

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 53RD ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE VOTING
RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not just to commemorate the landmark achievement of 53 years ago but to inform our colleagues and the nation of the need to redouble and rededicate our efforts to the work that remains to be done to protect the right of all Americans to vote free from discrimination and the injustices that prevent them from exercising this most fundamental right of citizenship.

On August 6, 1965, in the Rotunda of the Capitol and in the presence of such luminaries as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Roy Wilkins of the NAACP; Whitney Young of the National Urban League; James Foreman of the Congress of Racial Equality; A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; John Lewis of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; Senators Robert Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, and Everett Dirksen; President Johnson addressed the nation before signing the Voting Rights Act:

The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was critical to preventing brazen voter discrimination violations that historically left millions of African Americans disenfranchised.

In 1940, for example, there were less than 30,000 African Americans registered to vote in Texas and only about 3 percent of African Americans living in the South were registered to vote.

Poll taxes, literacy tests, and threats of violence were the major causes of these racially discriminatory results.

After passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, which prohibited these discriminatory practices, registration and electoral participation steadily increased to the point that by 2012, more than 1.2 million African Americans living in Texas were registered to vote.

In 1964, the year before the Voting Rights Act became law, there were approximately 300 African-Americans in public office, including just three in Congress.

Few, if any, African Americans held elective office anywhere in the South.

Because of the Voting Rights Act, today there are more than 9,100 black elected officials, including 46 members of Congress, the largest number ever.

Because of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on this day 53 years ago, I stand before you as the first African American woman Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee

on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Mr. Speaker, the Voting Rights Act opened the political process for many of the approximately 6,000 Hispanic public officials that have been elected and appointed nationwide, including more than 275 at the state or federal level, 32 of whom serve in Congress.

Native Americans, Asians and others who have historically encountered harsh barriers to full political participation also have benefited greatly.

The crown jewel of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is Section 5, which requires that states and localities with a chronic record of discrimination in voting practices secure federal approval before making any changes to voting processes.

Section 5 protects minority voting rights where voter discrimination has historically been the worst.

Since 1982, Section 5 has stopped more than 1,000 discriminatory voting changes in their tracks, including 107 discriminatory changes right here in Texas.

And it is a source of eternal pride to all of us in Houston that in pursuit of extending the full measure of citizenship to all Americans, in 1975 Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who also represented this historic 18th Congressional District of Texas, introduced, and the Congress adopted, what are now Sections 4(f)(3) and 4(f)(4) of the Voting Rights Act, which extended the protections of Section 4(a) and Section 5 to language minorities.

During the floor debate on the 1975 reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, Congresswoman Jordan explained why this reform was needed:

There are Mexican-American people in the State of Texas who have been denied the right to vote; who have been impeded in their efforts to register and vote; who have not had encouragement from those election officials because they are brown people.

So, the state of Texas, if we approve this measure, would be brought within the coverage of this Act for the first time.

When it comes to extending and protecting the precious right vote, the Lone Star State—the home state of Lyndon Johnson and Barbara Jordan—can be the leading state in the Union, one that sets the example for the nation.

But to realize that future, we must turn from and not return to the dark days of the past.

We must remain ever vigilant and oppose all schemes that will abridge or dilute the precious right to vote.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today to remind the nation that the right to vote—that “powerful instrument that can break down the walls of injustice”—is facing grave threats.

The threat stems from the decision issued in June 2013 by the Supreme Court in *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 193 (2013), which invalidated Section 4(b) of the VRA, and paralyzed the application of the VRA’s Section 5 preclearance requirements.

According to the Supreme Court majority, the reason for striking down Section 4(b) was that “times change.”

Now, the Court was right; times have changed.

But what the Court did not fully appreciate is that the positive changes it cited are due almost entirely to the existence and vigorous enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

And that is why the Voting Rights Act is still needed.

Let me put it this way: in the same way that the vaccine invented by Dr. Jonas Salk in 1953 eradicated the crippling effects but did not eliminate the cause of polio, the Voting Rights Act succeeded in stymieing the practices that resulted in the wholesale disenfranchisement of African Americans and language minorities but did eliminate them entirely.

The Voting Rights Act is needed as much today to prevent another epidemic of voting disenfranchisement as Dr. Salk’s vaccine is still needed to prevent another polio epidemic.

However, officials in some states, notably Texas and North Carolina, seemed to regard the Shelby decision as a green light and rushed to implement election laws, policies, and practices that could never pass muster under the Section 5 preclearance regime.

My constituents remember very well the Voter ID law passed in Texas in 2011, which required every registered voter to present a valid government-issued photo ID on the day of polling in order to vote.

The Justice Department blocked the law in March of 2012, and it was Section 5 that prohibited it from going into effect.

At least it did until the Shelby decision, because on the very same day that Shelby was decided officials in Texas announced they would immediately implement the Photo ID law, and other election laws, policies, and practices that could never pass muster under the Section 5 preclearance regime.

The Texas Photo ID law was challenged in federal court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld the decision of U.S. District Court Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos that Texas’ strict voter identification law discriminated against blacks and Hispanics and violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Mr. Speaker, protecting voting rights and combating voter suppression schemes are two of the critical challenges facing our great democracy.

Without safeguards to ensure that all citizens have equal access to the polls, more injustices are likely to occur and the voices of millions silenced.

Those of us who cherish the right to vote justifiably are skeptical of Voter ID laws because we understand how these laws, like poll taxes and literacy tests, can be used to impede or negate the ability of seniors, racial and language minorities, and young people to cast their votes.

Consider the demographic groups who lack a government issued ID:

1. African Americans: 25 percent.
2. Asian Americans: 20 percent.
3. Hispanic Americans: 19 percent.
4. Young people, aged 18–24: 18 percent.
5. Persons with incomes less than \$35,000: 15 percent.

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And there are other ways abridging or suppressing the right to vote, including:

1. Curtailing or eliminating early voting.
2. Ending same-day registration.
3. Not counting provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct on Election Day will not count.
4. Eliminating adolescent pre-registration.
5. Shortening poll hours.
6. Lessening the standards governing voter challenges thus allowing self-proclaimed "ballot security vigilantes" like the King Street Patriots to cause trouble at the polls.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, the 53rd anniversary of the landmark Voting Rights Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on August 6, 1965, I call upon House Speaker RYAN to bring legislation intended to protect the right to vote of all Americans to the floor for debate and vote.

Specifically, I call for the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, (H.R. 2978) of which I am an original co-sponsor, which repairs the damage done to the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court's Shelby decision.

This legislation provides even greater federal oversight of jurisdictions which have a history of voter suppression and protects vulnerable communities from discriminatory voting practices.

Mr. Speaker, before concluding there is one other point I would like to stress.

In his address to the nation before signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, President Johnson said:

Presidents and Congresses, laws and lawsuits can open the doors to the polling places and open the doors to the wondrous rewards which await the wise use of the ballot.

But only the individual Negro, and all others who have been denied the right to vote, can really walk through those doors, and can use that right, and can transform the vote into an instrument of justice and fulfillment.

In other words, political power—and the justice, opportunity, inclusion, and fulfillment it provides—comes not from the right to vote but in the exercise of that right.

And that means it is the civic obligation of every citizen to both register and vote in every election, state and local as well as federal.

Because if we can register and vote, but fail to do so, we are guilty of voluntary voter suppression, the most effective method of disenfranchisement ever devised.

And in recent years, Americans have not been doing a very good job of exercising our civic responsibility to register, vote, and make their voices heard.

Mr. Speaker, for millions of Americans, the right to vote protected by the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is sacred treasure, earned by the sweat and toil and tears and blood of ordinary Americans who showed the world it was possible to accomplish extraordinary things.

So on this 53rd anniversary of that landmark law, let us rededicate ourselves to honoring those who won for us this precious right by remaining vigilant and fighting against both the efforts of others to abridge or suppress the right to vote and our own apathy in exercising this sacred right.

