

even in a preliminary way, with robots—and we would bring him safely back, and we would do it before the decade was over.

“This confident pronouncement was made before any American had even achieved Earth orbit.”

To anyone who might doubt America’s ability to make good on this commitment, President Kennedy said, “this country of the United States was not built by those who waited and rested and wished to look behind them. This country was conquered by those who moved forward—and so will space.”

He, like the Apollo program, represented the best of America’s can-do spirit; an idea of tomorrow, a relentless march toward achieving the full promise of America, and an understanding that we, the people—all of us—have a place in that future and a role to play in bringing it about.

The Apollo program was certainly a pinnacle of American scientific triumph.

In that summer of 1969, we decided to use technologies developed to hold humanity captive under the specter of nuclear war to capture the imagination of humanity.

In that summer of 1969, we conveyed to the world an optimism about technology and an enthusiasm for the future.

In that summer of 1969, we reached for the stars and three Americans—Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins—nearly had them in their grasp.

But our best days are not behind us.

For as long as we have been able to stand on two legs, we have been voyagers.

We had emerged from the caves and come down from the trees; we conquered continents; weathered oceans; we have connected the world in no way it had ever been connected before.

So you ask today, Mr. Speaker, what comes next?

I urge my colleagues on this most special anniversary to continue supporting our space program, celebrate the sciences, and encourage innovation and international scientific cooperation.

I ask that we work together, like that moment on July 20th, 1969, and stand together, arm in arm, to take the next small step forward—a giant leap for mankind.

HONORING VINSON TIGERS 8-10
ALL STAR, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vinson Tigers 8-10 All Stars for winning State Baseball Tournament. This team from Vinson, West Virginia overcame an early loss in the tournament to triumph in the championship game. The tigers defeated South Charleston by 10-2 to win their first title in the team’s history. The heart and dedication these young players put into their team is incredible.

I would like to congratulate the players, Eli Richards, Parker Phillips, Colin Dygert, Jonah Harrold, Zander Blankenship, Nyle Dygert, Devon Howard, Harrison Riggs, Isaiah Sanders, Gabe Chambers, Kaiden West, Evan Hagley, and Xander Marlins. Their manager Barry Ellis and two coaches Josh Dygert and

Jamie Marlins have all worked extremely hard to win. Their love of baseball has helped them to succeed. I want to commend the players and Parents for the time and sacrifices they have made for their children and the coaches for their commitment to the team. I wish the Vison Tigers the best of luck as they continue in the Regional Tournament in Greenville, North Carolina this week.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
JEFF CANTOR ON HIS MILITARY
RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Colonel Jeff Cantor of Marlboro, New Jersey on his retirement from the United States Army. Colonel Cantor has provided 32 years of steadfast leadership and selfless service in defense of the United States of America, and has been instrumental in spreading the ideals of democracy and freedom to oppressed people all over the world. His service is truly deserving of this body’s recognition.

Colonel Cantor has commanded U.S. Army personnel at multiple levels in combat and in peacetime and has demonstrated personal sacrifice while deployed three times to hostile environments. He has had an illustrious career in the U.S. Army and has contributed to building stability in areas around the world with complex environments, and has successfully brought together warring factions so that they may enjoy peace in their lifetime and for future generations.

Colonel Cantor served as the European Command Civil Affairs Plans Team Chief and was responsible for working with former war-torn nations and building stability in the Balkans. He served as the director on various Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises, and served as the director for Immediate Response 16, where he was responsible for 1,900 soldiers from ten different countries conducting full spectrum operations and training in Slovenia and Croatia, in which the Prime Minister of Slovenia personally congratulated Colonel Cantor for his efforts during the exercise.

Colonel Cantor deployed to Iraq as a company commander and was among the first Civil Affairs Companies to enter the country during the 2003 invasion. During that deployment, he developed and significantly influenced the first post-Saddam Hussein Kirkuk provincial government to provide stability among 1.2 million ethnically diverse people and was responsible for the construction of over 285 schools, the creation of a new city police force and opened the first police academy in Iraq.

Colonel Cantor has helped people in dozens of countries solve complex programs and build capacity to increase stability, as he spent time in sub-Saharan Africa working with tribal leaders in Cameroon to provide health care to their people, and coordinated and successfully employed physicians and dentists in a highly impoverished area to expand health care to the neediest of people and provided expertise in lasting care, and helped build refugee camps for Tutsi refugees fleeing for their lives from neighboring countries.

Colonel Cantor supported the 82nd Airborne Division and became the Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team Commander responsible for 245 troops, including operational control of a Kentucky National Guard Agriculture team. He was responsible for planning, preparing and executing multiple projects including the conversion of poppy crops to sustainable high labor crops and improving the effectiveness of provincial law enforcement functions.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Colonel Jeff Cantor on his military retirement and thanking him for his honorable service. This nation owes a debt of gratitude to Colonel Cantor for making the world a safer place and instilling the ideas of democracy in hostile environments around the world.

IN HONOR OF GARY SZALUCKA

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Szalucka, who is retiring as President of the Perkins Pond Protective Association after nearly two decades of service.

New Hampshire is a state endowed with tremendous natural beauty, and Mr. Szalucka has been instrumental in efforts to ensure that our state’s natural environment is maintained over generations, especially at his beloved Perkins Pond. Among his achievements during his time as President, Mr. Szalucka played an important role in lobbying for a new sewage system to replace antiquated septic systems around the Pond. In addition, he has remained an active member of the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, taking samples of Perkins Pond for over 20 years.

New Hampshire’s natural beauty is dependent on citizens taking an active role, and Mr. Szalucka has certainly answered the call. On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, I applaud Mr. Szalucka for his dedication to our community and for being an important part of what makes the Granite State so special. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Mr. Szalucka on his retirement, and I wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 16, 2018, I was unavoidably detained attending to representation duties in district and state and was not present for Roll Call Votes 329 and 330. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 329, I would have voted AYE. (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4946, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the “Specialist Trevor A. Win’E Post Office.”)

On Roll Call 330, I would have voted AYE. (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass