

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANK CALZON

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of his long standing contributions to the Cuban community and his strong support for freedom for the Cuban people, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Calzon.

Born in Cuba in 1947, Mr. Calzon came to the United States in 1960, after which he became a staunch human rights advocate. Since his early days at the University of Georgetown, he has dedicated his life to promoting human rights and essential liberties on behalf of the Cuban people. Soon after graduating, he became Director of 'On Human Rights', a Washington-based organization by which he informed Members of Congress, officials and others on the egregious human rights abuses in totalitarian Cuba. He later joined Freedom House, an independent NGO that supports the expansion and strengthening of freedom in the world. There, as Director of its Cuba Program, he expressed support of policies and strategies to support the Cuban people, and testified before the UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva.

Since 1997, Mr. Calzon has been the Executive Director of the Center for a Free Cuba, where he has continued his tireless advocacy for the human rights of the Cuban people, assisting political prisoners, their families, and other democracy activists. In partnership with U.S. Government agencies, international NGOs, parliamentarians, and many other notable freedom advocates across the globe, Mr. Calzon has dedicated his life to freedom, human rights, and democracy for the Cuban people.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Calzon for his selfless work on behalf of freedom for the Cuban people. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending his unwavering dedication in furtherance of this most noble cause.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF POLAND CHURCH

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Poland Church in Southampton, New York.

Since the first Polish immigrants arrived in Southampton in 1895 as farmers, the Polish community has continued to grow and prosper, its culture becoming a hallmark of our community. Our Lady of Poland opened its doors in 1918, and the church became an integral part of Polish immigrants' way of life in their new home.

Over the last 100 years, the parishioners of Our Lady of Poland Church have been served by many devoted pastors and priests cultivating a rich history of community service and outreach.

Today, Our Lady of Poland Church boasts a respected regional school, working with the church and teachers to ensure their school attains the highest levels of educational excellence.

This year, under the leadership of Rev. Jausz Lipski, the parish will celebrate 100 years of service and commitment to the community of Southampton and celebrate the beautiful history of their church and magnificent culture.

I thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Poland for their service to our community and wish them many more anniversaries to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ROBERT BAKER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of John Robert Baker, who passed away on January 26 at the age of 93.

John's life was adventurous and well lived. Born in the summer of 1924 in Seattle, his early childhood was marked by being pulled to safety by his pet dog from Green Lake. After his graduation from Lincoln High School, he served during World War II in the United States Navy.

John was one of two remaining World War II submariners in the State of Washington. After graduating from high school, John joined the U.S. Navy and trained as a radioman before heading to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to train for submarine duty. Hesitant to apply for submarine duty due to his poor vision, he reportedly memorized the eye chart in advance to pass the exam. John served as a Radioman Third Class on the USS *Atule* (SS 403), where he is also recognized as a plank holder during its first commission in June of 1944.

The *Atule* headed to Pearl Harbor and began the first of four war patrols in the South Pacific on October 9, 1944. The submarine was credited with sinking four warships and four merchant ships. The *Atule* was off the coast of Japan when it received word that Japan had surrendered.

After the War, John studied pharmacy and earned his freshman numeral on the crew team at the University of Washington. His distinguished pharmacy career spanned across Washington State, where he owned a prominent business in Ephrata for 20 years, and continued his career as a pharmacist in Moses Lake, Quincy, Othello, and Walla Walla. John retired to Port Townsend in 1990, where he continued to be active in the community as a

volunteer at the City Information Center and served as State Commander and Chaplain of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II.

John Baker's close friends and family will remember the precious time he spent fishing and boating with his sons and grandchildren. They will also remember the joy he found in racing go-carts, hydroplanes, and even a Formula Vee car. They will remember his love for reading and puzzles, and above all his devotion to his family.

We honor John Robert Baker—patriot, submariner, pharmacist, devoted husband and father, and dedicated volunteer. We will never forget his service to our country and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL MANN'S SERVICE TO KENTUCKY'S SECOND DISTRICT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere thanks to Michael Mann who will be moving on from my office at the end of this week to begin law school at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Born and raised in Springfield, Kentucky, Michael has always shown great pride in his Washington County roots to anyone who has walked through our office door. On top of everything he has done for Kentucky's Second District, he has balanced his job in Washington, D.C., while serving in the Kentucky National Guard.

We are sorry to see him leave, but I know that he will go on to great things back home in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I wish him the best of luck in law school.

HONORING COACH JOHN CARTER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John Carter, head baseball coach of the Round Rock Dragons, who was recently named the National Federation of State High School Associations' 2016–2017 State Coach of the Year for boys' baseball. During his decades as coach, he's helped lead the Dragons to a state championship, fielded a perennial contender, and positively impacted the lives of hundreds of young men.

It's no coincidence we share the same name; Coach Carter is my first-born son. As an athlete, he'd be the first to admit that he wasn't blessed with innate physical gifts; others were faster, stronger, more agile. Yet he quickly gained a reputation as a supremely coachable athlete who listened when coaches

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instructed him and, just as important, paid heed when coaches guided teammates. Few were more motivated to do the work necessary to succeed.

These traits serve him well as he strengthens the legacy of a great high school baseball program, one of the most respected both in Texas and nationwide. Coach Carter has excelled not because he's a guru of offense or a deacon of defense. He's not a pitcher's coach or a fielder's coach. He's a baseball coach who knows that the road to victory is paved by mastery of every facet of this complex game.

The fruits of Coach Carter's labors are in every strikeout, double play, and sacrifice bunt. They're in every win celebrated and every loss with lessons to learn from. They're in the eyes of teenagers he's helped mold into young men who learn the value of teamwork and how to reach their fullest potentials, both on and off the field of play.

Most important, Coach Carter has never lost sight of the beauty of our national pastime. A game that has no clock yet demands blazing speed. The rare sport where the offense scores the runs but the defense has the ball. Where all the important things happen at home. A game played in back alleys, open fields, ramshackle parks, and glossy stadiums that transcends social boundaries and unites a great nation. Where one and all are excited by the most magical words in all of sports: "play ball!"

I congratulate Coach John Carter for this richly-deserved honor. I'm proud of him, like I am of all my children, and I wish him nothing but success as he continues leading the Round Rock Dragons boys' baseball team to victory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and missed recorded votes No. 289 and No. 290. Had I been present,

On Roll Call No. 289, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 299—Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, I would have voted YES.

On Roll Call No. 290, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 5783—Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018, I would have voted YES.

BLUE WATER NAVY VIETNAM VETERANS ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act. I'm proud to be a cosponsor of this bipartisan legislation that will help Vietnam veterans who served in the terri-

torial seas of Vietnam and were exposed to Agent Orange get the medical care they need.

However, these are not the only veterans who have not received needed care for exposure to Agent Orange. That is why I'm grateful that H.R. 299 includes the text of my bill, the Fairness for Korean DMZ Veterans Act, which expands eligibility for disability compensation for veterans who served at or near the Korean DMZ and are suffering from herbicide-related conditions.