TRIBUTE TO UNION COUNTY ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Union County ISU Extension and Outreach in Creston, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed into the Morrill Act, which established land-grant university systems. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities.

Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the communities. I congratulate Union County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. FERNANDO "FRED" C. MACHADO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise alongside Representative JIM COSTA and Representative DEVIN NUNES to recognize the life and public service of Fernando "Fred" C. Machado, a farmer, military veteran, and long-time advocate of California agriculture.

Mr. Fred Machado was born on March 4, 1932 and emigrated with his family from the Azores Islands of Portugal to the United States at the age of sixteen. Fred's parents, Joe F. and Margaret C. Machado, had seven children of which, Fred was the oldest. Growing up, Fred worked various farm jobs such as milking cows, driving trucks, picking cotton, and harvesting grapes.

At the age of nineteen, Fred joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS *Montague* AKA 98 during the Korean Conflict. While in the military, he saved enough money to buy a car and a used tractor, and leased twenty-five acres. He realized his life-long ambition, to be a farmer, in 1956 when he bought his first forty acres. In 1957, he married his wife, Maxine Finney, and in 1970 expanded his personal farming operation to include a fifty-head Holstein dairy that grew over the years.

Mr. Machado joined the Fresno County Farm Bureau in 1957. In 1960, he attended an Easton Center meeting and became Vice Chairman. From there, Machado climbed the ranks, eventually serving as Fresno County Farm Bureau President from 1972 to 1974.

Mr. Machado was a major presence on agricultural boards and committees for decades throughout Fresno County and California. He served on the board of directors of the National Milk Producers Federation, Challenge Daily, Danish Creamery, and Ag One Foundation. Mr. Machado served three years on the Big Fresno Fair Board, appointed by President Ronald Reagan. In 1985, Frank Machado received Distinguished Service Awards from both the California Farm Bureau, as well as the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Although dedicated to Central Valley agriculture, Fred Machado loved spending time with his family, especially his wife. Together, the couple have traveled to twenty-seven countries, and all fifty states. According to Fred, his most memorable trip was to South Korea where he was awarded the South Korea Veterans Peace Medal by the Ambassador of South Korea.

Sadly, on Monday, July 9, 2018, Fred Machado passed away. Although he left us too soon, Fred made a lasting, positive impact on the people he met. Fred is survived by his wife Maxine, their three children, and six grandchildren. Fred Machado left his community of Fresno County a far richer place, and for that we are blessed. He was a loving husband, caring father, agricultural champion, and military veteran. There is no doubt he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Fernando "Fred" C. Machado. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BEST BUDDIES RECEIVES PRES- TIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seven Lakes High School Chapter of Best Buddies for receiving numerous awards at the 2018 Best Buddies International Leadership Conference.

Best Buddies, an organization of over 2,500 chapters worldwide, seeks to positively impact the lives of over 1.2 million people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Seven Lakes High School Chapter of Best Buddies received the Overall Outstanding High School Chapter Internationally Award, the Outstanding High School Chapter in Texas Award, the National Pacesetter Award and was honored for being one of the top fundraising chapters in the entire United States. After Hurricane Harvey, members of Best Buddies helped deliver meals to families displaced by flooding. They also participated in Troopons, a program that allows active military families use coupons for up to six months after their expiration date, and were able to donate almost \$35,000 worth of coupons to the program.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Seven Lakes High School chapter of Best Buddies. I thank them for their commitment to serving our Katy community.

HONORING CHIEF STEPHEN
POTTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa's retiring Chief of Police, Stephen Potter, for his lifelong dedication to public service to our community.

Chief Potter was born and raised in Napa, California. In 1980, he received an Associate of Science in Law Enforcement from Napa Valley College. In 2007, he returned to school and graduated from Union Institute & University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Management.

Chief Potter has been an integral member of Napa's law enforcement community since he began his career as a Deputy Sheriff at the Napa County Sheriff's Department in 1981. He served as a Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Deputy Coroner, Investigator, SWAT Team member and Narcotic Investigator. In 1987, Chief Potter joined the Napa Police Department, where he became known for his communication and problem solving skills. He became the Chief of Police for Napa in 2015. During his time at the Police Department, he has worked tirelessly to serve our community through public safety.

Chief Potter has been active in our community outside of his official duties. He was a basketball and baseball coach and has been a mentor to countless young adults throughout the years. He has stayed in contact with many of his mentees and continues to offer advice and provide guidance.

Chief Potter is an essential part of many community organizations. He is a Board Member of Leadership Napa Valley, Napa Emergency Women's Services, Puertas Abiertas, Napa County Hispanic Network and is an Honorary Board Member of Napa Police Historical Society. Chief Potter is an Associate Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the California Police Chiefs Association, and a member of the California Police Officers Association, Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Napa Sunrise.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Chief Stephen Potter my friend and he is a kind and caring person who is devoted to our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL NOVACK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to honor an extraordinary citizen of our South Florida community, Paul Novack.

Hailing from Miami-Dade County, Paul has served as a tireless advocate and public servant for those who call our slice of paradise their home.

A proud graduate of my alma mater, the University of Miami (Go Canes!), Paul served as student body President among many other leadership roles. Following his undergraduate

degree, Paul enrolled in Nova Southeastern University, where he earned his Juris Doctorate.

Upon completion of his law degree, Paul began his journey to what became an extraordinary legal career, representing thousands of clients and litigating numerous cases across multiple legal subjects.

In 2016, Paul was honored by the Dade County Bar Association for significant contributions in providing access to justice; an honor that is well deserved.

In addition, Paul answered the Town of Surfside's call to service, serving six terms as Town Commissioner and subsequently Mayor. During his tenure as Mayor, Paul worked to author and reform township ethics rules, and led the town to 12 consecutive balanced budgets.

However, Paul's commitment to public service didn't stop there. In addition to his roles in public office, he has also held officer postings in our armed forces auxiliary; a Flotilla Staff Officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Paul's countless hours of service and dedication to our community. I thank him for his years of dedicated service, and wish him the very best in the years to come.

Gracias (thank you) Paul.

ASSYRIAN MARTYR'S DAY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Assyrian Martyr's Day.

I stand with the Assyrians in my community in commemorating this solemn day—the day the Iraqi army entered Simele and its surrounding areas and massacred thousands of men, women, and children.

We must never forget this horrific event and I hope one day we can erect a memorial in Simele for the fallen.

We also recognize the 103rd anniversary of the Ottoman genocide against the Assyrians and others that began in 1915. I will continue pushing for global recognition of this genocide.

Despite tragedies of the past, the Assyrian people have shown an unparalleled resolve to build a better and brighter future.

Earlier this year, I introduced the Nineveh Plain Restoration Act in Congress to support the swift rehabilitation of the Nineveh Plain in the wake of war and violence. We must ensure Assyrians have a home and a future in their ancestral homeland, and I will continue to prioritize this.

Although we cannot change the past, I look forward to working with those in my community to build a strong and vibrant future for Assyrians here in America and around the world.

I urge my colleagues to stand together with me in remembering those who lost their lives. May their memories continue to be with us.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH R. GILLIAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam War Veteran Joseph R. Gilliam.

Mr. Gilliam served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1969, and saw action in the Tay-Ming Province of Vietnam.

There he served as an Armored Track Commander and as the Second Section Sergeant with the 25th Infantry Division.

Mr. Gilliam earned a number of distinctions while serving, including a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and a Purple Heart for injuries sustained when his Armored Personnel Carrier struck an Improvised Explosive Device.

We as a Nation owe Mr. Gilliam a great debt of gratitude for his service and sacrifice. It is brave men and women like him that enable us to rest easily at night.

