council's Science and Technology Task Force that inventoried the area's technological assets and made recommendations for strategies to expand jobs in technology. He served on the Steering Committee of Challenge '95 and as representative on the Miami Valley Research Park and on the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, member of the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and was a former Chairman of the Board of Toward Independence.

He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the 2003 Committee, served as a Commissioner of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park, Commissioner of the Ohio Wright-Dunbar State Park, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fairborn Senior Citizens Center, and a member of the Board of Greene County Career Center Adult Education Scholarship Endowment Fund. He helped start Kids Voting in Greene County, was Co-Chairman of the Senior Citizens Levy Campaign, served as Fairborn Rep on the Greene County Combined Health District Board including a term as Chairman of the Board and served as a volunteer for SAYUS Walkathon.

He was a member of the City of Fairborn Tax Incentive Review Council, member of the Greene County Bar Association Ethics and Grievance Committee, Vice-President of the Greene County Library Board of Trustees, Vice-President of the Greene County Library Board of Trustees, Congressman Hobson's Military Advisory Committee, and his Academy Selection Advisory Committee. He was active with the Fairborn Area Chamber of Commerce where he served on the Ambassadors Club. He was a Presiding Precinct Judge with the Greene County Board of Elections and was on the Board of Directors of the Fairborn Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Wolaver represented Fairborn on the County Advisory Board of the Greene County Council on Aging, and was then appointed to the Board of the Greene County Council on Aging.

He was a member of the AFIT Foundation Board and was a member of the Wright State University College of Liberal Arts Community Advisory Board. He was also a charter member of the Fairborn Education Foundation.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Donna Wolaver. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Arah-Dean; two sons, Judge Stephen (Gayla Sue) Wolaver, Rick Wolaver; two grandchildren, Scott (Kerri) Wolaver, Lindy Wolaver; and two great-grandsons, Carter and Connor.

HONORING 30 YEARS OF KUBOTA
MANUFACTURING IN THE
UNITED STATES

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kubota Manufacturing's 30-year presence in the United States. Planting its roots in my hometown of Gainesville, this company specializes in tractor manufacturing.

In the past few decades, several international companies like Kubota have made Northeast Georgia their home. For Kubota, what began as a 60,000 square foot plant with 44 team members in 1988 grew to the 2.5 million square foot plant with 2,600 team members that we see today.

Instead of settling for one plant's success, Kubota chose to open additional manufacturing plants in Kansas and Texas, and, in 2005, the company founded the Kubota Industrial Equipment Corporation based in nearby Jefferson, Georgia.

To celebrate its 30-year anniversary, Kubota Manufacturing donated \$1 million to the Lanier Technical College Foundation. This gift will help finance Lanier Technical College's new Hall County Campus, which is scheduled to open in the spring of next year.

Whether it's a student at Lanier Technical College or one of the company's employees, Kubota demonstrates the importance of investing in our nation's workforce—preparing men and women for the jobs our modern world requires.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kubota Manufacturing for using its success to support the communities in my corner of Georgia. I look forward to seeing this company's presence continue to grow over the next 30 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 219, NAY on Roll Call No. 220, NAY on Roll Call No. 221, NAY on Roll Call No. 222, YEA on Roll Call No. 223, YEA on Roll Call No. 224, NAY on Roll Call No. 225, NAY on Roll Call No. 226, YEA on Roll Call No. 227, and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

RECOGNIZING THE INSPIRING LIFE
OF RIA BAUMGARTNER FRANCOMB

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Baumgartner Francomb, who lived an inspiring life as the first woman to enlist in any of the women's military organizations during World War II from Elizabeth, Illinois.

Ms. Francomb trained at Hunter College in New York City and was sworn into the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) for the Navy in Chicago, Illinois in 1943. She was a chief secretary of correspondence at the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland, California, attaining the rank of Yeoman First Class. After her Naval career, she resumed her position as assistant cashier at Elizabeth Bank.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Rita Baumgartner Francomb's life and her service to this great country.

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL MIDDLE
SCHOOL'S MATHCOUNTS TEAM

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Centennial Middle School's MATHCOUNTS team, which won the Utah State MATHCOUNTS contest this year and sent multiple students to represent Utah at the 2018 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, where they placed in the top ten.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps middle school students nurture and enhance their abilities in mathematics. The foundation was created in 1983 and has since helped countless middle school students overcome their fear of and develop a love for mathematics.

The MATHCOUNTS Foundation hosts the annual Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition, which brings in Mathletes from all 50 States to compete. These Mathletes compete head-to-head with other teams to solve difficult math problems in timed exams. Since the competition was first held in 1984, it has grown to become the most prestigious middle school mathematics competition in the nation.

