

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ON THE DEPARTURE OF ETHAN LAUER, DEPUTY PARLIAMENTARIAN

**HON. PAUL D. RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, rise to commend Ethan Lauer on his exemplary service to the people's House.

Ethan, who began here in 1999 as an Assistant Parliamentarian, has served as the Deputy Parliamentarian since 2012. While his departure is certainly bittersweet, I am pleased to note that he is returning to our shared home state of Wisconsin for a position serving the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Ethan has been a tremendous asset to the House, from his encyclopedic knowledge of rules and procedures, to his drafting and interpretation skills, which have been invaluable during procedural challenges. Our presiding officers, in particular, have come to rely on Ethan's ability to quickly and clearly navigate a parliamentary situation.

Given its importance to members, Ethan's role in publishing the precedents of the House merits special mention. He has served as the Managing Editor of the House Rules and Manual since 2007. In addition, he has worked on three volumes of House Practice and three volumes of precedents.

Over the years, Ethan has always brought an unbreakable demeanor and positive spirit to his duties. He has that rare combination of endless patience and extraordinary dedication that has made him essential to keeping this institution functioning. His record of public service is one to which every Parliamentarian and House employee should aspire.

On behalf of the whole House, I thank Ethan for his service and wish his wife, Erin, and their children Anna and Sadie, well as they return to the Badger State.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, I am wrongly recorded on Roll Call 354. I intended to support House Amendment 925 to H.R. 6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act of 2019.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for roll call vote 366 and 367 on Mon-

day, July 23, 2018 I would have voted 'aye' on both.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and missed recorded votes No. 366 through 367. Had I been present: on Roll Call No. 366, H.R. 2345, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act, I would have voted Yea; on Roll Call No. 367, H.R. 4881, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act, I would have voted Yea.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE LEROY R. JOHNSON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend a prominent attorney, exemplary civil rights leader, former Georgia State Senator, mentor to many, and a man whose life has truly impacted the world, the Honorable Leroy Reginald Johnson. Senator Johnson will be celebrating his 90th birthday with family and friends on July 28, 2018 at the Georgian Terrace Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Leroy Reginald Johnson was born on July 28, 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1945. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College in 1949 and a master's degree from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) in 1951. From 1950 to 1954, Senator Johnson taught social science in the Atlanta school system. He then enrolled in law school at North Carolina Central University, earning his law degree in 1957.

Following his graduation from law school, Fulton County hired him as a criminal investigator, the first African American to be hired by the solicitor general's office (now the District Attorney's office). As the Civil Rights Movement ramped up, he became involved in demonstrations and protests. When black college students conducted mass sit-ins at Rich's Department Store lunch counters in October 1960, he was present as one of the several community leaders advising the students, who included Julian Bond.

In 1962, he was elected to the Georgia State Senate, making him the first African American to be elected to the Georgia General Assembly since the end of the Reconstruction era. He was also the first African

American elected to public office in the Southeast United States that year. In the beginning, Senator Johnson faced many obstacles due to segregation but rose above the adversity, becoming an influential lawmaker and attaining the position of Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

All the while, Senator Johnson maintained a successful law practice. He was the driving force in getting the legendary Muhammad Ali's boxing license reinstated in 1970. Ali had been stripped of his boxing license in the prime of his career due to his opposition to the Vietnam War. After big cities across the country refused to host a match in which Ali would participate, Senator Johnson offered Atlanta as a location where the fight could take place. Senator Johnson fought behind the scenes to get state and local officials to agree so that ultimately, Muhammad Ali could fight inside the ring in a match that would lead the way for Ali to eventually reclaim the heavyweight crown.

Over the years, Senator Johnson received many awards and accolades for his legal, political, and civic work. In 1996, his portrait was hung on the third floor of the State Capitol near the Senate chamber where he served for twelve years. In 2000, the Georgia State Senate passed a resolution renaming a portion of Fulton Industrial Boulevard as Leroy Johnson-Fulton Industrial Boulevard. In 2016, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism for his untiring commitment to volunteer participation in the community throughout his legal career. Senator Johnson has accomplished much in his life but none of this would be possible without the love and support of his wife, Cleopatra, and son, Michael Vince.

On a personal note, I have had the great pleasure of knowing Senator Johnson since high school in 1964 when he spoke in Montgomery, Alabama at the Alabama State Association of Student Councils' meeting where I was presiding as State Student Council President. He was a schoolmate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Washington High School and at Morehouse College. Like Dr. King he was influenced greatly by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays to use his life to make a difference for humanity. I was inspired by this successful lawyer and public official and was motivated to emulate his career path. I attended Morehouse College, became a civil rights lawyer, and twelve years after meeting him, I was elected to the Georgia State House and 14 years later to the State Senate and in 1992 to the U.S. Congress. I have truly been blessed by Senator Johnson's friendship, counsel, and mentorship throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the people of the state of Georgia, in recognizing and commending former State Senator Leroy Johnson for his outstanding professional achievements and service. Moreover, we extend our best wishes to him as he, his family, and friends celebrate his 90th birthday.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, 2018, I am not recorded on one vote because I was unavoidably detained due to weather impacting my commercial flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call 336.

**AGOA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE RELATIONS WITH AFRICA**

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of attending the annual forum on the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), where we focused on forging new strategies for U.S.-Africa trade and investment. It was an honor meeting with African leaders to continue the discussion on how we can continue to develop trade between the United States and sub-Saharan Africa.

I want to thank all of the Members of Congress who have worked together to support and maintain the African Growth and Opportunity Act. Since the legislation's passage in 2000, the strong bipartisan support that AGOA has received is proof of our nation's commitment to expanding global markets for U.S. goods and services. It shows that at our core, despite President Trump's protectionist views on trade and recent attacks on our allies, we as Americans value any opportunity to strengthen international relations and develop strong democracies.

Trade with Africa has greatly benefited the United States and Africa. By allowing duty-free access to the U.S. market for exports from 40 sub-Saharan countries, AGOA offers African countries tangible incentives to continue their efforts in opening their economies, while also reinforcing internationally recognized human rights. While exporting \$13.8 billion in goods to the United States under the act in 2017, AGOA nations also continued to make efforts to enact policies that observe the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process, fighting poverty and corruption along the way. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, and as a representative of the state of Alabama, whose economy is highly dependent on trade, I will continue to be supportive of AGOA because it promotes investment and strengthens our global economy.