I'm honored to present Joseph R. Gilliam replacement medals for his service in Vietnam and for his sacrifice to our nation.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ushered in the nuclear age 73 years ago this week.

The atomic bombs that devastated Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 thankfully represent the only instances where the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons were unleashed.

While it is true that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped to bring a speedy and decisive end to the conflict in the Pacific theater during World War II, it is also true that devastation and carnage wrought by those explosions was a vivid reminder and compelling reason for the international community to work in concert to prevent the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

And for 73 years, the international community, led by the United States, has deterred every nation on earth from using nuclear weapons although it has been less successful in deterring several nation-states from developing their nuclear weapons capability.

So while we pause to remember the victims who perished in, and the lives that were saved by, the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is critically important that we take this moment to redouble our commitment towards nuclear nonproliferation and banishing the threat of nuclear annihilation from the earth.

Mr. Speaker, since 1945 preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology has been a pillar of the U.S.-led, rules-based international order that has brought an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity the United States and its allies in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

It is this commitment to nuclear non-proliferation that has led the United States to

work with the international community to keep rogue nations from developing their own nuclear arsenals, the most recent achievement in this regard is the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) negotiated with the Iranian government in 2015.

Multilateral efforts like the JCPOA were made possible by responsible, level-headed leadership that did not needlessly engage in brinksmanship.

Today, the world faces a grave threat from the rogue and hostile regime in Pyongyang in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we continually seek to reduce the risk of war, and this is not accomplished through the use of overheated, reckless, and bombastic rhetoric, or foolish and short-sighted actions like the current President's decision to withdraw from the JCPOA.

It is vitally important that the President learns the importance of using restrained and judicious rhetoric in trying to diffuse this delicate situation.

Mr. Speaker, blustery statements and bombastic tweets will not defuse the tense situation on the Korean peninsula or frighten the regime in North Korea.

Instead, we must employ the full arsenal of America's smart power assets—diplomacy, economic sanctions—to persuade North Korea that it is in its self-interest to turn away from the dangerous path it is traveling.

The United States does not harbor hostile intentions toward North Korea and is seeking to overthrow the regime in Pyongyang.

Mr. Speaker, thoughtful, sober, carefully calibrated diplomatic engagement with North Korea represents America's best option and holds the promise of a favorable and peaceful outcome, just as was achieved with the JCPOA and the 1994 Agreed Framework reached with North Korea that stopped North Korea's nuclear weapons program for nine years.

On July 16, 1945, after witnessing the first test of the atomic bomb in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project, remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita: "Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years the international community, led by the most indispensable of nations, the United States, has kept the nuclear genie in the bottle.

We have been successful to date in no small part due to the thoughtful, persistent, judicious, restrained application of American power by responsible, sober, determined, informed Presidents of the United States, from Harry Truman through Barack Obama.

When he took the oath of office on January 20, 2017, that torch, and the burden of leadership, was passed to Donald Trump and all Americans are anxiously still waiting and praying he can rise to the occasion.

LUIS FERNANDO SANCHEZ EARNS
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Luis Fernando Sanchez of Rich-

mond, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this honor, Luis earned 33 merit badges, and developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Luis constructed a prayer and meditation area for Sacred Heart Family Catholic Church in Richmond, TX. Luis attends Travis High School and plans to study aeronautical engineering in college. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Luis for becoming an Eagle Scout. I am proud and confident of his continued success. I thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5515,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the FY19 NDAA conferees for their hard work on this important piece of legislation. There are many good, important provisions in this bill, including several of my own amendments. However, I am here today to express my disappointment that the Senate provision which would have reinstated penalties against ZTE was stripped out of the final conference report.

No nation steals American intellectual property or spies on America more than China, and Chinese telecommunication companies are among the most powerful tools they use to do this. In April 2018, the Commerce Department issued a seven-year ban on U.S. companies working with ZTE due to its illegal sales to North Korea and Iran. Following President Trump's negotiations on trade with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Secretary Wilbur Ross announced an alternative set of penalties that would allow the company to keep operating in the U.S. market. The Senate provision would have required the President to certify that Chinese telecoms had not violated U.S. laws and cooperated with U.S. investigators for a full year before granting relief from civil penalties.

ZTE is a notorious "bad actor" on several policy fronts, and has blatantly violated and ignored U.S. law. The Chinese telecom company is a consistent violator of U.S. intellectual property rights, sued multiple times by U.S. companies for intellectual property violations. The vast majority of these lawsuits have been successful.

Our intellectual property laws set us apart from the rest of the world. They have been and remain critical to fostering American innovation. As the Administration develops its policies on China and ZTE, it cannot forget that ZTE's rogue behavior with regard to intellec-

tual property is a critical element of the problem and must be addressed in any solution.

TRIBUTE TO RINGGOLD COUNTY
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ringgold County ISU Extension and Outreach in Mount Ayr, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed into the Morrill Act, which established land-grant university systems. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities.

Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the communities. I congratulate Ringgold County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

ADITYA SAHARIA EARNS RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aditya Saharia of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this honor, Aditya earned 46 merit badges, and developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Aditya worked with 12 other students to help construct trophy shelves for the Fort Settlement Middle School Orchestra, where he was previously a member. This project took over 83 hours of Aditya's time and the shelves he helped build covered a span of 48 feet. Aditya and his troop also completed over 100 hours of service following Hurricane Harvey. Aditya also regularly volunteers with the Sai Center of Houston, helping make food for local shelters. Aditya's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again

to Aditya for becoming an Eagle Scout. I am proud and confident of his continued success. I thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

**HONORING JULIA CHRISTY ON THE
CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH
BIRTHDAY**

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Julia Christy and wish her a Happy 90th Birthday. She will be celebrating this milestone on August 16, 2018.

Mrs. Christy has enjoyed a rich and fulfilling life; from her childhood home of southeast Missouri to her current place of residency in O'Fallon she has been a blessing to her friends and family and loved by her community. During her time in southeast Missouri she met and married her late husband, Mr. Walter Christy. For over 60 years, they lived, laughed, and loved through the life they shared together. Mrs. Christy treasures the many nieces and nephews that are part of her life. Until her retirement, Mrs. Christy was a dedicated employee at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. Her parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is very appreciative of her dedicated volunteering spirit and commitment to the daily mass schedule. For many years, Mrs. Christy was an active member of her quilting circle. No doubt that those who received her quilts are still cherishing them to this day.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Mrs. Julia Christy a very Happy 90th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF EDWARD
COLSTON "COLEY" NEWTON V**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Edward Colston "Coley" Newton V, a Master Sergeant in the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions of the United States Army. Sgt. Newton, aged 47, passed away on July 11th in Lyells, Virginia, after an extended battle with melanoma.

Before his service in the United States Army, Coley was raised in Westmoreland County in the Tidewater area of Virginia. He attended the Blue Ridge School in Charlottesville, as well as Ferrum College in Virginia. During his time at Ferrum, Coley was elected to the All-Prep football teams for his exemplary offensive and defensive line skills.

After college, Coley joined the United States Army as a private. He rose through the ranks to become Master Sergeant, graduated from Ranger School, and earned his Master Parachutist Badge with the Airborne. Holding several leadership positions throughout his military career, Sgt. Newton was deployed sixteen times to Iraq and Afghanistan as a member of the Asymmetric Warfare Group and a contracted Operational Advisor.

In May of this year, Coley was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Award for his distinguished military service by the local Northern Neck Chapter of the SAR. Coley was an avid outdoorsman, a master marksman, and an able fisherman. He was well known for his hunting prowess as well as his angling abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and recognizing Master Sergeant Newton for his life of service to our Commonwealth, nation, and the United States Army.

**CONGRATULATING HANNAH
DUNCAN**

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor musician Hannah Duncan of Belle Plaine, Iowa. She was selected to participate as a violinist in the 2018 National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America (NYO-USA).