Evidence shows that test spraying began six months earlier than the date on which regular spraying began in the Korean DMZ, thereby exposing veterans to the herbicide during the test period. This legislation will allow veterans exposed during this time period to receive the health care they have earned.

This issue was brought to my attention by Garfield Harper, a veteran who lives in Burlington County and was exposed to Agent Orange while serving at the Korean DMZ.

As the son of a veteran who served during the Korean War and Representative of more than 50,000 veterans, I believe we have a moral obligation to provide quality care for these veterans.

I would like to thank the co-author of this bill, Congresswoman ESTY, Chairman ROE, Ranking Member WALZ, and the 46 bipartisan cosponsors of my legislation for helping to move this bill forward. I would also like to thank the VFW and the American Legion for their help drafting this legislation and rallying support here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this broadly bipartisan legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 2018, I missed votes in the House in order to visit a migrant children detention facility in Texas.

Had I been present, I would have voted: AYE on Roll Call No. 289—the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, H.R. 299, and AYE on Roll Call No. 290—the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018, H.R. 578.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 25, 2018, my flight from Texas to Washington, D.C., was delayed. As a result, I was unable to return in time to take Monday evening's first vote. However, I did arrive to vote on the second vote—H.R. 5783.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 289—H.R. 299.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 289 and 290 on Monday, June 25, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

STUDY SHOWS CRISIS IN AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to the Out of Reach 2018 study recently issued by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC). The findings of this report are sobering, although perhaps not shocking: in no state, county, or metropolitan area in the United States can a full-time minimum wage worker afford a modest two-bedroom rental home, without spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent alone. Furthermore, there are only 22 counties nationwide where a full-time minimum wage worker can afford a one-bedroom rental home.

According to the study in the Chicago area I represent, an employee, working 40 hours per week, would need to earn at least \$22.69 per hour to afford a simple two-bedroom rental home. Today, a worker earning Illinois' minimum wage of \$8.25 must put in 99 hours of work per week to afford rent and have enough left over for other necessities. At the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, a worker would have to put in, at least 122 hours per week—the equivalent of three full-time jobs—to reasonably afford rent at the fair market price.

Think about the impact on individuals and families. The NLIHC reports that many low-income renters are forced to settle for substandard rental housing options, where property maintenance is not a priority of property owners. Even still, many Americans are forced to spend more than half of their limited incomes exclusively on rent, leaving them without enough resources to pay for essentials such as child care, health care, or transportation. Family life takes a hit when mothers and fathers must work so many hours away from their homes, often leaving their children alone. What purpose does it serve to create more and more minimum-wage jobs, if Americans must work two or three of them just to be able to afford a place to sleep?

According to this study, not only do minimum-wage working Americans feel the burden of the high housing cost, so too do senior citizens and those with disabilities living within our communities. The NLIHC study found that 71 percent of extremely low-income households spend more than half of their incomes on housing alone. Persistent underfunding has resulted in 3 out of 4 low-income households, eligible to receive federal aid, to be left unassisted.

Now, as the FY2019 appropriations process moves forward, think about what we can do to

help address this crisis. Not only do we need to reject the Trump Administration's budget cuts which, according to the report, "would, if enacted, lead to the largest reduction in affordable housing and community development investments in decades" and result in the loss of rental assistance for 200,000 families. Instead, we should increase funding for Housing Choice Vouchers, the national Housing Trust Fund, public housing and project-based rental assistance.

And, of course, we need to replace the \$7.25 federal minimum wage with a living wage by passing H.R. 15, the Raise the Wage Act.

I want to congratulate the National Low-Income Housing Coalition for giving us such critical information about how the inadequacy of the federal minimum wage, coupled with the unaffordability of housing, is creating day-to-day crises for millions of Americans. We can solve those crises by investing in housing and providing workers with a better deal and better wages.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, from May 15, 2018 until May 22, 2018, I was absent from the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 613, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2017 (Rep. MCKINLEY, R-WV)—YES.

H.R. 4854, Justice Served Act of 2018 (Rep. CARTER, R-TX)—YES.

H. Res. 285, Expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve (Rep. TAYLOR, R-VA)—YES.

On Question of Consideration of the Resolution (the Rule for H.R. 5690, S. 2372, and H.R. 2)—NO.

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Adoption of H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

S. 35, Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act (Sen. THUNE, R-SD)—YES.

H.R. 5698, Protect and Serve Act of 2018 (Rep. RUTHERFORD, R-FL)—YES.

S. 2372, VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Sen. ISAKSON, R-GA)—NO.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—NO.

H. Res. 900, Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Foxx (R-NC) Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Faso (R-NY) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Biggs (R-AZ) Amendment No. 16 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Westerman (R-AR) Part C Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Young (R-AK) Part C Amendment No. 14 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Russell (R-OK) Amendment No. 17 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Massie (R-KY) Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Roskam (R-IL) Amendment No. 28 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—YES.

Banks (R-IN) Amendment No. 31 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Motion to Recommit H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—with Instructions—YES.

Final Passage of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

H.R. 4830, SIT-REP Act, as amended (Rep. BILIRAKIS, R-FL)—YES.

H.R. 4451, Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. WENSTRUP, R-OH)—YES.

H.R. 3832, Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act, as amended (Rep. DUNN, R-FL)—YES.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of S. 2155, S. 204, and H.R. 5515—NO.

H. Res. 905, Rule providing for consideration of S. 2155—Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 204—Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act, and H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Amodei (R-NV) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

McGovern (D-MA) Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

McKinley (R-WV) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Tenney (R-NY) Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Engel (D-NY) Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

Polis (D-CO) Amendment No. 50 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 22 and Monday, June 25, 2018, I missed

the following votes due to needing to tend to a close family member in the hospital.

For Roll Call Vote 287, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

For Roll Call Vote 288, final passage of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 289, final passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 290, final passage of the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018, I would have voted "yes."

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and in sorrow of the passing of a great Patriot and American Journalist Dr. Charles Krauthammer, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell. Charles' inspirational life is a lesson to us all about CHARACTER, FAITH, COURAGE, HOPE, and GOING FOR IT. He was a genius armed with a brilliant mind, wit, and intellect. Composing works of art on paper and on the screen. Our prayers go out to him and his beloved wife Robin and son Daniel. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER A GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT AND JOURNALIST AND A LIFE WELL LED

[By: Albert Carey Caswell]

A beautiful mind
So brilliant and fine
A life of mind over matter you will find,
With no mountain to high to climb
Of a life well led in his time
And when our life is over and done.
What have we left behind to all among
To so teach our young
Have we shined like the Sun?
Or left this world in regret at what we should
have done
With only a few verses in our lives to be sung
As we curse the brevity of life wishing for
more to come.
Will we seize the moment in what we have
done?
And live with no regrets when all is said and
done
And give the world a nudge
Yea, Charles was The Samson in Journalism
who gave our world a budge
If only they could remember what they've
forgotten what blessings would come
Yea, Charles you went deep in your life leav-
ing nothing on the field my son
Like a Mozart or Picasso,
an artist composing Master pieces with
thoughts and words of such a sum
With a beautiful mind and life which reads
like nobility in all he has done
Turning tragedy into triumph as from where
he had come
Turning opportunity into success as to it
he'd run
Working for a President had this one
Not afraid to question himself America's son
An American Patriot through and through
who loved his country to it heart he'd
run

