

Killeen branch of Union State Bank, where she has served on the Board for many years. At every stop along the way, she's built bridges of friendship and has worked tirelessly to support and enhance her community.

Sis also exhibits a passion for education that has contributed greatly to the prosperity of Central Texas. Inspired by her niece who didn't have easy access to a local library, Sis worked to establish a library in Florence, Texas, which is now named after her. Sis also aided in efforts to fund the creation of both Central Texas College and Texas A&M Central Texas. Young and old alike are thankful for the positive contributions Sis has made to literacy and education in her community.

Some people go through life wondering if they made a difference. Eula L. Beck doesn't have that problem. Her inspiring and extensive career leaves no doubt that Central Texas is a better place because of her. I celebrate her life and devotion to her beloved community and wish her nothing but the best in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO H.R. 5515,
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the work of Financial Services Committee Democratic staffer Daniel McGlinchey on the title of this bill pertaining to reforms to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll No. 368) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 6199, the Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018; providing for proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 369) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6199, the Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018; providing for proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 370) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017; and H.R. 6311, the Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 371) On adoption of the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 184,

the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017; and H.R. 6311, the Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018—yes.

(Roll No. 372) On passage of H.R. 184, the Protect Medical Innovation Act—yes.

WELCOME SAMANTHA JOSEPHINE CROWE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Major Andrew Crowe, former Military Fellow of South Carolina's Second Congressional District, and his wife, Major Michelle Crowe, of Alexandria, Virginia, on the birth of their new baby girl, Samantha Josephine Crowe. Samantha Josephine Crowe was born on July 23, 2018, at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Samantha weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces and measured 22.2 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Samantha's grandparents, Carol and Donald Long, Edward Brunt, and Cheri and Robert Crowe. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire family as they are blessed with their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANET MARIE TORRISI-MOKWA

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the passing of Janet Marie Torrisi-Mokwa. Jan was a dear friend and a dedicated leader in the St. Louis community. While we mourn this tragedy, I would like to celebrate Janis life and her many contributions to Missouri. She was a passionate advocate for an array of issues she held near and dear to her heart, including the protection of animals, the empowerment of women, and care for those in need.

Jan recently celebrated 25 years of marriage to her husband Joseph Mokwa. She is also survived by her mother, Marie Torrisi; brother John Torrisi and his wife Claudia; nieces, Kaci and Amy; stepdaughter, Aimee Goodrich; and grandchildren, Danny, Julia, and Josephine.

Jan was one of those people who was truly larger than life. She had a warm presence, an infectious positivity, and an unparalleled effect on others. Today we honor her insatiable spirit her countless contributions to our community, and the lasting impact she had on people from all walks of life.

In His Sermon on the Mount, we are reminded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that those who mourn are blessed and will be comforted. I pray that during this difficult time, the Mokwa family, their friends, and neighbors are graced with that blessing from the Lord. Mr. Speaker, our community will dearly miss

Jan's tremendous energy and bright smile. Her upbeat attitude and persistence will continue to live in each and every person she touched.

DR. BENJY FRANCES BROOKS
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GME SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4100, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2017.

H.R. 4100 amends title 36 of the United States Code to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, to prohibit the use of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or national origin in determining eligibility for service as an officer or director.

The Federal Bar Association is the nation's premiere association for practitioners of federal law and as such should be open to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Currently, the FBA recognizes the importance of nondiscrimination and has adopted a diversity statement that includes race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Diversity statements are valuable but they do not carry the weight of law.

The addition of a nondiscrimination provision to the FBA Charter is an important action and when gender identity is an enumerated protected characteristic in the law, transgender people will be protected from discrimination.

Discrimination on the basis of gender identity is a form of sex discrimination, and laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex protect transgender people.

Numerous federal circuit and district courts opinions have held that our nation's nondiscrimination laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex protect transgender people from discrimination, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The EEOC determined in *Macy v. Holder* that Title VII's prohibitions on sex discrimination also prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

This decision is binding on the federal government with respect to employment practices.

Our laws work best when there are clear expectations.

While gender identity will be covered by the sex nondiscrimination provision, it is better to enumerate gender identity.

Listing out protected characteristics helps those making determinations about membership understand their obligations and those seeking membership understand their rights.

By passing H.R. 4100, we can prevent discrimination by ensuring gender identity is a protected characteristic.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 4100.