I applaud both American and African government officials, the private sector, and the people of the AGOA nations for working so hard to maximize the benefits of AGOA. I encourage us to continue working together to enhance our commitment to Africa.

**RECOGNIZING OSS VETERAN  
HOWARD POLLARI**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Howard Pollari, a World War II veteran of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), and a resident of Illinois's Tenth District.

The OSS was a wartime intelligence agency, and precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that played an integral part in our military and intelligence operations during World War II. Members of the service trained, supplied, and fought alongside resistance organizations throughout Europe and Asia as they battled against the Axis Powers.

For two and a half years, Mr. Pollari committed his life to the service of our country. Beginning in 1944, he participated in five "Carpetbagger" operations as part of the 857th Bomb Squadron of the OSS delivering much-needed supplies to resistance fighters and allies in Nazi-occupied Norway. These dangerous stealth missions were typically flown on moonlit nights and at low level to avoid enemy detection.

Mr. Pollari's role as a flight engineer was vital to the success and survival of these missions, as he was responsible for making in-flight repairs to the B-24 aircrafts during the airdrop missions.

Mr. Pollari was one of more than 13,000 individuals employed by the OSS at the war's peak. Today, fewer than 100 former OSS members remain alive, and for too long their service and sacrifice was not properly recognized.

Earlier this year, Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor, to those who served in the OSS in recognition of their heroic and pioneering service to our country.

It is my great honor and privilege to recognize Howard Pollari on behalf of a grateful nation for his service to our country and allies during World War II. I look forward to presenting him and his family with a copy of the Congressional Gold Medal in person this August.

**TRIBUTE TO MALL CHANEY ON  
HER 75TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a person of great merit on the occasion of her 75th birthday. It is often stated that the United States is great because it is a nation of immigrants. Mr. Speaker, I would agree with this statement with the addition of the word legal in front of immigrants. Mall Chaney is an example of such a person who worked within the law to become a citizen of the United States. I understand that it is not an easy task.

Mall was born in Estonia in 1943 in the middle of World War II. At that time Estonia was in peril at the hands of Russia as well as Ger-

many. However, it was her parents' concern about Russia that caused them to flee. Russia had seized her mother's brother and sent him to Siberia never to be heard from again. As a professional chemist, Mall's father feared being pressed into Russia's weapons development program or much worse.

When Mall was about six months old the family consisting of her mother, father, and sister fled under cover of night with basically nothing but the clothes on their backs. The family spent several years in a Swedish refugee camp and then in the general population of Sweden. In 1951 Mall and her family were sponsored by a family friend from Canada and were able to migrate to Canada.

Mall lived in Canada until she married John Chaney, a resident of Florida, in 1982. Mall became a U.S. citizen and has paid homage to the United States by respecting our laws, becoming a respected and loved member of the community, the state of Florida, and the country.

Happy Birthday Mall, and best wishes.

**SUMMER INTERN ELIJAH ALLISON****HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Allison for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Elijah plans to continue working in public service after this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elijah Allison for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 366 and 367 on Monday, July 23, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

**JOBS AND INVESTOR CONFIDENCE  
ACT OF 2018**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 17, 2018*

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, S. 488 would not have been possible

without the hard work of staff. I thank them for their efforts and include in the RECORD the following names:

Katelynn Bradley, Kris Erickson, Eric Hershey, Bruce Johnson, Erika Jeffers, Erica Loewe, Esther Kahng, Marcos Manosalvas, Charla Ouertatani, Lisa Peto, Courtney Robinson, Glen Sears, Katy Strohmeier.

#### HONORING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE NCAA MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Javelinas on their 2018 NCAA Division II Men's Outdoor Track and Field National Championship.

The Javelinas capped off an impressive season as National Champions on May 26, 2018 thanks to the enduring dedication and leadership of head coach Ryan Dall and the entire coaching staff. During the highly competitive national meet of 113 total teams, the Javelinas scored 65 points and won four individual National Champion titles.

I want to congratulate the athletes. Charles Greaves secured a critical first place finish in the triple jump event for the Javelinas, and joined Deon Hope, Javier Lopez and Todd Nicholas in their first place win in the 4 x 100 meter relay race. Senior Javier Lopez claimed back-to-back titles in the 100 meter hurdles in his last event as a Javelina. Richard Cervantes impressively finished first overall after trailing behind in 15th place in the shot put event. I am very proud of the hard work and perseverance these gentlemen demonstrated on the national stage.

The National Championship team was comprised of: Joshua Adame, Seth Barker, Marckenley Betony, Jamarkus Birks, Raymond Borjon, Jesus Caballero, Richard Cervantes, Johnnie Davila, Robert Downs, Damian Feeney, Kentwan Freeman, Hilario Garcia, Charles Greaves, Daniel Guerrero, Miguel Hanze, Johnathon Harper, Drew Hill, Deon Hope, Arturo Huerta, Kenneth Jackson, Lane Janecka, Sean Landez, Javier Lopez, Elias Madrid, Ricky Medrano, Lane Michna, Todd Nicholas, Jasiah Patterson, Andrew Perez, Supun Randeniya, Jorge Rios, Francisco Solis, Shane Stehle, Juan Suarez, Joseph Swierc, Jose Ventura IV, Dean Wallace, Christopher Williams, Brandon Wilson, Ayman Zahafi, Kenny Zamorano, and Vitaly Zhgun. The coaching staff included: Ryan Dall, Tim Miller, Aared Sampson, and Amber Perry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the great accomplishment of the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas. As their Representative in Congress, I am very proud of all their hard work and commitment that resulted in this exceptional achievement.

#### SUMMER INTERN ANGEL CALDWELL

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angel Caldwell for her hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young woman has been exemplary, and I know she has a bright future. She served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing her build her career in public service.