The National Youth Orchestra is organized by Carnegie Hall in New York for young musicians aged 16 to 19 years old. Hannah will travel and train with the world's leading conductors and musicians. Hannah competed with 1,000 applicants to attain one of the approximately 120 positions available in this orchestra. While training, the orchestra will travel to east Asia where they will play five concerts in a two-week span performing in Taipei, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, and Daejeon.

Aside from sharpening their musical talents, the intent of the National Youth Orchestra is to reach an intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and peaceful relations with young artists in the host countries through music. I have full faith that Hannah will represent herself and the First District of Iowa with honor.

**TRIBUTE TO TWILA AND WINSTON
KINGERY**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Twila and Winston Kingery of Orient, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2018.

Twila and Winston's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their many years together. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

**YOLANDA KELLEY CELEBRATES 35
YEARS WITH STAFFORD MUNIC-
IPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yolanda Kelley of Stafford, TX for celebrating 35 years with Stafford Municipal School District.

Yolanda arrived at Stafford Middle School when it opened in 1983, after receiving her undergraduate degree at the University of Houston. She later obtained a master's degree from her alma mater. She teaches mathematics and was named Stafford Middle School Teacher of the Year in the early 1990s, but still to this day regularly declines the award as she feels someone else deserves to receive it. Yolanda is known as a valuable asset to all of her students and peers. She will also teach at the new Stafford Middle School when it opens next year.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Yolanda Kelley for 35 years with Stafford Municipal School District. I thank her for her dedication to our students. Here's to many more years.

**HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN
COMMENDATION**

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018 recipients of the Congressional Veteran Commendation in the Illinois 16th District.

The six veterans receiving this commendation have served this country honorably and fought for the freedoms we hold dear. These veterans answered their country's call during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and they served with honor and distinction. As a fellow war veteran, I thank them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After these veterans served their country, they came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity have not.

The recipients of the 2018 Congressional Veteran Commendation are: Cpt Michael Ebert of Morris, IL; Sgt Francis Killelea of Ottawa, IL; Engineman First Class Clifford Parker of Ottawa, IL; Specialist William (Bill) Phillips of LaMoille, IL; Master Sgt Eugene Thompson of Marseilles, IL; and Seaman Lowell Wagner of Belvidere, IL.

I am proud and honored to be able to recognize these notable veterans. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation.

IN HONOR OF KEN ROOS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL 1984 SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ken Roos, the beloved first vice president of SEIU Local 1984 in New Hampshire. A passionate activist, humanitarian, and volunteer, Ken was known to love a good protest and dedicated himself to social and economic justice through countless amounts of service to help hardworking Granite State men and women.

Through his career in public service, Ken promoted the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire. His volunteer work with the Red Cross improved families' lives after difficult times such as 9/11, New Hampshire home fires, and Hurricane Katrina. Ken literally gave a part of himself to those whose lives he touched, donating hundreds of pints of blood throughout his life. Ken was a staunch advocate for working families and organized labor, advocating for many whose voices didn't always have a seat at the table.

On behalf of people across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I express my profound gratitude for Ken and his many years of devoted service to the Granite State. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live on through the kindness of everyone he touched and the lasting impact of the causes for which he fought. I am honored to recognize Ken, and I send my condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

**TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR COUNTY ISU
EXTENSION AND OUTREACH**

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Taylor County ISU Extension and Outreach in Bedford, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, which established land-grant university systems. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities.

Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the communities. I congratulate Taylor County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

TROY KETCHUM COMPETES IN 54TH SKILLSUSA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Troy Ketchum of Rosenberg, TX for being the first student from Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County to compete at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Troy, a Diesel Equipment Technology student, traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to represent TSTC in Fort Bend County at the SkillsUSA conference. SkillsUSA is an organization that teaches technical, academic, and employment attributes to enable high school and college students to learn valuable work skills. Troy competed against thousands of students from across the country, in pursuit of a gold medal in his category of "Job Skills Presentation." He is also a U.S. Navy veteran, and has been diligently preparing for his presentation on "The Importance of Proper Tread Depth and Safety of Truck Tires."

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again Troy Ketchum for representing Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County at the 54th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. His dedication to his craft brings great pride to our entire community.

**CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS
OF MILAN POST 569'S BASEBALL
TEAM ON THEIR ADVANCE TO
THE ILLINOIS AMERICAN LEGION
STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Milan Post 569's baseball team for winning the Illinois American Legion third division tournament.

Milan Post 569's team defeated Oneida Legion Post 727 2-1 to advance to the state tournament for the first time, and I would like to recognize the team for their tremendous accomplishment. The team's dedication and passion for their sport is evident in their quest for victory at the tournament. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such talent in our community, and to see them represent Milan throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Milan Post 569's baseball team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KING
WILLIAM COUNTY RURITAN CLUB

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the King William County Ruritan Club for their acts of fellowship, goodwill, and service which have greatly improved their community. The club will be celebrating their 80th anniversary in September.

As one of the oldest Ruritan clubs in the country, this chapter has worked relentlessly to respond to the needs of their community and our nation. From preparing members for service in World War II to recent efforts supporting the DARE education program and Project Lifesaver corporation, the King William Ruritan Club has stayed active in meeting the needs of their local community and the nation. The King William Ruritan Club has also continued to serve and support the King William Emergency Ministries, ensuring that their fellow citizens who are struggling financially continue to have the utilities they and their families need. Having donated well over \$400,000 back to King William, VA throughout their history, the King William Ruritan Club has played an indispensable leadership role in the promotion of philanthropic activities.

In addition to volunteer services, the club hosts events that bring the community together such as their annual "Fish Fry" fundraiser. This tradition started in the 1940s and is sponsored by local businesses. Guests enjoy local seafood while contributing to a great cause. Throughout the year they host town meetings where citizens can interact with law enforcement resulting in a safer and stronger community. The King William County Ruritan Club promotes values such as civility and charitableness which are vital to the health of our great democracy. Their goal is simple yet far-reaching: To make King William a better place to live and work. They continue to accomplish this mission as they approach their 80th year and I thank them for their service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of the King William County Ruritan Club as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALICE
VARTANIAN KING, A TRUE
GRANITE STATER**

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Alice Vartanian King, a resident of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District who spent her life dedicated to the youth of New Hampshire, especially in her hometown of Rumney.

Before settling in New Hampshire, Alice lived in the Boston area and fought to reform the juvenile justice standards under the Carter Administration. She then worked for the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Foundation before

moving her work to the New Hampshire ACLU and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium Foundation, where she worked extensively on grants and fundraising, bringing a national spotlight on New Hampshire. Alice took great pride in her hometown of Rumney and used her grant writing skills to start a summer lunch program for the community's children.

From her work at the Planetarium and the ACLU, to helping her husband Wayne, in his State Representative, State Senate, and gubernatorial races, to ensuring that her community was well fed, Alice truly was a selfless public servant who embodied what it means to be a Granite Stater. I am proud to honor her great life, and I extend my deepest condolences to her family at this difficult time. Alice will never be forgotten and will be fondly remembered for years to come.

KENDRA BEVERLY EARNS CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK CERTIFICATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kendra Beverly of Sugar Land, TX, for being awarded the Certified Municipal Court Clerk Certification.

Kendra, a Sugar Land court clerk, was awarded the Certified Municipal Court Clerk Certification by The Texas Court Clerks Association in conjunction with Texas State University and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Kendra is one of just 86 court clerks in Texas to earn the certification. She previously earned her Certified Court Clerk I and II certifications which are academically rigorous and both require 40 hours of education and a three-part exam. Certified court clerks, such as Kendra, are extremely valuable to municipal courts in Texas and help ensure defendants receive due process and proper legal opinions.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Kendra Beverly for being awarded Certified Municipal Court Clerk Certification. I thank her for her dedication to the rule of law.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA AND CARL LEE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sandra and Carl Lee of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 28, 1968 at the United Methodist Church in New Market, Iowa.