Centennial Middle School, located in Provo, Utah, has participated in the MATHCOUNTS program for many years. To prepare for the statewide competition in March, participating students spent many afterschool hours training, practicing, and expanding their mathematics skills. The Centennial Middle School MATHCOUNTS team won the Utah statewide competition and had the honor of sending multiple students and their coach to represent Utah at the national contest. The Utah team placed ninth in the nation, making it the first time Utah has placed in the top ten and also took home the award for most improved team.

These prestigious and hard-earned awards demonstrate the significant efforts of parents, teachers, and the team's coach, Ryan Camacho, in cultivating a love of mathematics among students at Centennial Middle School.

Centennial Middle School's accomplishments indicate a promising future for mathematics achievement in Utah. As students in Utah and across the country continue to participate in competitions like MATHCOUNTS, they will be better prepared to succeed in emerging careers in mathematics. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING SIGNATURE
SCHOOL IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Signature School in Evansville, Indiana for being named the ninth best charter school in the United States, the seventeenth best high school in the United States, and best high school in Indiana by U.S. News and World Report in its 2018 rankings.

Founded in 1992, Signature School became Indiana's first public charter school in 2002. Located on Main Street in downtown Evansville, Signature School has offered an advanced education for students all over Southwest Indiana for over 25 years. The education young Hoosiers receive at Signature School not only helps them prepare for college, but also for success in life. Signature School students routinely out perform national SAT and ACT averages, are recognized as National Merit Finalists, achieve a 100 percent graduation rate, and are offered millions of dollars in college scholarships.

Ensuring all Hoosiers have access to a quality education is of the utmost importance because today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. I am grateful for Signature School's commitment to educating young Hoosiers and congratulate them on receiving this outstanding distinction.

JANE POOLE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jane Poole for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jane Poole is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jane Poole is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jane Poole for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO FREMONT COUNTY
EXTENSION

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fremont County Extension for 100 years of service to Fremont

County, Iowa. The 100th anniversary is a testament to the great work that is performed every day by the staff at the Fremont County Extension.

Established 100 years ago in 1918, the Fremont County Extension hired its first extension agent that year after the Iowa State Legislature passed the Extension Act. The Extension agency provides needed research-based information to Fremont County. The services include 4-H youth programs, agriculture and natural resources research and assistance, human sciences, and community economic development. Mandy Maher, Program Coordinator for the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Fremont County said, "One hundred years ago, Fremont County Extension was organized, and the mission then was and is similar to what it is today, to provide education and build partnerships designed to solve today's issues and prepare for the future."

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Fremont County Extension and its staff for providing dedicated, committed, and crucial services to families and individuals every day. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Fremont County Extension for achieving 100 years of service. I wish the Fremont County Extension and all of the staff continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING THE PLATTSBURGH STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plattsburgh State University Police Department on its 50th anniversary.

The Plattsburgh State University Police Department is responsible for keeping the largest university in New York's 21st district a safe place for students to learn. The officers are exceptionally trained to respond to physical and mental health crises, campus safety concerns, and other emergencies. They are dedicated to keeping the campus community and surrounding city of Plattsburgh safe and secure.

The Department is an integral part of the SUNY Plattsburgh campus. It demonstrates a commitment to crime prevention and campus policing, as well as successfully aligns with the university's educational mission and prides itself on its student-centered approach.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to congratulate the Plattsburgh State University Police Department on an exceptional 50 years and thank the officers for their dedicated service and commitment to keeping SUNY Plattsburgh safe and secure.

CONGRATULATING THE FLOWERY BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Flowery Branch

High School boys' tennis team on winning the state title—the first championship in the program's history.

The Falcons persevered through a difficult season, enduring illnesses, short-handed line-ups, and an exhausting postseason. Despite these challenges, the team continued to exhibit their best effort and earned a spot in the championship against Buford High School.

With only two starting seniors, this young team had never advanced past the second round of playoffs.

After a four-hour match, Jack Thomas—one of the team's freshmen players—overcame an opponent who had defeated him twice before and helped his team clench the victory.

Mr. Speaker, this group of young men remind Northeast Georgians that hard work paves the road to success. I am honored to highlight the Falcons' achievement and congratulate the team on their outstanding season.

ISAAC NAFTZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isaac Naftz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Isaac Naftz is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaac Naftz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isaac Naftz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CAMBRIDGE, ILLINOIS' 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the town of Cambridge, Illinois on its 175th Anniversary. The community was named by Judge Joseph Tillson in 1843, and has been thriving ever since.

Cambridge, Illinois has a rich history and is an integral part of Henry County. After its founding in 1843, it was incorporated a decade later when J.S. Hinman served as the first village president. Cambridge is an unusual county seat built around two public squares instead of one, which includes Court Square and College Square Park. The first house in the village was built by blacksmith Lord John Russell near the southeast corner of College Square and the courthouse was the heart of the community.