Angel plans to continue pursuing her degree at Virginia Union University at the end of this internship. I wish her the best as she pursues her career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Angel Caldwell for her service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to recognize the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 28 through August 5, 2018, in Rock Creek Park, on its 50th edition in the District of Columbia. This tournament is not only a Washington tennis tradition, but also an economic staple in the region.

The Washington tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell and his business partner John Harris with the support of Arthur Ashe, the first African American to win both the U.S. Open and Wimbledon tournaments. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: that the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and that it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains at its original location, 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Dell gifted the tournament to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for over 1,500 low-income and underserved children in the District.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in over 140 countries, contributing to the city's reputation as a tourist destination. Recent economic impact studies found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open Tennis Tournament on the regional economy exceeds \$25 million annually. The tournament is the only Association of

Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States and one of only four professional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an international level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the tournament's 50th edition by celebrating "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia," commemorated July 28 through August 5, 2018, as well as acknowledging the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation for a world-class sporting event and contributions raised for D.C. youth.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on July 23, 2018 and missed Roll Call Votes 366 and 367. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on both roll calls.

#### TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROBERT VAN DEVENTER

#### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Van Deventer, the President and CEO of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, upon his retirement.

During his more than fifteen years with the Saginaw County Chamber, Bob has been a recognized community leader and a leading advocate for enhancing the Great Lakes Bay Region. In fact, numerous non-profit organizations have recruited Bob to serve as an advisor and have sought his expertise; Bob has served on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Branding and Communications Council, Saginaw County Business and Education Partnership, the Great Lakes Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, Saginaw Future, Inc., the SVSU College of Business and Management Advisory Board and the CMU Alumni Advisory Board of Directors just to list a few.

Bob also served as President and member of the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance. Under his leadership, Bob increased communication and joint ventures amongst Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties. At a time when the City of Saginaw was about to close the doors on the Saginaw Civic Center, Bob along with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, led a successful campaign to restore and upgrade the building into what is now the Dow Event Center. This advancement set in motion the campaign to redevelop the deteriorating downtown Saginaw. Bob and the Alliance have been able to enhance our local communities by drawing tourism to the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Throughout Bob's illustrious career with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, he

truly embodied its mission and vision. From supporting the success of local businesses to building healthy organizations and community through his volunteerism, Bob has dedicated his efforts to revitalizing Saginaw County and creating an exceptional place to live and work.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Robert Van Deventer upon his retirement from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and extend my appreciation for his commitment to Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

#### SUMMER INTERN LIAM MULLETT

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liam Mullett for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Liam plans to continue pursuing his degree at Princeton at the end of this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Liam Mullett for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 2018 during Roll Call No. 345, I was inadvertently recorded as voting "aye." I support the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and my vote should be recorded as "no." The NEA and NEH are essential because they support and strengthen our great country's rich and diverse cultural heritage and history. These organizations promote excellence across all of America's communities and deserve Congress' unwavering support. I look forward to supporting the NEA and the NEH in the future.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. CAROLYN G. RANDOLPH

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and service of a dedicated educator, woman of grace, and

servant to all mankind, Mrs. Carolyn G. Randolph. Mrs. Randolph, Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has been elected to serve as the South Atlantic Regional Director, reflecting her distinguished leadership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A luncheon honoring her will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Carolyn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Master of Science degree from North Carolina A&T State University, and an Education Specialist degree from Columbus State University.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Through every stage of her life, Mrs. Randolph has always given of herself to others. She served as an educator for many years before retiring and today, she serves as a Clinical Supervisor for the Mathematics Woodrow Wilson Fellows and an adjunct instructor at Columbus State University.

Carolyn's service also extends into her church life at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia where she is an active member. A dedicated servant of God, she has served in the Deacon's Wives, Christian Education, Pastoral Relations, and Men's and Women's Ministries.

Carolyn was first initiated in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. through the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter in Wilmington, North Carolina, the first Greek letter organization among African-American women in Southeastern North Carolina. She is currently a member of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter in Columbus, Georgia where she has served as President (two terms), First Vice President, Second Vice President, House Treasurer, Chaplain, Chair of the Connections Committee, a member of the Graduate Advisors Council, former Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and first President of the chapter's foundation, S.I.S.T.E.R.S., Inc.

She has diligently served at the local, regional, and international levels within Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and was recently awarded the 2018 Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus Servant Leadership Award, which was presented by Georgia State Representative Carolyn Hugley (District 136) during Women's History Month.

Mrs. Randolph has accomplished many things in her life but none of these would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her husband, Chester; their three daughters, and their three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Carolyn G. Randolph for being elected the South Atlantic Regional Director for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and for her many years of service to her community, nation, and all mankind.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF OFFICER DIEGO MORENO

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Police Officer Diego Moreno who died in the line of duty on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

On that somber day, Washington State's law enforcement lost one of their own. Officer Diego Moreno from the Kent Police Department lost his life in the line of duty while placing spike strips while assisting to apprehend the suspects in an active vehicle pursuit.

Officer Moreno was loved by his community and his colleagues. Having grown up in Venezuela, Officer Moreno used his fluency in Spanish to help translate between his fellow officers and the large Hispanic population in the community in which they serve. The Kent Police Department said, "His contributions to our department and positive impact on his co-workers and the community have been significant."

An eight-year veteran with the department, Officer Moreno served in the civil disturbance unit as a hostage negotiator and a defense tactics instructor, and has been recognized for his heroic actions while serving with the department. After saving an elderly woman from a fire, Officer Moreno received the Chiefs Award for Exceptional Duty in 2016. He was also honored by the Kent City Council with the Lifesaving Medal for saving someone from an opioid overdose in June of last year.

Since his passing, Washington State has greatly mourned his loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family that he leaves behind, his wife and his two children. We also remember his colleagues at the Kent Police Department as they face the heartbreak of losing a coworker and friend.

Over the next week, in Kent, Washington, his family, friends, colleagues, and community will unite to celebrate his life and honor his service to our country. We recognize that same service here in Washington, D.C. today. I join with his family, friends, and community in thanking Police Officer Diego Moreno for his service.

#### SUMMER INTERN JANSON REQUIST

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janson Requist for his hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Fourth District as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office for the summer of 2018.