Sandra and Carl's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them

many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because gun violence claims the lives of more than 90 Americans every day while hundreds of others are injured, many permanently.

Despite these stark and shocking statistics, this Congress has not held a single vote to prevent gun violence—even though polling shows that more than 90 percent of Americans support commonsense, lifesaving policy changes, like a background check on every gun sale.

Mr. Speaker, we—this Republican-controlled Congress—are failing American families by refusing to act and protect their lives.

Here are the names of many, many Americans that we've failed.

Americans failed by a Congress too beholden to the NRA to act:

VIRGINIA'S 10TH DISTRICT

1. Murtada A. Marof
2. Ahmed S. Osman-Ahmed
3. Bao Hung Van
4. Shayna E. Lacy
5. Christopher Prevatt
6. Mala Manwani
7. Rishi Manwani
8. Mario M. Bowles
9. Wilfredo Guardado-Huezo
10. Hong Chen
11. Shirley Zhou
12. James Chen, 16
13. Jose Tomas Velasquez
14. Christina Fisher
15. D'Londre Minifield
16. Eugene Rumsey
17. Andre T. Howell
18. Naomi H. Howell
19. Corey Mattison
20. Officer Chris Campbell
21. Officer Matthew Eggers

PENNSYLVANIA'S 12TH DISTRICT

22. Marquise Martin, 13
23. Nick Ursiny, 15
24. Jaimill Kenney, 16
25. William Cade Booher, 16
26. Keenan Williams, 16
27. Kasper Martin, 17
28. Donovan Nottingham, 18
29. Dane Mathesius, 18
30. Zackary Cutshall, 19
31. Luke J. Yuzwa, 19
32. Amanda Bennett, 20
33. Akielah Solomon, 20
34. Katelyn "Kaytee" Francis, 21
35. Kevin Gibson, 21
36. Kavan Worlds
37. A'Von Perry
38. Rachael DelTondo
39. Antwain Lawson
40. Lex Miller
41. Jason Neill
42. John Rosey
43. Diane Rosey
44. Tavion Williamson
45. Dennis Mercadante
46. Eddie Wanamaker
47. Julius Ceccarelli
48. Angela Ceccarelli
49. Cambria County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Dunkleberger

50. Tevin Sitton
51. Tremayne Foster
52. Renae Johnson
53. Dennis Drum Sr.
54. Raghib Dolphin
55. Britteny E. Kyle
56. Tyrell Ferguson
57. Patricia A. Monk
58. Gregory Monk
59. Greg Simmons
60. Justin Simmons
61. Sonya Myers
62. Duane Myers
63. Robert Klein
64. Suzanne Klein
65. Eric Klein
66. Addaleigh A. Huzyak
67. St. Clair Township Police Officer Lloyd Reed

68. Desmond Nowlin
69. Matthew Williams
70. Tyrone Williams
71. Antwan Dash
72. Sharon DeMore
73. Abrianna Kovalcik's newborn
74. Caressa Kovalcik
75. Tony Phillips
76. Lemme McDade
77. Mark McDade
78. Karen Cubbage
79. Chloe Kruse
80. Ronald Prettyman
81. Weldon Branche
82. James Pinkston
83. Lisa Stover
84. Sharteake Tisinger
85. Theresa McDonald
86. Eric L. Hubbard
87. James Bucaro
88. Officer Alan Loskoch
89. Christopher Little
90. Ruth Preisser
91. Thomas Hornyak
92. Anthony Slappy, Jr.
93. Rashund Smith
94. Jessica Jackson
95. Thomas Paris
96. Stephen Huger

ILLINOIS' 14TH DISTRICT

97. Elaine M. Zene
98. Raymond T. Zene
99. Allania S. Yarber
100. Cesar Rangel
101. Tony Butler, Jr.
102. Ozell Sampson, Jr.
103. Lidia Juarez
104. Tiffany Coffland, 16
105. Brittany Coffland, 16
106. Randall R. Coffland
107. Nathan Hofkamp
108. John Nightingale
109. Daniel Bakker
110. Christopher C Kemble, 19
111. Joseph Laudicina
112. Taylor James Cano
113. Olvan Quezada, 18
114. William Servin, 18

VIRGINIA 7TH DISTRICT

115. Stephan B. Clarke
116. Davonte L. Mitchell
117. Tatiana Wells
118. Umar Abdus Salaam
119. Thornell Sledge
120. Caleb Q. Smith
121. Jhanea Short
122. Jesse R. Coulter

ILLINOIS' 13TH DISTRICT

123. David Hicks
124. Jason Danenberger
125. Danny Lee
126. Bernard Norvell
127. Sherman Neal
128. Matthew Greer-Blakey
129. Ricky Green, 18
130. Montrez Vonner
131. Micheal White

132. Tyrone A. Grady
 133. Julius D. Evans
 134. Ralph J. Evans Jr.
 135. Dana A. Stone
 136. Nathaniel Majors, 22
 137. Todd Daniel Feldkamp
 138. James M. Basse
 139. Andrian Chatman
 140. Steven Suber
 141. Andre N. Robinson
 142. Brandon J. Smith, 19
 143. Steven W. Flack
 144. Zachary Hubbartt
 145. Jason A. White
 146. Reginald Day
 147. John Laprice Morgan, 26
 148. Kortez Brown Joiner, 24
 149. Tyler Cox
 150. Darien Carter, 24
 151. Austin Durham, 24
 152. Jim Tipsford
 153. Andrei E. Ford
 154. Jamison Kerr
 155. Demetrius Lane
 156. Duston Smith-Fonville
 157. Deveonta Lindsey
 158. Jeremy Robinson
 159. Stephon B. Clarke
 160. Davonte L. Mitchell
 161. Tatiana Wells

MICHIGAN'S 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

162. Ashley Nichole Rich
 163. Gabriel Dumas, 21
 164. Erica McFadden
 165. David Daniels Jr.
 166. Camille Daniels
 167. Jamila Vigier-Cage
 168. Jake Hershberger, 22
 169. Kenneth LaBita
 170. Athir Putres
 171. Nathan Robertson, 18

TEXAS' 32ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

172. Dexter Harrison
 173. Quincy Jones
 174. James Gonzalez, 11
 175. Policarpo Gonzalez-Flores
 176. Brittany Hooks, 25
 177. Gilberto Alejandro Hernandez, 19
 178. Larry Donnell Smith Jr.
 179. Adane Weldekiros
 180. Quintuis Amos, 22
 181. Francisco Munoz, 22
 182. Axel Sanchez Orozcoand, 21
 183. Michael Ryan Love, 26
 184. Terry Simmons
 185. Miguel Esquivel, 15
 186. Jocelyn Marlen Sarabia, 20
 187. Lana Canada
 188. Matthew Kempf
 189. Jason Ali Edwards
 190. Brent Randall
 191. John David Traylor
 192. William Berkland, 24
 193. Robert Klikus
 194. Ruben Trinidad, 17
 195. Jose Cruz
 196. Ismael Mendez
 197. Brashaun Boyce
 198. Gerlando Halstied
 199. Victoria Polanco
 200. Grant Pavlis
 201. Derrick Willis
 202. Jay Torres
 203. Paris Marquell
 204. Genevive Dawes, 21
 205. Amrit Tejan, 21
 206. Heather Palomares
 207. Ray Keech
 208. Arthur Smith
 209. Charlene Smith
 210. Dymdric Williams, 24
 211. Tayron Young, 21
 212. Matthew Cisneros, 13
 213. Eric Romero, 16
 214. Christopher Gordon, 15
 215. Joshua Frazier, 23
 216. Delvin Cook

217. Scott Dickerson
 218. Christopher Demon Shannon
 219. Nathaniel Aguirre, 13
 220. Marwin Al-Aloosi, 24
 221. Shellie Gray

LEE VELA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS LEGACY AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Vela of Sugar Land, TX, for receiving the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Houston Legacy Award.

