Brent is a native of Granada Hills, California and was born Sept 14, 1979. He entered the Army on Sept 8, 1998 and attended unit training for armor crewmembers at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The units Brent served with are many. He has served with B Company and HHC, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor; HHHC, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor; A Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; H Troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; HHT, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; D Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment; D Co and C Co, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment; HHBN, 4th Infantry Division; 7–10 and 2–1 CAV; and Operations Group National Training Center. His deployments have included a deployment to Kuwait in 2001 and to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005.

His military education includes the Basic Leader’s Course, Advanced Leader’s Course, Senior Leader’s Course, Air Assault School, Battle Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Course, and the MA1 Master Gunner Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star medal, three Meritorious Service medals, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, six Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement medals, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign medal with 2 bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer professional development ribbon with numeral three, five Good Conduct Medals, three Overseas Service Ribbons, and two Meritorious Unit Citations.

Brent is finishing his Master of Science in Military History from American Military University and will be returning to Santa Clarita, CA upon retirement. Brent is married to the former Julie Anna Curtis and has one daughter named Madison.

On this Army birthday, it seems fitting to say thank you to Master Sergeant Schol and his family and wish him every success in the future.

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.

HONORING NURSE ENTREKIN
HON. DOUG COLLINS OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fran Entrekin for her long career of medical service to the Gainesville community.

For 50 years, Nurse Entrekin has served local children and families. She began her career as a medical assistant for Dr. Buddy Langston in 1968 and then became a pediatric nurse in that practice. She started to work for the Longstreet Clinic in 1995 and, in 2004, became the first nurse to work at the Longstreet Clinic’s Wee Care Office.

This June, Nurse Entrekin will retire from the Longstreet Clinic, but not from caring for young people, as she plans to focus on her eight grandchildren.

The legacy she leaves is one of passion and commitment. After caring for four generations of families, Nurse Entrekin is beginning a new season.

I am proud to honor Nurse Entrekin for the decades she has invested in Northeast Georgia patients and the compassion she has spread throughout our community as a whole.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH HARPER, JR.
HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Mr. Joseph Harper, Jr. and recognize his contributions to the State of Connecticut and the Town of New Britain. Joe passed away on May 20, 2018 at the age of 70 after a long life of dedicated service to his community.

Joe was born and raised in New Britain, Connecticut and was a lifelong public servant to our state. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, Joe obtained a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and later earned another Master’s Degree in International Studies from Central Connecticut State University.

Joe began his long public service career as an Alderman and mayoral aide for New Britain, before serving an impressive 16 years in the Connecticut General Assembly. Joe was first elected to the State House of Representatives, serving 2 terms before being elected to the State Senate, where he served a further 6 terms. In the Senate, Joe was an essential member of the Appropriations Committee, where he served as co-chair and a key advocate for New Britain and the communities of Central Connecticut. After his retirement from the General Assembly, Joe continued to serve Connecticut by working as a Deputy State Treasurer, as a Vice President of Central Connecticut State University, and as the Vice President of Government Relations at The Hospital for Special Care.

Just as he worked with a dogged determination throughout his distinguished career, Joe committed the latter years of his life to leading a healthy lifestyle. Through his years of hard work, Joe lost more than 450 pounds after leaving elected office.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Harper led a remarkable career and enthusiastically lent his talents to improve New Britain and Connecticut. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life and memory here today. My condolences go out to his sister, Mary Ellen, and his family. Those of us who knew Joe will cherish his memory, and his legacy will live on in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 7, 2018, during consideration of H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019, I recorded an erroneous vote on amendment number 26, offered by Ms. LEE of California. I intended to vote yes on roll call vote number 247.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SAN BRUNO
HON. JACKIE SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 14, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. John’s United Church of Christ in San Bruno, California. This church has been a rock of comfort and hope for an entire century, and the community joins with me in extending these good wishes.

San Bruno was incorporated as a city in 1914. St. John’s was founded soon thereafter by German immigrants and first met in the homes of its congregants or, a few years later, in Carpenter’s Hall. By 1920, the city of San Bruno had about 1,500 residents and by 1921 the congregation had outgrown its earlier locations and a church building was erected. The congregation thrived.

In the 1930’s, multiple orders of churches merged and ultimately formed the United Church of Christ. The motto of the new denomination was “That they may all be one.” Today, the congregants come from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Families from throughout the world, and even those who originally worshipped in different denominations, have joined to form the community of St. John’s United Church of Christ.

The church participates in multiple charitable activities, including providing disaster relief, offering contributions to St. Anthony’s Dining Room and to the San Francisco Night Ministry. Its values of faith, love and inclusion lead the church to support all and to value each human being, no matter how little a person may have.