Who coined The Reagan Doctrine this one
 As he believed in his self with each new jour-
 ney he begun
 As why Sir Charles stands as American Roy-
 alty in Journalism this one
 Armed with his fine soul and integrity a cut
 above all the other ones
 Who masquerade and lose their way in their
 sacred charge for truth begun
 Who are the fourth pillar in this great Re-
 public which relies and depends upon
 For your lessons Charles are of Gold to all
 among
 About taking life's hardest falls to rise up
 against all odds like the morning sun
 And not to wallow in self-pity,
 but with your light to shine and overcome
 To laugh and love all in your short time to
 come
 And not let the darkness of the world make
 you succumb
 When, courage comes to crest
 It's there you'll we find throughout history
 came America's best
 As you Charles who our Nation has blessed
 As Father, a Husband, a Journalist, and a
 citizen of the world who would not rest
 Excelling at each and every one of those to
 bring your best,
 Someone to look up to as we were your
 guest.
 As a man of character and class the likes of
 Edward R Murrow,
 for the truth you too would not rest
 Giving no one a pass
 So articulate and witty,
 and armed with such a beautiful mind all
 others surpassed
ANALYZE THIS
 Sir Charles gave back to Journalism some
 much needed nobility and class
 The likes of which in a bygone era reined
 throughout America's past
 And yet no kinder or humble man then
 Charles ever crossed your path
 As he made each moment count,
 while he climbed each mountain, the Lord
 put in his path
 And at a young age when his strong body
 failed,
 with his mind and soul and faith and family
 would hold his course steadfast
 With mind over matter always up to the task
 With the great love of a magnificent wife
 Robin,
 and son Daniel he strode such a great path
 Into someone to look up to all in our hearts
 which will last
 Aren't these 'The Things Which Matter' I
 ask?
 While, Baseball and Chess were his hearts
 desirers,
 he always went deep in his life checkmating
 heartache to climb higher
 Even the Pulitzer Prize he'd acquire
 And oh, his National's in his heart created
 such a warm fire!
 As a Renaissance Man our world so inspired
 With "The Things Which Matter" his gift to
 take us even higher
 Until, the very end with his beautiful mind
 and soul still us inspired
 With his one final email to touch our hearts
 and lift us higher
 As he taught us how to live and how to die
 and say goodbye
 With such class and character, we now stand
 with tear in eye
 In Heaven your Dad is saying, what took you
 so long, it's about time,
 And you and Edward Murrow are laughing
 and are not in sorrow
 David Bloom, Walter Cronkite, Ed Bradley
 and Tim Russert for you are making
 room
 With a new Angel on the rise,
 who will watch over us for the rest of our
 lives

As he has taught us what can be achieved
 with a beautiful, heart, soul, and mind
 And the beauty of hope so divine
 With his life well led all in his time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUT-
 STANDING SERVICE OF DR.
 LENORA PETERS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today and recognize the achievements of Dr. Lenora Peters Gant, current Senior Executive Academic National Security Fellow at Howard University School of Business through the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Revered for her U.S. security and intelligence expertise, Dr. Gant's profound leadership speaks to her devotion to public service and the impact she has made throughout the intelligence community.

Dr. Gant holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education and Management from Florida A&M University, a Master of Education from the George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in Education/Technology Learning & Human Resources Management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In addition, Dr. Gant furthered her academic pursuits by obtaining certificates in Executive Development and Leadership Development from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a certificate in 21st Century Leadership from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Her tenacious desire to pursue her education is truly inspiring.

Dr. Gant's phenomenal leadership expands numerous roles that include the U.S. Department of Defense, where she managed a multi-million dollar budget for human resources management, education, and technology-based diversity training initiatives. From 2004 to 2012, Dr. Gant served as Director of the ODNI Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, which is comprised of over 30 colleges and universities across the United States. Under her leadership, IC-CAE became a standard bearer for government partnerships with academia. In 2014, she was appointed as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Senior Executive for Academic Outreach and STEM where she directed, planned, and executed approaches to originate, develop, and formalize NGA corporate academic outreach for Geospatial Sciences and Scientific and Technology. In 2016, Dr. Gant led the ODNI Office of Policy and Strategy's Career Mobility Program Initiative, where she oversaw and directed over fifty senior leaders and managers across five ODNI Directorates.

In addition to Dr. Gant's professional pursuits, she has received numerous awards in honor of her achievements and contribution to her line of work. In April 2010, Dr. Gant was awarded Harvard University Donald M. Stewart Alumni Achievement Award for leadership and public service. In May 2016, she was awarded the Vanderbilt University's Peabody College Distinguished Alumna Award. Furthermore, the former Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) George Tenet appointed

Dr. Gant as the international community's representative to the President's White House One America Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lenora Peters Gant is more than deserving of recognition for her service to our country. I am pleased to take this moment to celebrate her dedication and unwavering contribution to the intelligence community. I want to congratulate her once again for her many years of distinguished service to our nation. I wish her well as she embarks upon her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS
 LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2018, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide certification and support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including, among other things, assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics.

More than 600,000 veterans are waiting for their disability claims to be processed by the VA. With the assistance of lawyers and law professors, clinical programs provide free legal resources to assist veterans in processing their claims. My bill would merely build on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years. More needs to be done to sustain and increase these programs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who have repeatedly put their lives on the line for this country.

HONORING 4 CORNERS FARM

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gray Family and their 4 Corners Farm in South Newbury, Vermont for a remarkable 40 years of growing quality food for Vermonters.

For owners Bob and Kim Gray, July 1, 2018 also marks their 40th wedding anniversary. Like many farming partnerships, theirs is a tested one based on mutual admiration and respect, a major factor in their collective success in growing food, a farm, and a family.

Their story is unique. Both Bob and Kim are former members of the U.S. Ski Team. Bob represented the United States in cross country skiing at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. Kim

was a competitive World Cup downhill ski racer. Both Vermonsters, they met in 1975 while training. Their mutual dream of running a farm took root. Kim studied agriculture at Vermont Technical College. In 1978 they got married and decided to channel their athletic energy and skill into farming the land in Vermont's Connecticut River Valley.

They started growing produce in Hartland's Four Corners where they rented a 40-acre plot and sold produce at the farmers' market in Norwich. By the fall of 1981, they had saved up enough money to make a down payment on an old farmhouse in South Newbury. The following year, they moved the farm there, started a family, and have been farming ever since.

Today, the 4 Corners Farm is a family affair. Bob and Kim's sons, Peter and Charlie, together with Peter's partner Marie, all help manage the farm. Peter returned home to Vermont after receiving a degree from Montana State University and Charlie came home after serving in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps. Their daughter, Molly, a Vermont-educated lawyer, recently returned home to help with the farm's administration. Their step-children, Betsy and Travis, have also helped over the years.