It is because of villages like Cambridge, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the village of Cambridge, Illinois on its 175th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. GARY SHAFFERMAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of Mr. Gary Shafferman, Principal of Edward S. Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas and congratulate him on his retirement after a successful thirty-five year career in education. Upon retirement, his dedication and leadership will be greatly missed by his Lewisville ISD colleagues, as well as the students and parents he served so well at Marcus High School.

Mr. Shafferman received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of North Texas. He began his career in education as a science teacher and coach in Grand Prairie ISD. Prior to spending ten years as principal at Marcus High School, he served at schools across North Texas as a coach, teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and principal. Throughout his career, Mr. Shafferman has fostered close working relationships amongst community leaders, parents, and staff, and he has encouraged his students to pursue excellence and achieve their greatest potential.

Please join me in recognizing Mr. Gary Shafferman, Principal of Marcus High School, for his commitment to the teaching profession, his sincere dedication to the education and well-being of his students, and his many years of exemplary public service. It is a privilege to represent the students, families, teachers, and staff of Lewisville ISD in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MRS. SALLIE CHALFIN AFTER 28 YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Sallie Chalfin, who is retiring this month after 28 years of teaching. Sallie has impacted thousands of students' lives over the course of her teaching career, primarily teaching middle school mathematics and social studies.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, Sallie graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona. She first taught at Alta E. Butler Elementary School in Phoenix, followed by Tavan Elementary School and Laguna Elementary School in Scottsdale. Sallie then spent a short time teaching in Ooltewah, Tennessee at Snow Hill Elementary School before moving back to the Valley of the Sun to spend nearly 14 years teaching at Mountainside Middle School. For the last four years she has

taught at Cooley Middle School in Gilbert, Arizona.

Her passion for education has been evident not only in the classroom but outside of school as well. She founded the Mountainside Middle School Helping Hands Club, a school service club that provided assistance each month to organizations and/or people in need in the local community, and she ran that club for nearly 14 years.

Like so many of our nation's educators, Sallie continued to support students after school hours and tutored a number of them in math, going on to create a successful tutoring program that positively impacted many young people in middle school and high school. She has been a mentor to numerous students, and has always been willing to give her personal time to help them succeed. Her compassion, patience, and strong belief in her students have had lasting impacts long after they leave her classroom.

Sallie has dedicated her professional career to helping students learn and achieve excellence. I join her family, her colleagues and her students, past and present, who thank her for her years of dedication to teaching and for her service to our nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. BILLY CANNON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a Louisiana legend, Dr. Billy Cannon.

Billy Cannon is an icon. He led LSU to a national championship, won the Heisman trophy and became the first professional football player to earn \$100,000. His career is summed up by his famous Halloween night punt return against Ole Miss that is replayed countless times in the hearts and minds of LSU fans, and every year on TV the week of the LSU-Ole Miss game.

To me, however, his exploits on the football field as a young man, impressive though they are, are the least impressive parts of Dr. Cannon's life.

Like many, life after the glory fades was not easy for Dr. Cannon. He made a major mistake, wound up involved in the criminal justice system, and served his time. After paying his debt and returning to society, he still found it difficult to make a living, something that happens far too often across the country.

Eventually he became the dentist at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, where he turned the dental office around and truly cared for the needs of the prisoners. He remained as dentist at Angola for more than two decades, treating teeth with care and men with empathy. In appreciation for his service, the men at Angola hand forged the casket where he now rests.

He once said that the people of Louisiana are quick to love and quick to forgive. We should not be quick to forget the care and dedication he showed to those society prefers to ignore. We should remember all his life as vividly as we remember The Return.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the whole life of Dr. Billy Cannon, a great All-American.

CONGRATULATING MAVERICK
MCPEEK ON HIS TITLE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maverick McPeek, a senior from Lena-Winslow High School, for earning the 220 pound Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in Wrestling.

Maverick McPeek defeated his opponent 3-2 to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Maverick for his tremendous accomplishment. Maverick's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold and cap off his season of 40 wins and 2 losses. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Ian is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Dakota, Illinois throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Maverick McPeek on his state title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LOLA BLAZEK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lola Blazek on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during Lola's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Lola has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Lola in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lola Blazek on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

DELILAH ROMERO JAMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Delilah Romero James for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Delilah Romero James is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Delilah Romero James is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Delilah Romero James for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:00:01 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:29 a.m. until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5973–5983; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 914–917 were introduced. **Pages H4731–32**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NJ) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4731**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Andrew Walton, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, FL. **Page H4731**

Senate Referrals: S. 916 was held at the desk. S. 1333 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services. S. 2178 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H4731**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4731.

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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m.

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