The work of this young man has been exemplary, and I know he has a bright future. He served as a tour guide, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity, and look forward to seeing him build his career in public service.

Janson plans to continue pursuing his degree at Colorado Christian University and

working as a public servant after this internship. I wish him the best as he pursues his career path. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Janson Requist for his service the last several months to the people of Colorado's 4th District.

INCREASING FY19 FUNDING FOR  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF  
CIVIL RIGHTS SITES

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state my excitement that Democrats and Republicans came together this year and supported my amendments to increase FY 2019 funding for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights movement and grants for Civil Rights Preservation of sites on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In total, our amendments boosted funding for civil rights research by \$4,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2019. I greatly appreciate the bipartisan commitment and support from Interior Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT, Ranking Member MCCOLLUM, and Democratic Assistant Leader CLYBURN.

These grants, as part of the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund, are critically important to protecting and preserving Civil Rights history. As the Congresswoman representing the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, also known as the Civil Rights District, I can personally attest to the impact these grants have in the community. Many historic events of the Civil Rights Movement took place within my district, including the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, the Children's March, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and Bloody Sunday. We are fortunate that the National Park Service is preserving and interpreting these stories, and I am grateful for the Park Service's dedication to telling a more complete version of America's history.

The National Park Service also brings much needed economic revitalization to communities in my district through tourism. In Birmingham, the Civil Rights National Monument and other sites are playing a critical role as part of the new National Civil Rights Trail. In my hometown of Selma, the NPS Selma Interpretive Center attracts tourism to the rural black belt community. These historic sites will also help generate economic activity beyond tourism. In fact, for each dollar invested in National Parks, 10 dollars is generated in national economic activity.

As the foot soldiers of the Civil Rights movement grow older, it is imperative that every effort is made to preserve the stories and sites of the era. There is no place more equipped for such preservation than Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These institutions and their students have a legacy that is inseparable from the Civil Rights Movement. They continue to play a role in activism and education that would make many of those who came before them proud.

The funding that my amendments provided in the House Interior Appropriations bill for FY 2019 is an investment aimed at both historic preservation and economic development. Not only is it important to preserve history in our

districts—we all have important stories to tell that provide education to visitors—but it is also imperative that we help bring much needed development to our communities.

Thanks again to Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member MCCOLLUM, and I urge all of my colleagues to continue supporting this historic preservation funding as we finalize appropriations for FY19.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONALS DURING PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK 2018

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the nation's community corrections professionals and the vital role they play in enhancing public safety throughout the United States. In honor of the invaluable contributions of these dedicated public servants, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and its associated members have designated July 15 through July 21, 2018, "Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018." I thank the thousands of men and women who perform these important public safety duties, and urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in support of APPA's week-long recognition efforts this year.

In my congressional district, the nation's capital, thousands of women and men serve as pretrial, probation and parole officers or administrators. As public servants, these constituents, along with many other Americans, commit themselves on a daily basis to helping improve the lives of those involved in the criminal justice system. The work of these professionals ultimately results in stronger and safer communities for all.

Community corrections professionals are responsible for the supervision of adult and juvenile offenders in communities throughout our nation. These trained professionals go above and beyond the call of duty by connecting their clients to supportive services, community-based resources, employment opportunities, housing programs and other evidence-based practices that help individuals successfully complete supervision and reenter society. Community corrections professionals strive to provide these services and support, while simultaneously providing client supervision, crime prevention and restorative justice.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018, I want to particularly recognize those who carry out community corrections and supervision services here in the

District of Columbia, because unlike in other jurisdictions, officers and professionals of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) come under congressional jurisdiction.

CSOSA and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) are dedicated to reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety in the nation's capital. CSOSA and PSA are recognized as model community supervision entities because of their use of evidence-based practices and community partnerships.

On any given day, CSOSA is responsible for supervising approximately 15,000 individuals on probation, parole or supervised release, while PSA supervises over 18,000 defendants over the course of a year. Charged with having to balance issues of public safety with social services and reentry support, the employees of CSOSA and PSA help to enhance the security of everyone who lives, works or visits the District.

Mr. Speaker, again, I extend my gratitude to these public servants for their commitment, compassion and contributions to healthier and safer communities throughout the United States. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in acknowledging the impact community corrections professionals have on the quality of life of all Americans throughout our country by recognizing July 15 through July 21, 2018, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2018.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2018 I was not able to participate in the 6:30 pm vote series. I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were present: YEA on Roll Call No. 366; and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY'S CHESS CLUB

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Chess Club for their victory at the President's Cup.

The President's Cup, also known as the Final Four of Chess, determines the national

championship for the United States Chess Federation. The UTRGV chess team advanced to the President's Cup by placing in the top four at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship.

Under the leadership of Coach Bartek Maciejka, the team, composed of Grandmasters Calors Antonio Hevia Alejano, Vladimir Belous, Kamil Dragun, Hovhannes Gabuzyan, and Andrey Stukopin, won their first championship over five-time consecutive champion Webster University, two-time champion Texas Tech, and St. Louis University. UTRGV has a history of success, finishing in second place at a previous tournament.

The UTRGV Chess Club competes at the state, national, and international levels. The group also helps promote chess within the local community by organizing tournaments, camps, and chess classes.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the UTRGV Chess Club today. I wish them luck in future competitions and congratulate them on their national championship.

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**INADEQUATE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT—ENVIRONMENTAL  
INJUSTICE IN AMERICA**

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the pervasive and ongoing environmental injustice affecting the citizens of the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Many residents of the Black Belt depend on septic tanks for sewage disposal. Because 35–45 percent of residents in the Black Belt face poverty, many cannot afford spending thousands of dollars on a septic tank and the upkeep it requires.

As a result, many have turned to a far less expensive but more alarming alternative: using “straight pipes” to transfer human waste from the home directly to their backyards. This means that folks going for a walk and children playing in their yards are in direct contact with sewage and human waste. During heavy rains, these constituents are left helpless in defending not only their homes, but their health from the effects of raw sewage and human waste. The heavy rains forces waste to go back up pipes and back into homes. The issue of inadequate wastewater treatment is not just a problem in Alabama. It is a problem in communities throughout our country. Additionally, this issue is causing dire health consequences. Several studies have identified parasites specifically in Lowndes County, Alabama. In our great country, the presence of diseases found in third world nations is unacceptable. Wastewater management and other environmental concerns that exacerbate poverty must be addressed.