PRSA awarded Lee this prestigious honor at its annual Excalibur Awards program. The Legacy Award is given to individuals who have 25 years of experience in public relations and demonstrate a strong sense of leadership and expertise in the field, showcasing a lifetime of achievement in public relations. Lee serves as Vice President of Public Affairs for the Houston region of Clear Channel Outdoor. He previously served as Chief Communications Officer for Houston Independent School district and the Port of Houston Authority. Lee's leadership at Clear Channel Outdoor was critical to the development of the "Gulf Coast Emergency Communications Network," which helped save lives during Hurricane Harvey by displaying emergency messages on company billboards. He is the chairman of the Fire Fighters Foundation of Houston and President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas. Lee has also been a PRSA member since 1986 and is the past president of the Houston PRSA chapter.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Lee Vela on receiving the PRSA Houston Legacy Award. His work brings great pride to TX-22. I thank him.

HONORING MOVING FORWARDS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the founding of Moving Forward Towards Independence, an organization that provides adults with intellectual disabilities the skills needed to live and work independently.

Moving Forward Towards Independence was founded in 1998 by a group of parents. This group created a unique transitional housing program that assists young adults with intellectual and high functioning Autism Spectrum Disabilities. Moving Forward Towards Independence offers structured on-campus group housing, apartment living near campus and off-campus community living. Moving Forward Towards Independence provides classes, social activities and individual case management services to its clients to assist them in maintaining friendships, relationships and employment.

Moving Forward Towards Independence has had hundreds of adults, ages 18 to 37, partici-

pate in its program. Residents are from all over the country and come to Moving Forward Towards Independence with the goal of eventually being able to live independently with minimal support.

Moving Forward Towards Independence is an integral part of our community. It is active in the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership and is a member of the Napa Chamber of Commerce. The organization regularly meets with the Napa Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster for disaster relief preparedness. Moving Forward Towards Independence is a strong supporter of the Napa Special Olympics and partners with the Napa College Disability Services Unit. The organization is also an active member of the Disability Committee to the Napa Nonprofits Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, Moving Forward Towards Independence is a great contributor to our Napa Valley community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Moving Forward Towards Independence here today.

TRIBUTE TO GLADYS AND DERALD BLOIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gladys and Derald Blois of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 27, 1948 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Honey Creek, Iowa.

Gladys and Derald's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ROBERT FRANKLIN PASERO

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor the life of a local community leader and retired Chief of Police, Robert Franklin Pasero.

Bob Pasero was always an active member in the community of Orland. I had the privilege of meeting Bob when he was serving as the Orland Chief of Police from 2004 to 2010, and upon his retirement celebration. Bob was a role model for many in the City of Orland because of his interactions and care for the people around him and the good humor he brought with it. As the Chief of Police, he always led people in the right direction with his fatherly attitude and compassion. Bob was respected and loved by the people around him.

You would also find Bob doing the announcing at the local Glenn County Fair parade each year, having something encouraging to say about each entry as he knew just about each one personally.

After Bob retired as Chief of Police, he did not let that stop him from serving his town. He wanted to honor those who served our country so he assisted in facilitating the Motor-Icicle Run in honor of Orland's veterans.

As a minister of his church, Victory in Christ Community Church, Bob mentored and married many young couples. Bob also organized events for his church such as the Annual Soup Bowl where once a year he and his church would make and serve food to the homeless in the community. Bob also had a passion for music and used his talent to serve God as the leader of the Victory in Christ Community Church worship band. Bob counted himself as a "prayer warrior" constantly asking for prayer through social media and personally for people he knew of in need, touching many lives with his strong faith.

Bob Pasero passed away on July 25, 2018 after a hard fought battle with cancer. He will always be remembered by his family and neighbors for his contagious love for life and for others that he so gladly served.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Robert Franklin Pasero for his commitment and service to the community of Orland.

ALEXIS PAGET RECEIVES LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY HERO AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexis Paget of Missouri City, TX, for receiving the Hero Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Alexis, a 16 year old student at Ridge Point High School, won the national award for her fundraising efforts during the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Texas Gulf Coast Chapter's 2018 Students of the Year campaign. Alexis raised over \$61,000 with her fundraising team and her class brought in over \$350,000 to fight blood cancer. This funding is then distributed by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to over 1.3 million blood cancer patients in the U.S. Paget ran her campaign in honor of her grandfather, who lost his battle to Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Alexis Paget for receiving the Hero Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I thank her for her dedication to creating a world without blood cancer.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE JACKSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Connie Jackson, an extraordinary public serv-

ant and tireless advocate for residents for her 15 years as the City Manager for the City of San Bruno, California. She has left her mark on just about every square inch of this Peninsula city of 43,000 people. I have had the great honor to work with Connie during the best and the worst of times. Her moral compass guides her and she is never afraid to take on challenges. I am proud to call Connie Jackson a colleague and good friend.

Under Connie's capable leadership, San Bruno has not only survived the Great Recession of 2008, it came out stronger on the other side. All city programs and services were intact, the city was financially stronger, and it earned an AA+ credit rating. Connie oversaw San Bruno's completion of an updated General Plan and helped create a long-term vision for a city friendly to residents and businesses. She is particularly proud of the redevelopment of a former Navy site into a housing complex called Village at the Crossing, which provides over 1,000 apartments for individuals and families, including affordable units for senior citizens. She was also instrumental in the redevelopment of The Shops at Tanforan, a large shopping mall frequented by shoppers and diners from all over the Bay Area.

For over a decade, Connie worked on the planning, design and construction of the CalTrain grade separation and station, offering commuters access to convenient public transportation. Connie oversaw the rebuilding of the entire aging water and wastewater infrastructure, and the building of mixed-use residential and commercial projects downtown and along El Camino Real. One of the elements to her success is her talent to connect the dots and collaborate with other individuals and agencies.

The ultimate test of her leadership came on September 9, 2010. At 6:11 p.m. that evening, a Pacific Gas and Electric Company natural gas transmission line exploded and tore a giant crater into one of the residential streets. The horrendous explosion and fire killed eight residents, destroyed 38 homes and devastated a neighborhood. Connie, along with other city leaders, fought with everything she had to heal the physical and psychological trauma her community suffered. I closely worked with Connie in the years following the explosion and she never wavered or was afraid to speak truth to power. She demonstrated strong leadership in the initial emergency response, community and recovery efforts, and pipeline safety advocacy. She led the city's work with the National Transportation Safety Board investigation and the proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission. Connie and her colleagues were instrumental in exposing regulatory failures and corruption and in forcing corrections. Due to that work, cities all across the country have safer, improved gas utility infrastructure.

Connie was also a consoler throughout the crisis. She offered her shoulder to cry on, her hugs to comfort, her smile to reassure, and her wisdom to move forward. To this day, she has regular contact with survivors.

While nothing will bring back the eight victims of the San Bruno explosion, PG&E was forced to give \$120 million to the city for community restoration, recovery and restitution. Being the community-loving and resilient city that San Bruno is, the residents decided they wanted to spend the money benefitting all residents. The city will build a new recreation

center and aquatics center for everyone in San Bruno to enjoy.

Connie's talents and achievements have been recognized on many occasions. For example, she received the 2012 League of California Cities City Manager of Distinction award, the California Women Leading Government Leadership Award, and the 2006 International City/County Management Association program innovation award. She is a life member of the Municipal Management Assistants of Northern California and a member of ICMA.