As life can sometimes do, Kim was thrown a curve ball about 20 years ago when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Despite the infinite daily obstacles, she continues to manage and operate the farm with sheer tenacity and an indomitable spirit.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words to adequately describe the beauty of this farm and the great pride the Gray family takes in producing high quality food for Vermonsters. They grow fruits and vegetables on roughly 50 acres including a pick your own strawberry operation. For over 20 years, Kim has also managed the farm's jersey cow operation. Their market overflows with the freshest garden vegetables, fruits, milk, cheese, and meat all grown and raised in their fields. They still maintain a stand at the Norwich Farmers' Market and deliver to coops and restaurants in the area. Their motto, "All we sell is our own," says it all.

What perhaps is most remarkable is the Gray family's 40 years of stewardship of the land and community. They continue to nurture and reinvest in the land and the farm to ensure it can produce food for future generations. Over the years, they have employed and mentored hundreds of employees, sharing their knowledge and promoting a farming way of life.

For Vermont's farmers, marketing their products can be tough. If not for the state's commitment to and support for its farms and farming families, 4 Corners Farm, and many others, would not be around today. The 4 Corners Farm is a product of community-supported agriculture and of a loyal and local following equally invested in good stewardship of the land and the production of local food.

THE NEED TO FULLY FUND AND PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S INVESTIGATION OF RUSSIA'S INTERFERENCE IN 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ATTACK ON AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House on the critical importance of fully funding the investigation by Special Counsel Robert Mueller into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and the extent to which officials of the Trump Campaign may have aided and encouraged this attack on our democracy.

If we are to protect the rule of law and prevent future interference in our elections, it is essential that Special Counsel Mueller's thorough and nonpartisan investigation continued unimpeded until all the facts are known and laid bare before the American people.

There are at least five (5) reasons why the Congress must act to protect the Special Counsel's Russia investigation from White House interference and obstruction.

First, we need to restore public confidence in our elections and protect against interference in the future.

Our intelligence agencies are unanimous in their conclusions that Russia engaged in an unprecedented campaign to undermine our elections through cyber-attacks, dissemination of false information, and other intelligence operations.

It is imperative that we understand fully the nature of the interference and how to harden our electoral processes to prevent future attacks.

Second, there is evidence that Trump campaign operatives conspired with the Russians.

As disturbing as the Russian attack on the election is, the growing likelihood that some Americans aided this most hostile foreign adversary in undermining the very foundation of our democracy.

There is much circumstantial evidence to support this conclusion.

Members of the Trump Campaign high-command had meetings with Russian officials that were not disclosed in testimony and in security clearance applications.

Senior Trump Campaign officials attempted to establish secret communications with the Russian government that would preclude oversight by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Senior Trump Campaign officials had unusual financial ties to Russia.

Senior Trump Campaign officials had advance knowledge of when Russian operatives would release documents stolen by the Russians from the Clinton campaign.

Senior Trump Campaign officials (including Trump's son and son-in-law, and Campaign Chairman) met in Trump Tower on June 9, 2016 with a Kremlin-linked Russian lawyer and a former Soviet counterintelligence officer under the assumption they would provide politically damaging information about Hillary Clinton as part of the Russian government's efforts to support the Trump campaign.

The firing of FBI Director James Comey has increased suspicion of collusion with the Russian government.

The FBI determined that there was sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation into possible collusion with the Russian government.

According to Former FBI Director James Comey, President Trump made unusual requests of him; including asking for his loyalty and hoping he would derail the Russian investigation.

Director Comey refused to make such commitments.

On May 9, 2017, President Trump fired Director Comey and admitted publicly the next day that he fired Director Comey "because of the Russia investigation."

The Special Counsel must have the resources needed to perform a fair and credible investigation.

The Department of Justice's appointment of former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III to oversee the investigation was met with wide approval in Congress and the general public.

Special Counsel Mueller has a well-earned reputation for fairness, probity, integrity, objectivity, and nonpartisan.

The more evidence of collusion uncovered by Special Counsel Mueller, the more the President threatens to fire the Special Counsel or issue pardons to those implicated in the investigation.

There is strong evidence of collusion.

Republicans may point to the House Intelligence Committee report (written by Republicans) that concluded there was no collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian operatives.

House Intelligence Committee Democrats disagree with that report charging that Republicans did not take its investigation seriously.

House Republicans refused to call key witnesses or request pertinent documents, and refused to compel and enforce witness cooperation and answers to key questions.

Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee concluded the opposite, citing significant evidence pointing to collusion in the 70+ secret meetings and communications between senior Trump campaign officials (including Paul Manafort, Rick Gates, George Papadopoulos, Donald Trump Jr., Michael Flynn, Carter Page, and others with agents or entities allied with Vladimir Putin or the Russian government).

Mr. Speaker, this evening, just like last night and the night before, Paul Manafort, the Chairman of the 2016 Trump Campaign, sleeps in a jail, indicted and accused of money-laundering, criminal fraud, and being an unregistered agent of a foreign government.

Michael Flynn, the President's first National Security Advisor, has been indicted and pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators regarding his contacts and communications with agents of Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Also pleading guilty or indicted in Special Counsel Mueller's investigation are George Papadopoulos; and Trump Deputy Campaign Manager Rick Gates.

All told, Special Counsel Mueller has won indictments against 19 persons—including 13 Russian nationals—and three Russian companies.

Special Counsel Mueller's investigation is not a 'witch-hunt' but a reasonable and necessary response to an attack on our country and its most fundamental democratic institution: free, fair, and untainted elections.

Without the rule of law and democratic governance, all is lost; and all the efforts by our

Republican friends to cut taxes for millionaires and multinational corporations, explode the deficit, and punish working families will avail us of nothing but 'the tinkling of cymbals and the sounding of brass.'

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, as it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its founding. It is a privilege to represent the city, and I am honored to be attending the anniversary celebration on June 28th.

During the mid-1950s, the booming auto industry in Michigan led the Big 3 automakers to build new auto plants outside of the City of Detroit. The Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation settled into what was then Sterling Township. Following this tremendous growth, auto workers relocated with their families to the township.

After an initial effort to create a city charter fell short in 1966, a new charter commission favoring a City Management government was formed in 1968. On May 25, 1968, voters overwhelmingly passed the new city management charter, and the City of Sterling Heights was officially incorporated as a municipality on July 1, 1968.

Today, Sterling Heights is the fourth largest city in Michigan, and has much to offer for both its residents and the surrounding communities. Sterling Heights is home to vibrant parks, including the newly renovated Dodge Park, where the anniversary celebration will be held, strong public schools, and a quality of life which has helped lead to its impressive population growth over the last several decades.

Sterling Heights has long been a leader in celebrating diversity and inclusion. The City was one of the first "Welcoming Cities" in Macomb County, and has welcomed immigrants and refugees since its founding. The city hosts the American Polish Festival, to celebrate Sterling Heights rich Polish-American history. Sterling Heights is also home to rapidly-growing population of Iraqi Christians, known as Chaldeans, leading to the recent opening of a major Chaldean Community Center in the city. Over the years I have had the privilege of attending the Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange dinner and numerous other events celebrating the diversity of the City.