Most recently, the United Nations weighed in on this issue. After visiting parts of the Black Belt and other impoverished areas in America in December of 2017, United Nations Special Rapporteur Philip Alston was baffled that such a developed and advanced country like the United States could allow its most impoverished to live in such awful conditions. The UN report has confirmed what I have known for a long time: that inadequate waste-

water treatment is a persistent issue in poverty stricken communities. I have been working to address this problem by helping secure an additional \$1.8 billion in funding for wastewater infrastructure in addition to introducing the Rural Septic Tank Access Act. This Act would provide adequate resources for rural families to afford proper septic systems.

UN Ambassador Nikki Haley publicly stated that the UN report and its conclusion about poverty in America was “patently ridiculous” and questioned why poverty in the U.S. needed to be examined. I personally invite Ambassador Haley to my district to witness firsthand the poverty and systemic environmental concerns that millions of Americans experience and suffer from every single day.

Our nation cannot boast such greatness if those suffering the most are left behind. As a proud product of Selma, I know tenacity and grit is commonplace among the great folks of the 7th Congressional District. But to be able to overcome obstacles, basic needs must be met and health concerns should be addressed. We have no option but to stand firm in our fight on the very real and pervasive poverty all over rural America and in the area I call home.

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**IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID  
PORTMAN**

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Portman for his immeasurable contributions to the community and to congratulate him as he receives the Distinguished Leadership Award at Hollywood Golf Club's 2018 Benefit for the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey. Mr. Portman's philanthropy and professional accomplishments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

President of Triad Group, a development, construction and management company, Mr. Portman is an accomplished and respected businessman in New Jersey. For more than 35 years, Triad Group has completed numerous projects, including medical facilities, legal offices, and residential properties. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Portman is an active member and leader in the Jewish community. He currently serves on the Leaders Council for the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey and has previously served as President of the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County, as Vice President of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and as Regional Chair of Operation Renewal, among others.

Combining his expertise as a developer with his compassionate support of the Jewish community, Mr. Portman has committed years to the construction of The Jewish Home for Rehabilitation and Nursing. This new facility will fulfill Mr. Portman's mission to not only provide necessary medical care to patients, but to also maintain their connection to the Jewish faith and customs. Mr. Portman's vision and respect for the comfort of these patients and their families is truly admirable.

Once again, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring David Portman for his dedicated leadership and support of the Jewish community.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRILLIANT LIFE  
OF DR. THADDEUS C.  
RADZILOWSKI

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan Polish Caucus, I rise to pay tribute to the brilliant life and unique contribution to scholarship of Dr. Thaddeus C. Radzilowski who passed away on July 20, 2018 at the age of 80.

Dr. Radzilowski was the co-founder and President of the largest Polish American think tank in the United States known as the Piast Institute founded in Hamtramck, MI. An academic giant in his field, he taught at several prestigious universities including the University of Michigan, Madonna University, Heidelberg College, Southwest Minnesota State University, and finally as President of St. Mary College.

He was a prolific leader in the Polish American community, who uniquely understood the importance of preserving Polish-American heritage in the United States. He held a piercing dedication to accurately and painstakingly recount the sacrificial history of Poland, its people, and its diaspora. The history of Poland, often under-presented, resulted from the annihilation by the Russian military squads (NKVD) of over 23,000 of its preeminent leaders in academia, the military, and religious and community life. Those who would have recorded the 20th century's most bloodied battles were annihilated, making Dr. Radzilowski's scholarship all the more critical.

Under his leadership, the Piast Institute made significant contributions to the study of Central and Eastern Europe including publishing articles and school curricula, convening key experts, presenting exhibitions, and mentoring the next generation of leaders in his field. Thanks to his dedication, he was the recipient of countless awards including the Cavaliers Cross of the Polish Order of Merit presented to him by the Polish President.

A man committed to serving others, Dr. Radzilowski served with dignity and honor in the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam. He truly embodied America's values which bind us.

Mr. Speaker, please allow me to join hundreds of thousands of grateful Polish Americans in my district and across the United States in applauding his remarkable career and exemplary life. His legacy will continue to guide and inspire generations to come. That is why I am honored to fly an American flag over the Capitol in his name.

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**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote yesterday on H.R. 2345, the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act (Roll no. 366), I would have voted “aye.”

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 4881, the Precision Agriculture

Connectivity Act (Roll no. 367), I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF FRANCISCO (FRANK)  
"PANCHO" RIOS

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco (Frank) "Pancho" Rios, an Angeleno, a veteran, an immigrant, and a man who lived a rich life full of love and service. With his passing on the evening of July 17, 2018, his loss is being mourned by family, friends, and others who knew him.

Francisco Rios was born in 1930 in the small town of Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico, and he resided in Mexico until 1952 when he left to attain his piece of the American Dream. He married his wife Paula Vega in 1954, and together they settled in Fresno, California, before ultimately making their home in Los Angeles.

Francisco decided to serve his adopted home, enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he served on active duty from 1955 to 1957, and received an honorable discharge on June 30, 1963. For three decades, he also dedicated himself to serving Los Angeles County residents, working to maintain roadways for the Department of Public Works.

Known affectionately as "Nino" and Uncle Frank, Francisco became an avid traveler, venturing to Africa, the Middle East, Western Europe, and his favorite destination, Las Vegas. He fondly recounted many of his travels, including his spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and to Vatican City. An Angeleno through and through, he was everyone's favorite tour guide of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, regularly exposing out-of-town family visitors to the diversity of the region's sights and attractions.

While Francisco and his wife Paula did not have children together, they were an affectionate presence in the lives of their nieces and nephews, to whom they showed love, wisdom, kindness, and unwavering and unconditional support. The latest of these was Kaila Vega, daughter of Amador Vega.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Francisco Rios. He leaves behind a rich legacy of love, patience, warmth, affection, strength, and wisdom that will be deeply missed by his loved ones. He is preceded in death by his parents Francisco and Soledad and his wife Paula, and he is survived by siblings, many nieces and nephews, and godchildren, who will deeply miss and cherish the memory of their "Nino" and Uncle Frank.