Before serving San Bruno, Connie was the city manager of the City of Hercules and the City of Fort Bragg for a combined 18 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize Connie Jackson, a woman and leader I hold in high esteem, for her vision, strength and perseverance fighting for the interests of the residents of three California cities. She can enter her well-deserved retirement knowing that she has improved the lives of tens of thousands of people. San Bruno residents are lucky to count themselves among them. Connie leaves behind giant shoes to fill. Many will lead San Bruno through the next decades, but no one will leave a legacy that echoes across the generations. This will be the unique contribution of Connie Jackson.

TRIBUTE TO HOPE AND BILL PRATT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Hope and Bill Pratt of New Market, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 27, 1948.

Hope and Bill's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DR. RUSSELL PLATT

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Dr. Russell Platt, age 91, who passed away on August 2, 2018 in Akron, Ohio. Dr. Platt was the first African-American doctor to finish his residency at Akron City Hospital, and he was one of the first African-American doctors in Akron to have an integrated medical practice. His story is truly inspiring.

Dr. Platt was born on July 10, 1927 in Latta, South Carolina to Francis and Carlie Platt. He

attended Dillon County Training School, an unaccredited school in Latta for Negroes. He finished his high school education at Voorhees Preparatory School before going to South Carolina State University. There, he studied from 1945 until 1949, majoring in biology and secondary education and minoring in chemistry. Later, Dr. Platt received his master's degree in education from The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, he served in the newly integrated United States Air Force. He studied aviation physiology and quickly rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in Aviation Medicine. In 1960, he graduated and received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

After graduating, Dr. Platt moved to Akron, Ohio with his soulmate Barbara to train as a doctor. He knew he would be unable to be a doctor if he remained in South Carolina. Russell resided in Akron for 58 years, practicing medicine there for 51 of those years. Through the course of his career it is estimated that Platt has cared for over 25,000 patients and frequently handed out his personal cellphone number for after-hour emergencies. He was beloved by the community for his service; believing that his work was a calling rather than simply a career.

Beyond his own practice, Dr. Platt was a proud member of The American Medical Association, The Ohio State Medical Association, The Summit County Medical Association, The American Society of Internal Medicine, and The National Medical Association. He received many honors and accolades through the years. Most recently, Summa Health established the Russell Platt Clerkship, collecting over \$10,000 for medical residents. He was selected for the prestigious Crain's Magazine "Eight over Eighty." He was also featured in an article in the Akron Beacon Journal, "Pioneering Black Doctor Living his calling at 89."

But above all, Dr. Platt was dedicated to his wife and six children. A true family man, he cherished the time spent with them. He is quoted as saying, "You can't go back. Take care of those kids while you can—go to their concerts, take them to piano lessons, take them to shows." He and his wife Barbara, who passed away in 2012, are survived by six children, Michael and Russell Platt Jr., Pamela Potts, Deborah Watters, Renee, Kimberly, and ten grandchildren to carry on their memory. Dr. Russell Platt will leave a lasting impact, and I know he is dearly missed by his family and the greater community of Akron. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

PLANTATION AT QUAIL VALLEY NAMED SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plantation at Quail Valley in Missouri City, for being named Senior Living Community of the Year.

Plantation at Quail Valley in Missouri City was named Senior Living Community of the Year by the Houston Apartment Association

(HAA). Each year, HAA presents awards to different properties located within its 12 county membership area. Receiving this award is a prestigious honor for Plantation at Quail Valley, not only locally but also brings much statewide and national recognition. This senior living community is state of the art and is greatly valued by the residents of Missouri City.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Plantation at Quail Valley for being named Senior Living Community of the Year. Thanks for helping make Missouri City a wonderful place to live.

THE SPANISH FLAG LOWERED FOR THE FINAL TIME ON TEXAS SOIL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was July 21, 1821. The heat of the Texas summer sun beat down upon San Antonio de Bexar, the future site of the Battle of the Alamo. The flag of Imperial Spain billowed in the wind above the roofs of the mission town. This day, however, would be the final day that this flag would fly over Texas.

For nearly three centuries, the Spanish governed Texas. Conquistadores, missionaries, and adventurers made their way to Texas, drawn in by the bountiful opportunities of the seemingly endless land. However, resistance against Spanish rule began to take root within its overseas colonies. In Texas, filibusters from the United States crossed into Spanish territory attempting to claim land loosely controlled by Spanish royal forces. Mexico caught the fever of revolution, and by the early 1800's, certain individuals, including Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, were promoting resistance to aspects of Spanish rule.

To make matters worse, Spain was forced to cede Louisiana as a result of the Napoleonic Wars at home to France, who then sold it to President Thomas Jefferson and the United States.

Eventually, the pressure became too great from within, and the Mexican war of Independence began in 1810. Revolutionaries, both Hispanic and Anglos, living across Spanish Mexico took up arms in open revolt against the Spanish occupiers. In Texas, Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus W. Magee captured Nacodoches, La Bahia, and San Antonio, the capital of Spanish Texas at the time, and proclaimed Texas an independent state in 1813. Despite their early success, the group eventually was defeated decisively by Spanish forces, thus keeping Texas under Spain's control.

However, the days of Spanish rule were numbered, and eventually the independence movement in Mexico under Agustin de Iturbide and Vicente Guerrero successfully drove the Spanish from Mexican shores once and for all. Mexico would officially become an independent nation on July 21, 1821. Having provided resistance against Spanish rule, Texas remained a part of an independent Mexico until the Texas Revolution fifteen years later.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to honor the state's history. The Spanish flag is one of the Six Flags over Texas, part of the rich tapestry of the state's history, and this event represents an important moment in the history of our nation.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SERGEANT JAMES (JIMMY) RIZZO

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the service and sacrifice of James (Jimmy) Rizzo. Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, in the shadow of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, his draft notice arrived in 1942. Mr. Rizzo was sent to Camp Crowder in Neosho, Missouri for basic training, and upon completion of his training, he was assigned to the 96th Battalion and transferred to Louisiana.

In 1943, he arrived in the Burmese theater, where he would be stationed to serve. Mr. Rizzo was constantly on the move in Burma. His duty was retrieving supplies and packages by airdrop from dangerous jungles and terrains, ensuring these supplies arrived at their military and medical destinations on time and intact. The job was a dangerous one, and during his time in Burma he faced two near-death situations.

Having been promoted from Private to Corporal and then to Sergeant, he was awarded the African and Burma Stars. For his service and sacrifice, our nation will always be indebted to Sergeant Rizzo, and his bravery and selflessness then and now continues to inspire us all.

TRIBUTE TO MARLENE AND LARRY HUMMEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marlene and Larry Hummel of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 16, 1963 at Oakland United Methodist Church in Oakland, Iowa.

Marlene and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 55th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 55th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

KENDRA RAMIREZ NAMED EDUCATIONAL OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize Kendra Ramirez, of Rosenberg, TX, for being named the Texas Education Support Staff Association (TESA) Educational Office Employee of the Year.

Kendra Ramirez received the Nelda Van Dyke Award for being the 2017–2018 Educational Office Employee of the Year, the top individual honor for TESA members. TESA is a professional organization focusing on the advancement of education and furthering its development in the state of Texas. Kendra is a Human Resource Specialist with Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. This distinguished honor reflects Kendra's dedication to our Lamar CISD students and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Kendra Ramirez on being named the Texas Education Support Staff Association Employee of the Year. Her service is crucial to the development of education in our district. I thank her.

GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because gun violence continues to claim the lives of Americans and it remains unchecked by this Congress.

Just this weekend, Chicago—our nation's third largest city—saw 74 people shot, 11 of whom passed away and 63 of whom were injured and will never be the same.

Mr. Speaker, what are we doing? Or more correctly, what AREN'T we doing?

We should be passing legislation to stop interstate gun trafficking, to prevent stalkers from accessing weapons, to keep suspected terrorists from purchasing weapons and to ensure a background check on every gun sale.

Tragically, this Republican-controlled Congress shows no intention to consider any of these commonsense, lifesaving policy changes that we know work and save lives.

