

He emerged as one of the most radical and outspoken Congressmen in Washington, and a spokesperson for African American community affairs and for his radical political beliefs.

After retiring from Congress in 1998, Ronald Dellums served as president of Healthcare International Management, an organization that worked with the newly democratic South African government to develop low cost, affordable healthcare and bring awareness, prevention and treatment in response to the AIDS epidemic.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Dellums lived a long and fulfilling life and made his mark in the world by making a difference in the lives of untold numbers of individuals.

I hope that Ron's family and loved ones are comforted by the fact that the lives of millions of people here at home and around the world were touched by the service of one of the great social activists, political leaders, and statesmen of the 20th century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Ronald V. Dellums, a tireless and eloquent voice for justice and equality, who did so much to ensure that America always strives to live up to the promise of its founding ideals and remain a beacon and example for the world.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.
FRANK ZUPAN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Frank Zupan of Frenchburg, Kentucky. Mr. Zupan is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II.

Mr. Zupan volunteered for the United States Army in 1942. Growing up in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, he never handled guns. He learned quickly in the Army and was trained to fire a M1919 Browning machine gun. Mr. Zupan made his first beachhead landing in the Battle of the Aleutian Islands as U.S. troops fought to reclaim U.S. owned islands west of Alaska. He fought in many more battles in the Pacific as the war raged. Mr. Zupan's heroism earned him the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. He also received a Purple Heart after being injured in battle.

Mr. Zupan and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Frank Zupan before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE MAMIE JOHNSON
LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Mamie Johnson Little League for winning the District of Columbia's Little League championship title on July 24, 2018.

Only three years since its inception, Mamie Johnson is the first all-African American team to win the Little League championship title in the annual tournament's 31 years in the District.

Mamie Johnson won the title game against Capitol Hill Little League, and will move on to compete in the regional tournament, in Bristol, Connecticut, with their sights on the Little League World Series.

Keith Barnes, president of the Mamie Johnson Little League, founded the league just four years ago in Ward 7, here in the District of Columbia. He named the team after Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, the first female pitcher in the Negro Leagues, who lived and died in D.C. Johnson herself was present to see her namesake Little League make it to the finals in last year's tournament. This year's championship game was played at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, located in Fort Dupont. One of the reasons the District had no teams east of the Anacostia River is there was no place to play until recently. The land for the Academy was secured through a federal land transfer from the National Park Service to the District in 2010—an effort in which I was proud to play an essential role.

In 2017, Major League Baseball's opening-day rosters had the lowest percentage of black players since 1958. In 2018, that number of 7.1 percent increased to 7.8 percent, or 68 African Americans. This modest increase has been attributed to youth programs such as the Academy's "YBA Play" program.

At a time when African American participation in America's favorite pastime has been declining, the Mamie Johnson Little League presents a different future for baseball. They have already been an inspiration to kids in the District and have reintroduced an appetite for the sport in young children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Mamie Johnson Little League for their win in the District's Little League championship and for making tournament history as the first all-African American team to take the title.

ROBERT GHIRELLI

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Assistant Manager Robert P. Ghirelli. For almost four decades, Mr. Ghirelli has worked to advance the quality of our Nation's water resources. He is a graduate of my alma mater, University of California, Los Angeles with an undergraduate degree in bacteriology and a doctorate in environmental science and engineering, and holds a master's degree in health science from California State University Northridge.

In his most recent role as OCSD's Assistant General Manager, Mr. Ghirelli oversaw the third largest clean water agency west of the Mississippi River, which services 2.6 million residents and delivers high quality water improvements throughout Orange County, California.

Mr. Ghirelli previously served for 13 years as the Executive Director of the California Re-

gional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles/Ventura Region, where he administered the region's clean water programs and managed 100 water quality professionals.

Mr. Ghirelli joined OCSD as its Director of Technical Services in 1998, managing the District's environmental affairs and regulatory compliance programs, environmental laboratories, and industrial waste control programs. He also worked closely with elected officials and senior executives across all levels of government.

Mr. Ghirelli has dedicated his career to developing common sense approaches to water protection, mentoring the next generation of water professionals, and delivering high quality water to my constituents in Orange County, California. After decades working to improve our water resources, I wish Mr. Ghirelli the best in his retirement.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5515,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report and want to congratulate my friend and fellow Texan, Chairman MAC THORNBERRY for his leadership and hard work to get us to this point and his willingness to work with the Financial Services Committee on a number of provisions where we have shared jurisdiction.

I wish to address one title in particular: the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act, or FIRRMA, which reforms the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). FIRRMA represents the first significant update to CFIUS since passage of the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007. In the intervening 11 years, a number of gaps in CFIUS's jurisdiction have emerged that FIRRMA now seeks to close, particularly in the realm of sensitive non-controlling investments and real estate transactions near national security-related sites.

This is not to say that everything outside CFIUS's jurisdiction qualifies as a gap. Far from it. Although the House and Senate both produced their own versions of FIRRMA, the House approach was generally more cautious in the authorities it delegated to CFIUS. If CFIUS needed to review transactions that genuinely posed a national security risk, the House worked in good faith to determine which additional powers were called for, but also circumscribed those powers appropriately to prevent overreach and unintended consequences.

The final version of FIRRMA adopts many important provisions from the House's bill (H.R. 5841), which passed this chamber in June by a vote of 400 to 2.

For instance, the text that we have negotiated focuses on U.S. businesses that own, operate, or supply—and by "supply," we mean provide—critical infrastructure, targeting specific information or influence that could be transferred. This approach is designed to prevent CFIUS from sweeping up entire economic sectors regardless of a business's connection to national security.