HONORING CARL CHILTON'S 95TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of Mr. Carl Chilton,

who is a proud graduate of Port Isabel High School and Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville. In 1942, Mr. Chilton enlisted in the Army Air Corps, earning his wings when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1944. Texas and the United States are forever grateful for his service and leadership throughout his 13 missions in France and other parts of the world.

After serving in the military, Mr. Chilton majored in accounting at the the University of Texas at Austin. His classroom and leadership experience led him to become a teacher at Brownsville Junior College, where he taught introductory business.

A man of family, service, and faith, Mr. Chilton is a member of the First United Methodist Church and an active community resident. A former contributor to our district local news outlet The Brownsville Herald and past president of the Brownsville Tennis Club, Mr. Chilton exemplifies the best of South Texas. He has been a loyal member of the Rotary Club for 53 years, served as president and chairman of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, and was president of the Valley Zoological Society.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to honor and celebrate Carl Chilton's 95th birthday. I ask my colleagues to join me and Mr. Chilton's family and friends in wishing him well on this special occasion. Mr. Chilton's devotion to his family and community make him a great role model for the people of Brownsville Texas, and I am very proud to be his Representative.

HONORING BEN HARDEMAN OF  
BRYAN TEXAS

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ben Hardeman, a resident of Bryan, Texas, and the 2018 recipient of the Outstanding Individual Contribution award from the League of Historic American Theatres, a national organization.

In 2010, Ben was chairman of the Downtown Bryan Association and heard that the abandoned Queen Theatre was put up for sale. The structure was built in 1885, and first served as a hotel and boarding house. By 1913, silent films were being shown and by 1939 the building was completely redone and included "chilled air", something of a novelty in that era. The Queen continued to thrive until the late 1970s when the building was shuttered. By the time the Association purchased the building, it had been abandoned for 40 years. The theatre had a hole in the roof, pigeons in the rafters, and rotting wood.

Ben brought the idea of the purchasing and restoring the Queen to the Downtown Bryan Association's Board of Trustees. They approved the purchase and began raising money for a down payment. Just shy of reaching the required amount, Ben paid the rest of the money personally.

Ben spearheaded the restoration of the building, aiming to make it a truly community effort. The Association began collecting donations and within a few weeks, they raised \$30,000 in pledges. Work quickly began on

gutting the theatre with Ben and several other Bryan residents assisting with the demolition and clean-up.

By 2011, the theatre's Art Deco facade was restored with Ben often seen doing much of the physical labor. Between 2013 and the Queen's re-opening on May 4, 2018, Ben and the Association made plans to restore the theatre's interior and began fund raising efforts for this purpose.

Ben spearheaded much of the effort, obtaining labor and material donations, and even designing the handrails inside the building.

Since its re-opening, the Queen now serves as a single-screen movie theatre, performance venue, and, it also houses the Downtown Bryan Association and visitor's center.

Thanks to Ben Hardeman's vision, the work of the Downtown Bryan Association and many volunteers who donated time, money, and resources, the Queen Theatre is once again a place for the community to gather and enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ben Hardeman on receiving the Outstanding Individual Contribution award and recognize all the work done to restore the historic Queen Theatre in Bryan, Texas.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the United States Capitol to honor Be Hardeman and the Queen Theatre.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING THE 70TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF LIFETRACK

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lifetrack on 70 years of providing high quality supportive services to some of the most vulnerable residents of Saint Paul, Minnesota and surrounding communities. Throughout decades of adaptations, Lifetrack remains constant in serving those in need, and empowering families to thrive through challenges.

In 1948, injured veterans returning from WWII and families ravaged by the polio epidemic faced major obstacles. Lifetrack was born as a collaboration of social services agencies that embarked on a mission to provide speech, physical, and occupational therapies to these adults and children. Later, the organization launched vocational programs that aimed to prepare people for life and work after their rehabilitation. Services have continued to expand to assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness and new refugees. Lifetrack also now provides services to families of highly stressed and deaf and hard-of-hearing children to help them build social, emotional and life skills that can carry them through their lives.

When individuals and families face adversity, a network of support is critical to resiliency. For the most vulnerable in our community, that support is not always available. Lifetrack strengthens our community by empowering families and forging connections.

Staff and volunteers make it their mission to help individuals build their own support systems and by connecting them to services both within and outside the organization. All of us benefit when individuals and families have the tools to reach their full potential.

For 70 years Lifetrack has worked to help the most vulnerable achieve better lives by building resilience, breaking cycles of trauma and hardship, and providing therapies that make working and living a comfortable life more attainable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the staff, volunteers, board of Lifetrack on seven decades of remarkable service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. W.  
TAYLOR REVELEY, III

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. W. Taylor Reveley, III's service as the 27th President of the College of William and Mary and former Dean of the William and Mary Law School. Mr. Reveley will be retiring from his post as President of the College after serving in that capacity since 2008.

Before his time at the College of William and Mary, Mr. Reveley graduated from Princeton University in 1968 and later received his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1968. Mr. Reveley went on to have an impressive career as a lawyer, clerking for Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court, and serving as a managing partner at the Hunton and Williams Law Firm. After a successful legal career, Mr. Reveley joined the College of William and Mary in 1998, serving as Dean of the Law School for 10 years before being named President in 2008.

Since joining as President in 2008, the College of William and Mary has had tremendous success under President Reveley. During his tenure, the campus has experienced large-scale expansions and renovations to its buildings and facilities. President Reveley was also responsible for updating and revising the undergraduate curriculum for the first time in over 20 years with the innovative College (COLL) Curriculum. Some of his focuses as President revolved around diversity and inclusion efforts, sexual assault and violence response and prevention, and mental health and wellness programs across campus. Alumni engagements and philanthropic efforts reached all-time highs thanks to President Reveley, who adopted a new and innovative financial model to increase funding to the College.