Economic opportunity in Sterling Heights has been driven by a wide variety of industries, including auto, manufacturing, and defense. Fiat-Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, the Fiat-Chrysler Stamping Plant, the Ford Van Dyke Transmission Plant, and the Ford Axle Plant employ thousands of skilled workers and help to anchor a strong manufacturing sector in the City. The Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry has become a leading business organization in Macomb County with more than 1,600 members. I am also proud to have been able to assist in appropriating more than 700,000 dollars in federal funding for the Macomb-Oakland University Incubator. The Macomb-OU In-

cubator in Sterling Heights supports economic development in the city, and more broadly in Southeast Michigan, by accelerating high-tech businesses and by encouraging innovation and research and development.

On June 28, 2018, residents and leaders will gather to celebrate the past, present, and future of this great community, which was founded 50 years ago. As the City of Sterling Heights commemorates this milestone, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leaders, residents, churches, businesses, and organizations that make this city so great. And I especially want to thank the residents of Sterling Heights who have provided me with the honor of representing them in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD
HARRISON AND HIS SERVICE TO
THE UNITED STATES

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard Harrison, the patriarch of the History Channel reality show "Pawn Stars."

Richard grew up in Lexington, North Carolina and joined the U.S. Navy shortly after graduating high school. He married, had four children, and eventually opened a small pawn shop in Las Vegas after 20 years in the Navy.

At Gold and Silver Pawn Shop, Richard proudly operated the only family-owned pawn shop in Las Vegas. The store was not just a way to run a business, but also a way for Richard to influence those he worked with. He taught many folks the value of hard work, the importance of family, and the gift of humor.

I admire the contributions Richard made to this great nation of ours and honor this Davidson County native. His knack for hard work has clearly resonated with his son, Rick, and grandson, Corey.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of Richard Harrison.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO
FIRST LIEUTENANT GARLIN M.
CONNER OF CLINTON COUNTY,
KENTUCKY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, today is a momentous occasion for the family of a beloved Clinton County, Kentucky native and American hero, First Lieutenant Garlin Murl Conner.

First Lieutenant Conner enlisted in the Army on March 1, 1941 and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He served on the front lines of ten campaigns, was injured seven times, and received a battlefield commission. While recovering from a serious hip wound at a field hospital in France, First Lieutenant Conner voluntarily left the hospital to rejoin his unit as Germany launched the brutal Operation Northwind to challenge the advancing Allied forces in the final months of World War II.

On January 24, 1945, First Lieutenant Conner ran ahead of the defending force—in the face of intense enemy fire—to attain a better position to call in artillery strikes on six hundred advancing enemy soldiers during a three-hour onslaught. At times, he even called in artillery on his own position. His bravery that day not only distinguished him as an intrepid, selfless patriot, but also saved the lives of his unit.

In acknowledgment of First Lieutenant Conner's exceptional valor, President Donald J. Trump presented a posthumous Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military distinction, to his wife, Pauline Conner, in a ceremony at the White House today.

The Medal of Honor commemorates the extraordinary sacrifice and bravery of American heroes like First Lieutenant Conner. Today, I join this Clinton County native's family and friends in celebrating his legacy and honoring his noble service to our nation.

HONORING LOUIS AND JUDITH
COSTA

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Louis and Judith Costa on fifty years of marriage. The Costas were married on July 27, 1968 and built a life together in Providence, Rhode Island.

Lou served his country proudly as an original member of U.S. Navy SEAL Team 2. He is a decorated combat veteran who served honorably in Vietnam, as well as serving as a Navy submariner. After his military service, Lou had a career as an electrician.

Judy graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and later earned her Master's degree at Brown. She went on to become a high school chemistry teacher. Over the years, Judy has remained very active in her church. Her time as a lector, volunteer, and her service to the unborn is a testament to her faith.

Family has been the central, unwavering pillar to Louis and Judith's marriage. Together, they raised seven children: Louis, Jason, Jennifer, Aaron, Michael, Timothy, and Jessica. They are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, strong families build strong communities. I am proud to rise today and recognize Louis and Judith Costa for their commitment to their faith, country, and family. They have set a wonderful example for our communities across the country, and I extend my most sincere congratulations on their fifty years of marriage.

THE CREDIT ACCESS AND
INCLUSION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 435, the Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2017.

This bill expands credit access to millions of Americans by amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to reporting positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies.

H.R. 435 will help millions more low-income and minority households access credit by changing how Americans' financial information is reported to credit rating agencies.

This means that millions of Americans who previously could not access a lower-cost loan, cheaper car payments, or better rent for their apartment will be able to do so.

The passage of the Credit Access and Inclusion Act has the potential to bring a substantial number of people into the credit mainstream, particularly low-income families and households of color.

Many families in this country will benefit from the opportunity to build strong credit, a cornerstone of financial security, that this bill makes possible.

The absence of a credit history remains a significant barrier for households seeking safe and affordable credit products, rental housing, and jobs.

This bill begins to level the playing field.

Although the positive payments from non-traditional credit sources do not show up on their credit reports, derogatory data does so through the collections process.

Without the ability to build a credit history with those positive payments, millions of Americans continue to lose opportunities to get and stay ahead in our economy today.

This bill removes a major barrier to credit reporting proven payment data.

When reported to nationwide credit bureaus, this data will ultimately help working Americans, younger and elderly Americans, and immigrants build or restore a good credit history in order to build assets and wealth, as well as enable financial security.

The Credit Access and Inclusion Act, a bipartisan bill, will allow utility and telecom companies and landlords to report on-time payment data to credit reporting agencies, helping those with little to no credit build their credit scores based on a full picture of their payment history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 435, the Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2017, to ensure credit access to millions of new low-income and minority households.

HONORING MERCED COUNTY ALL DADS MATTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor All Dads Matter of Merced County. Administered through the Merced County Human Services Agency, All Dads Matter takes a proactive approach to social services by encouraging fathers to be active in the lives of their children through support programs and educational efforts. Since its inception 13 years ago, All Dads Matter has provided resources to new fathers to create healthy and cohesive families.

Research shows that children with engaged fathers or father figures have higher chances of positive developmental, social, and aca-

demic outcomes. All Dads Matter partners with stakeholders in education, healthcare, and other social services to create programs to meet specific family needs. Through its boot camp for new dads, men's support groups, and various workshops, All Dads Matter gives men the tools to act as positive role models for their children. It also helps dads overcome challenges, such as understanding the relational needs and socialization processes of fatherhood, and seeks to give men the confidence to advocate for their families.

All Dads Matter has received accolades for its efforts to support fathers and is an outstanding example of how to serve families in America's rural communities. It has received awards and recognitions from Harvard University's School for Human Services, the California Association of Counties, and the California State Department of Child Support. Such honors highlight the vital role that All Dads Matter plays in building stronger family units.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring All Dads Matter by recognizing the positive work they do for Merced County fathers. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them on the eve of the Fatherhood Summit in Merced. I wish them, as well as the Merced County Human Services Agency, the best as they continue to strengthen our community through building strong families.