Mr. Speaker, we—well, more correctly, this Republican-controlled Congress is failing the American people and putting their lives and families at risk.

Here are the names of many, many Americans that we've failed.

Americans failed by a Congress too beholden the NRA to act:

FLORIDA'S 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Melani Valencia, 7
2. Deborah Ledesma, 14
3. David Bettancourt, 15
4. Jennifer Cordero, 16
5. Marcos Aleman, 17
6. Michael Stallone, 18
7. Jael Valencia, 18
8. Brady Walker, 18
9. Juan Herrera Jr., 19
10. Tyquarn Johnson, 19
11. Jeffrey Eskridge Jr., 20

12. Andrew Verde, 20
13. Sai Kiran Aila, 21
14. Michael Nicholas Zaldua, 21
15. Rosemary Ramirez-Morales, 23
16. Javier Enrique Pupo, 23
17. Diamond Tisdale, 24
18. Elena Maria Diaz, 27
19. Christopher Patrick Hunter
20. Thomas Anthony Hunter
21. Omaid Garcia
22. Eduardo Gonzalez
23. Army Ranger Fernando Duarte
24. Carlos Gonzalez Penalver
25. Lucila Mercedes Suarez Rodriguez
26. Lourdes Torres
27. Carlton Fair
28. Jesus Valencia
29. Rocky E. Priser
30. Noarian Pino
31. Ramon Emilio Gutierrez Castillo
32. Elva Rosa Alcalá
33. Andres Alcalá Gutierrez
34. Elia Falcón
35. Edna Jarboe
36. August Steen Jr.
37. Lazarus Morejon
38. Diana Maria Castro
39. Robert Parker
40. Andres Lezcano
41. Niurvy Dlima
42. Estela Cuba
43. Juan Agriel
44. Yolanda Samaniego
45. Charlie Davis
46. Valrie Davis
47. Hidelsia Echemendia
48. Blesilda Dominguez
49. Yanetsy Pastrana
50. Onelia Canales
51. Juan Carlos Hernandez
52. Deputy Jayson Moorehead
53. Richard Acosta
54. Yurien Diaz
55. Melvin Culpepper
56. Angel Garcia
57. Dogoberto Barrios
58. Xavier Pringle
59. Lashelle Williams
60. Marjorie Hunton
61. Timothy Hunton
62. Officer Yandier Hernandez
63. Yoan Leon-Gonzalez
64. Danielle Trevino
65. Carlos Alberto Cura
66. Shay Harvey
67. Tony Green
68. Jessica Cifuentes
69. Eduardo Rodriguez
70. Juan Guellmes
71. Paris Rome

FLORIDA'S 26TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

72. Alfredo Hernandez-Siena, 18 months
73. Camell Williams-Thomas, 2
74. Eric "E.J." Wright, 5
75. Amiere Castro, 7
76. Amberly Hernandez-Sierra, 8
77. Treasure Clark, 9
78. Makaih Smith, 10
79. Jamarie London, 11
80. Cornell Dunn, 12
81. Anthony Ellison, 13
82. Darin "Book" Booker, 13
83. Cedrick Pemell, 13
84. Teddra King, 13
85. Lazara Retana, 13
86. Jonathan Wells, 14
87. Jaquwaivon Mattes, 14
88. Martwan Santiago, 14
89. Fabian McIntyre, 15
90. Kondrea Wilson, 16
91. Joe'eara Riley, 16
92. Jatavious Williams, 17
93. Corey "CJ" Johnson, 17
94. DeAndre Foster, 17
95. Jennavi Small, 18
96. Sergio Emanuel Franco, 18
97. Joshua Mosely, 18

98. Laquavius Hudson, 18
99. Christian Aguilar, 18
100. Robert Engleton, 18
101. Eddie Yoo, 18
102. Marlin Goodluck, 19
103. Kemorie Wallace, 19
104. Nuckeria "Keria" Hanis, 19
105. Dennis Collins, 20
106. Brittany Clay, 20
107. Kenneth Hubert, 20
108. Priscilla Macia, 21
109. Tabitha Jamison, 21
110. Grace Frazer, 22
111. Christian Martinez, 22
112. Raheem Shannon, 23
113. Anthony Sikora, 23
114. Sam Salehi, 24
115. Ashley Francois, 24
116. Ivan Filgueira, 26
117. Jermaine Lee, 26
118. Leon Dye, 26
119. Ahmed Jabado, 26
120. Takeisha Forbes, 26
121. Tawag Perpall, 27
122. U.S. Marine Guillermo Comme, 27
123. Nisleydis Sierra, 29
124. Deborah Ramos-Arce
125. David Fluitt
126. Alfred Alvarez
127. Johnny Eugene Brown
128. Takeeya "KeKe" Fulton
129. Wilfredo Siam
130. Juan Cruz
131. John Stevens
132. Manuel "Manny" Madruga
133. Steve Jones
134. Bassima Jabado
135. Larry Harshman
136. Lisette Iglesias
137. Pastor Paez
138. Alfredo Maestre
139. Josmel Herrera
140. Cedric Lyons
141. Rosseny Lustin
142. Renaldo "Ziggy" Clayton
143. Terrence Haynes
144. Enrique Gonzalez Alfonso
145. Jose Yero
146. Lorenzo Haynes
147. Gale Sikora, RN
148. Jorge Garcia-Ramirez
149. Santiago Garcia
150. Jesus Hernandez, Jr.
151. Lt. Gary King
152. Charles Whitaker
153. Rochelle Johnson
154. Raynier Miranda
155. William Selesnick
156. Kelvin Harris
157. Ryan Tolmos
158. Monroe County Sheriffs Deputy Josh Gordon

Gordon

159. Isalia Hernandez
160. Sgt. Sydney Whitehouse
161. Gustavo Gutierrez-Escoria
162. Vladimie Jean-Gilles

FLORIDA'S 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

163. James Leake, 1
164. Ekari Fussell, 10
165. Damian Escovedo, 12
166. Christian Torres, 13
167. Albert Brooks, 13
168. Steven Odeus, 14
169. Alexander Rafael Sanchez, 16
170. Stanley Blanc, 16
171. William Pagan, 16
172. Richard Hallman, 16
173. Rahkeem Zabaleta Brown, 16
174. Tayvontae Robinson, 16
175. Juan Acosta, 17
176. Danny Alvarez, 17
177. Demetric McCall, 19
178. Emilio Perez, 19
179. Priscilla Torres, 19
180. Cariann Denise Hithon, 23
181. Luis L. Herrera Kindelan
182. Francisco Martinez Jr.

183. Kamil Patel
184. Thomas Bredecke
185. Juan Garcia
186. Andres Marquez, Jr.
187. Daniel Adames
188. John Spaulding
189. Lester Machado
190. Ragelio Castro
191. Robert Young
192. Ryan Rice
193. Marcarrous Clark
194. Jose Rivero
195. Daniel Adames
196. John Spaulding
197. Ladarian Tyrell Phillips

198. Jeffery Alexander
199. Madlin Guardado
200. Yenat Guardado
201. Jose Reina
202. Mario Hortis
203. Janine Ackerman
204. Abeku Wilson
205. Jose Manuel Reyes
206. Ricardo Soler Reyes
207. Markeith Nickles
208. Terrance Carter
209. Lavon Walker
210. Michael Tito Lorenzo
211. Katrina Padgett
212. Sophia Cheeks

213. Joe Louis Padgett
214. Tania Adams
215. Alfonso Rafael Sr.
216. Alfonso Rafael Jr.
217. Margery Glickman
218. Thebaldo Tanes
219. Marcia Vazquez
220. Robetio Calixto Gomez
221. Lourdes Martinez-Rodriguez
222. Rafael Baster Sanchez
223. Bryan Gomez
224. Francisco Castro