President Reveley is heavily involved in numerous educational, cultural, and religious organizations, and has served on various boards throughout the community. Though President Reveley is retiring, I am confident he and his wife, Helen, will have plenty to do with all of their philanthropic work and three grandchildren whom they will be spending more time with. I know I speak for not only folks in academia, but Virginia as a whole, when I say that President Reveley and his contributions will be sorely missed. He will certainly leave an indelible mark on the College of William and Mary that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Mr. Reveley for his great leadership and honoring his accomplishments he achieved as the 27th President of the College of William and Mary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE RUSSELL**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable travel delays, I was not able to be present for the first vote in the vote series yesterday evening. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 365.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, my flight was delayed due to weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 366, and YEA on Roll Call No. 367.

HONORING THE UIL 3A STATE  
CHAMPIONS SANTA GERTRUDIS  
ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Gertrudis Academy softball team for winning the UIL 3A State Softball Championship this year. After making appearances at the state tournament in 2016 and 2017, the Lady Lions of Santa Gertrudis Academy left with a championship title.

At the state championship match, the team claimed the title with an impressive 8-3 win. This title-clinching victory cemented an outstanding 38-1 overall record for the Lady Lions of Santa Gertrudis Academy. Saidi Castillo pitched a perfect game in the semifinal against Brock High School and then held Hughes Springs High School to three runs on seven hits in the final championship game. Saidi Castillo's stellar performance on the field led her to be named "Most Valuable Player" of the season.

Members of the state championship team were Sara Benavides, Alana Benitez, Breana Carr, Saidi Castillo, Ariana De La Paz, Carissa De Los Santos, Jackie De Los Santos, Jackie Garza, Alyssa Gonzalez, Elleanna Longoria, Arianna Lopez, Yadira Lopez, Sarah Obregon, Alyssa Robles, Ali Salinas, and Kennedy Silva. Thomas De Los Santos coached the winning team, along with assistant coaches Matt Gonzalez, Amy Perez and Bianca Rocha.

On behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I extend my congratulations to the Santa Gertrudis Academy softball team and their coaches for winning the UIL 3A State Softball Championship. We are very proud of their accomplishments this year and look for-

ward to the Lady Lions' next championship season.

CONGRATULATING COUNCILMEMBER  
NANCY WELTON OF HURST,  
TEXAS ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant from my district, Councilmember Nancy Welton of Hurst, Texas, who is retiring after 14 years of service on the Hurst City Council.

While Nancy has served as a councilmember for the last 14 years, her commitment to her community began well before then. As a resident of Hurst for over 33 years, Nancy has shown a profound commitment to the children of Hurst and to their education. She has served as PTA President for both Shady Oaks Elementary and L.D. Bell High School, in addition to serving on the Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD School Board for 12 years.

Nancy's service as a councilmember has helped the city of Hurst experience redevelopment, revitalization, and economic prosperity through a number of initiatives and development projects, such as the Hurst Town Center, Hurst Conference Center, and Hurst Senior Center. The city has also expanded parks and recreation programs and championed customer service and staff development initiatives with the help of Nancy's leadership.

At the heart of these projects is a commitment to public safety and high quality of life for the nearly 40,000 residents of Hurst. In recognition of the City Council's efforts, the Texas City Manager's Association recognized the Hurst City Council as "Council of the Year" in both 2013 and 2014. For more than three decades, Nancy Welton has demonstrated an outstanding dedication to public service and community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Councilmember Nancy Welton for her extraordinary service and wishing her and her family the best in her retirement.

HONORING VERMONT'S WAYSIDE  
RESTAURANT ON ITS 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Wayside Restaurant in Berlin, Vermont. This year marks the Wayside's 100th anniversary of serving up exceptional and affordable home-style food to customers from central Vermont and beyond.

A century ago, founder Effie Ballou first started serving soups, snacks and meals out of a shack straddling the border between Berlin and Montpelier. She prepared the food at her small house just up the hill.

Today, the Wayside—with a lot more seats than in 1918—is still serving up some of the

best home-cooked food around. Its website proudly and accurately proclaims, "Yankee Cooking at its Best Since 1918." On the occasion of this important milestone, the restaurant joins an eclectic group of some 240 American restaurants that have achieved centennial status.

Mr. Speaker, I'm warning you. Take just a glance at the Wayside's diverse menu and your mouth will water: old-fashioned country breakfast, chicken pie, country fried steak, meatloaf, casseroles, fresh muffins and home-made pies.

But the Wayside is so much more than a good restaurant. For the thousands of Vermonters and visitors who walk through its doors every year, it provides comfort, fellowship and a sense of community rivaled by few. While dining on good food, customers catch up with friends and neighbors, trade gossip, and debate current events.

Owners Brian and Karen Zecchinelli have been at the helm for over 20 years. The restaurant has been in Karen's family for over 50 years. Their employees are familiar and friendly faces. Many have been on the job for ten years or more. And in a tribute to their good service, the aprons of retired employees hang proudly in the rafters.

The Wayside Restaurant has been part of the fabric of Vermont for 100 years. It is a shining example of a small business committed to good service, quality products, and socially responsible operations. I urge all Members of the House of Representatives to stop by the Wayside if you find yourself navigating the hills of central Vermont. But be careful—you won't want to leave.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LOIS FITCH

### HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lois Fitch who passed away on July 23, 2018. Throughout all of my life, I have known Lois as someone who dedicated herself to helping young people find ways to become more meaningfully engaged in their community. Through her work leading the Teenage Republicans, Lois helped so many individuals find their place in the civics of working to improve our town, state, country, and America's place in the world. Lois epitomized a leader. She was kind and gracious to all. She was encouraging and supportive in helping others find their passions. She was the reason I decided to run for elective office. And, she has inspired me and so many others to serve on all levels of government. This past Sunday I had a chance to visit with Lois in the hospital. As I shared with her then, I will share here in the United States Congress—"Lois, you changed me for the better, and I will forever be grateful for your courage and service." May the flag of the United States Capitol fly in full tribute to her.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GLOBE AND LAUREL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Globe and Laurel, a military and law enforcement themed restaurant located in Stafford, VA. Please join me in recognizing this restaurant and its owner, Major Richard Spooner, USMC, Retired as they celebrate their 50 year anniversary.