COMMENDATION OF COL. JAMES G. PANGELINAN

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons I have worked to increase the number of young people from the Mariana Islands who can attend the U.S. military academies is because I believe the Marianas offers a wealth of talent that can add to the strength of our military.

A case in point is West Point graduate James G. Pangelinan, who just hit 22 years of active duty service on June 1 and who graduated from the Army War College on June 8 with a master of arts in strategic studies and distinguished graduate honors. At the same time Pangelinan was promoted to the rank of colonel, the first person from the Marianas to achieve that rank in the U.S. Army. In fact, he is also the first person from the Marianas to graduate from West Point and, I understand, the first from our islands to graduate from the Army War College.

I would like to review COL Pangelinan's distinguished career to date. Upon graduation from West Point with a bachelor of science degree in English literature and philosophy, he received his commission and began service. According to information from the U.S. Army, Pangelinan first was assigned as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington from 1997 to 99. He next served as an assistant operations officer with the Ranger Training Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia from 2000 to 02. While assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2002 to 06, he served as a brigade and bat-

talion assistant operations officer, commanded a rifle company in the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From 2006 to 08, Pangelinan was an Opposition Forces commander with the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He deployed to Afghanistan, serving as a strategist in the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan in Kabul. From 2011 to 13, he served as the battalion executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2013 to 14, Pangelinan served as the Brigade Rear Detachment commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning from 2014 to 16. Following battalion command, COL Pangelinan served on the Army Staff in the G-3/5/7 where he was responsible for the publication and execution of the Army Campaign Plan 2017.

Throughout this time Pangelinan continued his academic pursuits, earning a master of military art and science from the School of Advanced Military Studies and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Kansas State University both in 2010.

Pangelinan's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.

He is the son of Dulce Pangelinan and Edward D.L.G. Pangelinan, who was the lead negotiator of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America and who was the first person elected to represent the Marianas here in Washington.

COL Pangelinan begins a two-year stint in the Republic of Korea on the staff of US Forces Korea in July to continue a career his family and the Mariana Islands can all be proud of.

I salute COL James G. Pangelinan for his many achievements and thank him for his service.

RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in acknowledgement of Gun Violence Awareness Month. The rising tide of gun violence continues to claim far too many lives. On an average day in America, 96 people are killed with guns, and over 180 are injured. Too many Americans no longer feel safe in their schools, places of business, and homes. From Santa Fe to Parkland, to Huffman High School in my home district in Birmingham, children are losing their lives due to gun violence. No parent should have to worry about the safety of their child while in school.

I would like to take this time to remember those who lost their lives due to gun violence

in our communities. While we grieve for those we lost and pray for their families, we must work together to prevent future gun violence atrocities.

While I am a proponent of the Second Amendment, we can no longer accept the status quo. With each mass shooting, a call to action comes and goes until the next shooting occurs. We are beyond the point of waiting. It is time for Congress to act. I urge my colleagues to take up gun safety measures that will protect our families and our communities. We cannot continue to mourn these tragedies without doing all we can to prevent them.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The injustice of gun violence affects each of our constituents and communities. Mr. Speaker, now is the time to set aside party politics and work together in the best interests of our nation to reduce gun violence.

THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF CARMINE SPINELLI

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and contributions of Mr. Carmine Spinelli, a native of Borough of Raritan, Somerset County, New Jersey who achieved an extraordinary record of leadership during his four decades of service to our great United States Army.

His path to making enduring contributions to our national security was apparently established by his father, an immigrant factory worker with a fifth grade education, who encouraged his son to pursue engineering as a profession. Based on that advice, young Carmine found himself in Indiana pursuing studies at Purdue University.

Armed with a degree in metallurgical engineering, Carmine started an entry-level position at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township back in his home state in 1958. He never left. He earned promotion after promotion until he reached the top research job at Picatinny. As Technical Director of the Armaments Research and Development Engineering Center (ARDEC), a member of the Senior Executive Service, he managed an annual budget of more than \$600 million and a technical staff of over 2000 scientists and engineers and another 2000 support personnel. At ARDEC, his enduring contributions include the areas of armament and systems engineering, innovation, life cycle engineering, acquisition strategy, and national and international policy.

During his distinguished career at ARDEC, Carmine led teams responsible for all varieties of weaponry, from small bullets shot from pistols and rifles to tank ammunition and artillery systems. An early advocate of modeling, simulation, and prototyping, he helped usher in an era of "smart ammunitions" with pinpoint accuracy to help save lives throughout the world.

His was an impressive record of accomplishment. Among his government awards: Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award (1998, 1990); Presidential Rank Meritorious Award (1996); Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award (1995); SES Performance Award (1994, 1993,

1992) NDIA Firepower Award (1988); Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award (1987, 1982); Honorable Order of Saint Barbara (1987); Technical Director's Award—ARRADCOM (1981), Army Research and Development Award (1965) and many Merit Performance Awards.

Since my election to Congress in 1994, I have been proud to work side-by-side with Carmine to advance the work conducted at Picatinny Arsenal—the Joint Center of Excellence for Armaments. As noted, he received many awards and honors for his efforts on bombs, bullets and more potent weapons systems. However, I believe he would not dispute that his greatest work was done in the area of human resources. His innovative and creative hiring practices led to the hiring and development of a whole new generation of highly skilled and talented armament engineers—men and women who today are ensuring that our joint warfighters have the tools and systems they need to meet every emerging threat on the battlefield. As Carmine liked to remind us, "every warfighter deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan or some other global 'hot spot' carried a bit of Picatinny with them."

After his formal service at Picatinny ended, Carmine Spinelli still labored every day to boost the Arsenal, the Army and veterans across our State in various capacities, including as the unsung Chairman of the New Jersey Council on Armed Forces and Veteran's Affairs, which advocates for all of the State's military installations and missions.

Carmine Spinelli leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his wife, Roseanne, son, David and daughter, Dina. We grieve along with them and hold them close in our thoughts and prayers.

While he was my constituent for a few short years, he has always been my friend. Carmine Spinelli will be sorely missed in his hometown of Raritan and in the many communities outside the Cannon Gates at Picatinny Arsenal.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL JOSEPH M. MURRAY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Colonel Joseph M. Murray for his service as Commander at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Colonel Murray has served as Commander at Marine Corps Base Quantico since the summer of 2015, during which time he has provided extensive support and leadership for the Quantico community.

Colonel Murray was born and raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Gonzaga College High School in the District. He has long been dedicated to serving our great Nation, as he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University. Since commissioning, he has held many operational assignments, including tours with 2nd Marine Division Camp Lejeune, North Carolina with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st BN 2nd Marines, and 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. He also served as the Deputy G-3, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and commanded 2nd Supply Battalion during

Operation Iraqi Freedom. Serving as Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico is the newest adornment to his extensive list of military accomplishments, and I am extremely grateful for Colonel Murray's service to Marine Corps Base Quantico and our great Nation.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Colonel Murray on several different occasions on behalf of our men and women in uniform residing in Virginia's First Congressional District. I extend my best wishes to Colonel Joseph M. Murray as his Change of Command approaches and he embarks on his next journey with the Marine Corps. He has proven a phenomenal leader, and I am certain that he will continue to lead with the confidence and commitment he has shown as Commander of Marine Corps Base Quantico as Ftines his career as a Marine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as we congratulate Colonel Joseph M. Murray's service to Marine Corps Base Quantico.

SECURING PUBLIC AREAS OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Homeland Security Committee and former chair of the Subcommittee on Transportation Security, I am well aware of the importance of our nation's transportation system.

H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018, works to improve the security of public areas of transportation facilities.

Our Nation's vital transportation facilities must be protected.

A safe, well-functioning transportation system is critical to the Nation's prosperity.

Whether it is by road, transit, aviation, rail, or waterway, we rely on our transportation system to move people and goods safely, facilitate commerce, attract and retain businesses, and support jobs.

Everyday millions of Americans travel through airports, train stations, bus terminals, and ports.

Over 2 million travelers per day passed through U.S. airports in 2017.

In Houston, George Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport served a combined total of over 54 million passengers in 2017.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport is the 14th busiest airport in the United States.

These airports are essential hubs for domestic and international air travel for Houston and the surrounding region.

It is critically important that their safety is assured.

After the September 11, 2001 attacks, the Aviation Transportation Security Act (ATSA, P.L. 107-71) was enacted and established the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

TSA is responsible for securing the Nation's transportation systems—both aviation and surface transportation.

Since the creation of the TSA, the technologies utilized at checkpoints and the mechanisms used to acquire them have changed very little.

Given issues from prior Congresses, including the wait time crises and covert testing failures, there are renewed pushes by stakeholders to have TSA continue in a more progressive direction in terms of security policies and technologies and the manner in which these technologies are procured.

The volume of work that the TSA must accomplish is growing each year and so are the threats they must face.

In 2017, over 750 million passengers were screened by the Transportation Security Administration.

In 2017, a record setting 3,957, firearms were discovered in carry-on bags at checkpoints across the country, averaging 76 firearms per week or over 10 per day.

84 percent of those firearms were loaded.

This represents over a 16 percent increase in firearm discoveries from 2016.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport had 142 firearms discovered in 2017.

It is time for us to take action to secure our vital transportation facilities.

H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018, directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a working group to promote collaborative engagement between the Department of Homeland Security and public and private sector stakeholders to develop recommendations for enhancing security in public areas of transportation facilities.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to intervene.

The Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018 is a necessary step towards securing our transportation system.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5766, the Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act of 2018, to protect the safety of our citizens.

HONORING PINI ACE HARDWARE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Pini Ace Hardware, which has served the City of Novato and greater Marin County since 1918, enduring through disasters, including a large fire in 1944, and major world events such as World War I, World War II, and the Great Depression.

Founded by Henri Pini, who immigrated from Switzerland in 1906, Pini Hardware started out as a small grocery store, selling dry goods and produce. Over the years, the store relocated and expanded to respond to the changing demands of the growing community, and was sold by the Pini family after Henri passed away. Currently owned by Tom, Russel, and David Young, not only is Pini Hardware celebrating 100 years of business this year, but also 50 years of Young family ownership.

Well-known for outstanding customer service, Pini Ace Hardware is praised by shoppers for its old-fashioned and community-oriented

approach, and for its enduring community service. The store regularly sponsors school sports teams, hosts monthly Kid Club events, and participates in local events such as the Downtown Novato Tree Lighting and Scream on the Green as well as in Novato's Fourth of July parade with the Pini Plunger Brigade. As a member of the Novato Chamber of Commerce, Pini Hardware is a shining example of the Chamber's mission of "Building Business, Building Community."

Mr. Speaker, after a century of outstanding customer and community service, Pini Ace Hardware's legacy to Novato and Marin County is immeasurable, and I wish them another 100 years of success. It is therefore appropriate to honor Pini Ace Hardware on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE CAREER OF THOMAS BLANCHARD, JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Blanchard whose knowledge and passion for the water led to a career of accomplishments as an urban and waterfront developer, as well as a tireless advocate promoting the limitless opportunities for preservation, recreation and tourism along the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor.

Tom's professional résumé began in the state of Virginia as Economic Development Planner for the City of Norfolk, Model Cities Program in the early 1970's. He would go on to become Executive Director of the City of Portsmouth Community Action Organization and Director of the Department of Development for the City of Norfolk.

As City of Norfolk Director of Development, Tom was directly involved in the acquisition and redevelopment of several key parcels of land, mostly along the waterfront, that led to revitalization and reuse from beach front residential to deep draft channel ship and barge terminals. As Executive Director of the Norfolk Recreational Facilities Authority, he managed the concept development and feasibility for NAUTICUS, The National Maritime Center, a \$52 million waterfront themed attraction which opened in 1994.

After serving as Executive Vice President of the Greater Norfolk Corporation from 1985 to 1989, he was recruited to New York State and my hometown of Buffalo as the executive director of Erie County's Horizons Waterfront Commission. It was said of Tom that his selection represented a quantum leap forward. He moved forward as well when the work of the Commission was merged into Empire State Development Corporation in 1995. His appointment as Director of Research and Planning for the Western New York Region continued his leadership role in planning, presenting and pushing for approvals to construct the Erie Canal Harbor project in downtown Buffalo and various projects in downtown Niagara Falls.

His familiarity with the historical significance of the Erie Canal, an engineering marvel that has been in operation since 1825, made Tom Blanchard an inspired appointment to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commis-

sion. As has been stated, "the federally-appointed Erie Canalway Commission, created by Congress in 2000, is tasked with managing activities of the National Heritage Corridor with financial support and technical assistance through the National Park Service.

This new kind of national park called for a new kind of private-public partnership to bolster and strengthen the implementation of the Corridor's award-winning Preservation and Management Plan. And once again, Tom stepped up in 2010 as the first Chair of the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund, a nonprofit that assists in carrying out the work of the Commission by securing additional private and public resources to preserve its historical significance and bolster its \$300 million impact on the region.

Tom's career has been characterized by excellence, as shown through the honors he has received; he is a member of the Omega Delta Epsilon Honorary Economics Society, an Old Dominion University School of Business and Economics Distinguished Alumni, and received the Edward de Luca Lifetime Achievement Award for Professional Excellence in Economic Development in 2001.

His volunteer service on both land and sea extended beyond the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission to include a stint as chair of the National Council for Urban Economic Development, Norfolk Opportunities Industrialization Center and as Past Commodore of the Buffalo Yacht Club. An avid sailor, Tom also holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master Mariner Credential for 50-ton vessels operating in the Great Lakes and U.S. Inland Waters.