Major Richard Spooner opened The Globe and Laurel restaurant in 1968 after serving for over 29 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. At a young age, Richard Spooner fought in various battles throughout the Pacific and was awarded four Purple Hearts for his brave sacrifice. He remained in the Marine Corps and fought in both the Korean and Vietnam War. After retiring from service, Major Spooner turned his passion for good food into his full-time job by opening his restaurant in Quantico and due to a fire, relocated to Triangle in 1973 and then in 2008 to Stafford, Virginia.

Major Spooner opened his restaurant as a way to honor the brave men and women who live to serve and protect our great country. The Globe and Laurel intends to proudly honor the history and service of the Marine Corps by serving delicious food and offering unmatched customer service. On display at the restaurant is an extensive collection of military memorabilia, including a Medal of Honor and Victoria Cross. Additionally, the restaurant has been recognized and praised in numerous periodicals and television shows for its fine dining, atmosphere, and camaraderie. The Globe and Laurel restaurant is a staple of Stafford County; a community institution so loved by many.

Mr. Speaker, as The Globe and Laurel celebrates its 50 year anniversary, I ask you to join me in recognizing Major Spooner for his service; and his restaurant for its fine food and dedication to honoring the men and women who live to serve our country.

HONORING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE NCAA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas for their 2018 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II National Championship win.

The Texas A&M-Kingsville Women's Beach Volleyball team was started in 2016, and they played their inaugural season in 2017. Head coach Tanya Allen, along with assistant coaches Gary Payne and Stephanie Johns, are invaluable to the success of this young team thus far.

The Javelinas ended the 2018 season with a 20–10 record, never losing a game in Kingsville. Freshmen Tenley Housler and Erin Umbel held the best set record of the team at

15–7. These promising players were joined by their teammates Gabby Atchley, Macy Berg, Kyleus Block, Madison Brabham, Kyra Henderson, Haley Hutchinson, Sarah Miller, Kadi Shipman, Madeline Sims, Maelee Sowa, Shelby Tate, Whitney Walker and Loren Washington.

During championship play at Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, Florida, the Javelinas received a bye in the quarterfinal round. They then triumphed over the Spring Hill College Badgers in the semifinal game by a score of 3–2. The final match played against the Ekerd College Tritons saw the Javelinas prevail with a 4–1 win, securing the National Championship for the university.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Javelinas for their National Championship which has brought pride and recognition to Texas A&M-Kingsville.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the American Legion on its 100th anniversary and to welcome the 2018 national convention back to Minnesota where this venerable organization had its founding convention November 10–12, 1919. It is a special privilege to recognize the host of this historic gathering, the American Legion Department of Minnesota. Minnesotans are honored to welcome Legionnaires from across America. We are grateful for the many contributions the American Legion makes on behalf of all men and women who have worn the uniform through its 2.3 million members in 14,000 posts in communities across the United States. We also welcome National Commander Denise Rohan, the first woman to serve as National Commander of the American Legion.

Only steps away from where this year's convention is being held in Minneapolis, the American Legion was founded 100 years ago. The American Legion is a voice for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and to assist veterans who were disabled through their service. Since its founding, the American Legion has been a driving force expanding services provided by the Federal Government for our nation's veterans and their families, including creation of the forerunner to the modern-day Department of Veterans Affairs. As the American Legion's advocacy and vision continued, services for veterans improved. In 1922, the American Legion Department of Minnesota created the Minnesota American Legion Hospital Association to provide medical care to veterans and their dependents at little or no cost. This groundbreaking effort helped to build the extensive hospital and clinic system of the VA Health Care Administration.

Since the founding of the American Legion, women have been vital to the successful advocacy efforts on behalf of veterans. One hundred years ago, a Legion women's auxiliary group began to form robust child-welfare and hospital visitation programs. As a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 39, North Saint Paul, Minnesota, I know firsthand

the many contributions that local auxiliary posts make to our veterans, our community, our state and our nation.

From drafting the original document that would later become the first GI Bill to the ongoing "We Believe Campaign" highlighting the positive impacts that veterans make on their communities, the American Legion continues its essential work to support our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Commander Rohan and the 2.3 million members of the American Legion as they meet to convene their 100th national convention in the place where it all started, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9981 TO DESEGREGATE THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

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**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's commitment to desegregate the Armed Forces of our great nation.

It is my belief that the "Equality of Treatment and Opportunity; Executive Order 9981" was an indelible demarcation in the ever-present battle to eradicate racial discrimination within American society. Moreover, the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum will be hosting an event on Thursday, July 26 to honor this groundbreaking step towards equality as well as Truman's other efforts to expand rights for African American citizens. As the U.S. Representative of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, it gives me great pride and joy to praise both President Truman for his valiant and just actions and the Truman Library for hosting such a noteworthy event within my district.

Born and raised in the state of Missouri, President Truman was a man of remarkable character and ambition. Although he was born less than twenty years after the abolishment of slavery, in a time immersed in significant racial ramifications, the former president advanced civil rights in the United States. One prominent example of the trailblazing legacy President Truman left behind is the issuance of Executive Orders 9980 and 9981 to desegregate the Armed Forces and federal workforce. As an individual who has actively sought to further expand and build upon this legacy, it is truly an honor to join the Truman Library in celebrating the 70th anniversary of such an impactful milestone.

Today, the United States Armed Forces encompass four diverse and heterogeneous branches of brave, selfless, and upstanding servicemen and women. Prior to this Executive Order, African American members of the military had different rules than other servicemembers, which often delayed their entry to combat. Although other servicemembers could begin their combat training in the months following their initial qualifications, most African Americans were forced to wait four years to begin training.

Since the founding of our country, African Americans and other individuals of color actively participated in the Armed Forces; however, intentionally attempting to separate or delay this participation was also a perpetual occurrence within the military. President Truman's issuance of the Executive Order of 1948 was the directive that officially and completely abolished this practice.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 9981. The courageous actions taken by President Truman to eliminate racial discrimination within America's armed forces are a true display of leadership and a legacy that will live on for generations to come. Furthermore, it is my hope that we will honor our only president from Missouri by continuing the effort to end racial discrimination in American society once and for all.