Volunteerism extends to his wife Paula as well as they have teamed up with a dedicated committee to bring the largest concentration of tall ships to visit the Queen City in decades. Seven traditional rig sailing vessels are expected to highlight July 4, 2019 celebrations along our vibrant waterfront as "Port of Call: Buffalo" will serve as a visible link to Buffalo's rich maritime past.

For almost fifty years, Tom Blanchard has been a visible link connecting past and present along the water's edge for the benefit of residents and visitors and we thank him for his expertise, unwavering commitment and service to his community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission and Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board of Directors meet at One Canalside in Buffalo on June 27, 2018, let me add my appreciation for their ongoing good work and join with them in acknowledging the significant contributions of Thomas Blanchard, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 2018 I was not able to participate in the 6:30 pm vote series. If I were present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 289, and "yea" on rollcall No. 290.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on June 25th and 26th of 2018, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted YES on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 299, YES on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5783, NO on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 961, NO on H. Res. 961, YES on final passage of H.R. 4294, YES on final passage of H.R. 2083, and YES on final passage of H.R. 5841.

HONORING DR. DELORES JACOBS

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Delores Jacobs for her outstanding career spent dedicated to empowering local San Diego LGBT community members, as well as her inspirational drive to impact public policy. These policies encourage the improvement and preservation of the LGBT community and allies.

Dr. Jacobs launched her momentous career in 1998 when she began serving at The San Diego LGBT Community Center, "The Center," as the Director of Behavioral Health Services. In 2001, she was selected as the Chief Executive Officer of The Center and served this position until June 30, 2018. Thanks to her strong leadership and far-reaching efforts, this facility is now recognized as one of the nation's oldest and largest LGBT Centers, as it now offers over 60,000 services to 25,000 people annually.

Throughout her career of 20 years spent at The Center, Dr. Jacobs' efforts led to the development of progressive, one-of-a-kind programs; Dr. Jacobs assisted in creating the Hillcrest Youth Center, the country's first Latino services department at an LGBT center, as well as the establishment of the 23-unit Sunburst Youth Housing program, which seeks to provide aid for formerly homeless LGBT youth.

Dr. Jacobs' mission did not stop at community involvement, she also sought to impact public policy through the establishment of The Center's Get Out The Vote (GOTV) organization, as well as leading the charge towards the defeat of California's unjust state constitutional amendment, Proposition 8, that banned same-sex marriage.

Dr. Jacobs' proven dedication and leadership has not gone unnoticed, and she remains an inspiration to us all. Delores was chosen as the inaugural recipient of the, "Local Heroes" Award from KPBS and Union Bank, as well as the LEAD San Diego's Visionary Award for Diversity and the Equality Leadership Award from Equality California.

On behalf of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to formally extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Jacobs on her retirement and career of effecting change for a

marginalized community, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW KORTEN

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish Matthew Korten a happy 60th birthday today.

Matt was born in the Bronx on June 26, 1958. At a very young age he always passionate for sports, politics, and helping others. Matt attended SUNY Brockport in 1976 where he studied Psychology while also participating on the Men's Track Team. He then graduated with his Masters in Experimental Psychology at Villanova University in 1982.

Since moving to East Brunswick in the late 1980s with his wife Marci, Matt has been an active and all-around member of the community by volunteering as a Transportation & Commuter Advocate, a Trustee of Temple B'nai Shalom, President of the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board, co-founder and President of the Fast Break Basketball Association, Inc. and on the community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Committee. Matt's commitment to the East Brunswick has been consistently recognized by his neighbors, who have elected him as Committeeman for East Brunswick's 36th Voting District since the early 1990s; and in 2009, East Brunswick's governing board appointed him to serve the remainder of the year on the Township Council.

Matt has given 30 years working toward improving the quality of life in the community and has proudly represented East Brunswick in all the work he has done—he truly represents the ideals of a great public servant and community leader. Along with his wife, Matt has three sons, Dan, Brad, and Grant.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Matt Korten on his birthday and to thank him for his amazing service to his community and others.

THE RETIREMENT OF MARTIN
"MARTY" RENDON**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks and to honor Martin "Marty" Rendon on the occasion of his retirement from UNICEF USA, where he worked for 25 years as Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy. In this capacity, Marty worked with me and with my staff to advance a wide range of funding and policy measures that have improved the lives of vulnerable children around the world, focusing particularly on global child health and child survival. Marty has also been an invaluable resource to the work my colleagues and I do through the House Global Health Caucus.

While many of us may know him best from his advocacy work, prior to working at UNICEF, Marty had a 25-year career on Capitol Hill working on child survival and human

rights issues. Marty worked with four Members of Congress, including 14 years of service to former Congressman Tony P. Hall (D-Ohio), where he helped implement the child health revolution in U.S. foreign policy and was on the ground floor of the 1986 bipartisan Congressional initiative for child survival funding. He capped his career on Capitol Hill as Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Hunger.

A well-known leader on a wide range of global health and human rights initiatives, Marty was invited to attend the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in 1996 for his work on East Timor (Timor Leste). Marty's work on the Hill and at UNICEF has literally saved the lives of millions of children.

Members of Congress and the organizations working on global health constitute a close-knit community, of which Marty has been a leading voice and champion for 50 years. We thank him for his service, for the efforts he has made for the least among us, and for his persistent advocacy. We wish him well as he continues with the next chapter of his life.

NAFTA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
TRADE TO ALABAMA'S ECONOMY**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to address the Trump Administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. NAFTA, which governs trade between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, has a substantial impact Alabama farmers, workers, industry, and consumers.

Over 173,000 Alabama jobs are dependent on NAFTA, with the state exporting over \$7.7 billion in goods and services to Canada and Mexico. Canada is Alabama's largest export market and Mexico is the state's 4th largest. If the Trump administration withdrew from NAFTA, as they have threatened to do, Alabama's economy would suffer. Americans would lose their jobs, supply chains would be disrupted, and we would see a severe economic downturn.

Moreover, I am strongly opposed to the many radical proposals being pushed by the Trump Administration, such as the five-year sunset provision and the auto rules of origin proposal. A five-year sunset clause would deter long-term investment and promote uncertainty, effectively weakening the entire agreement. Also, increasing the auto rules of origin threshold requiring more auto parts to originate in the U.S. would hurt the competitiveness of the largest automotive manufacturers in my district. These facilities, including Mercedes and Hyundai, provide Alabamians with quality, high paying jobs that that my district cannot afford to lose.

What we need is a free and fair modernized NAFTA that includes provisions like a digital trade chapter and updated intellectual property rights protections. It is time this administration focused on negotiating with our Canadian and Mexican allies to improve the agreement for all three countries so that we can expand markets and grow America's economy.

I strongly urge the Trump Administration to stop threatening withdrawal from NAFTA, and

I hope that the United States Trade Representative will focus on modernizing the agreement instead of pushing radical proposals that would hurt Alabamians.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, on Friday June 22, 2018, I was unable to vote on "Roll Call No.

287: Motion to Reconsider H.R. 6 "SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "no". In addition, I was also unable to vote on Roll Call No. 288: Final Passage of H.R. 6 "SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."