

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF FORMER U.S. SENATOR AND GOVERNOR PAUL LAXALT OF NEVADA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the memory of former Nevada Senator and Governor Paul Laxalt.

Mr. Laxalt passed away this past Monday in McLean, Virginia.

A child of immigrants and a Nevada native from Carson City, he served our nation with distinction in the Pacific during the Second World War.

He applied himself to serving his community, first as a district attorney in 1950, then as Lieutenant Governor in 1962.

After winning the governorship of Nevada in 1968, he stabilized the state's gambling industry from the grips of organized crime and developed a system of community colleges.

Mr. Laxalt is perhaps best remembered as President Reagan's campaign chairman and the moderate Republican Senator from Nevada.

But he was above all a man who cared deeply for the nation, which he served with dignity and integrity.

Former Senator Harry Reid, whom Mr. Laxalt defeated in 1974 when Senator Reid was the state's lieutenant governor, and who succeeded him in the Senate in 1987, said of Mr. Laxalt, "We have been political adversaries all my adult life, but he and I are friends."

Though they disagreed on many policy issues, Senator Reid added, he viewed Mr. Laxalt as a man of utmost integrity in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore pay tribute today not only to Paul Laxalt's honorable life of service, but also to the spirit of upholding integrity over bitter ideological entrenchment.

The life and story of Mr. Laxalt—his dedication to country over party, to the public over self, and to the greater good over personal gain—is certainly a model of conduct for those who seek to lead this nation.

I urge my colleagues, in memory of this statesman of integrity, to work to recover our sense of civility and work toward mending our differences for the common good.

OFFSHORE WIND FOR TERRITORIES ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the "Offshore Wind for Territories Act," which would authorize wind energy development off the coasts of all 5 U.S. territories.

I thank my colleagues—Resident Commissioner GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN from Puerto Rico,

Congresswoman RADEWAGEN from American Samoa, and Congressman SOTO from Florida—for their support as original cosponsors.

Guam and the other territories remain heavily reliant on costly imports of foreign-refined petroleum for electricity generation and transportation fuel.

Electricity usage and costs for territorial residents are nearly twice the national average, while at the same time our median household incomes are less than half that of the mainland United States.

As such, reducing the territories' dependence on costly foreign fuel imports with domestically produced offshore wind energy should be a priority for Congress, and something everybody can support.

Current federal law does not authorize offshore development in the Exclusive Economic Zone around U.S. territories, which extends 200 nautical miles seaward from our coastlines.

This oversight precludes potentially viable offshore wind projects near Guam and other U.S. territories from moving forward or even getting started.

To rectify this problem, my bill would amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to include American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as our respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

Further, my bill would direct the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to complete a feasibility study on the offshore wind development potential for each territory, issue a call for information to gauge commercial interest, and offer wind lease sales as appropriate.

The wind lease scoping and sale process outlined by my bill mirrors the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's existing process for other forms of offshore development.

Any offshore wind project in the territories must be sited appropriately, which is why my bill would ensure that the governors of each territory are consulted throughout this process.

My bill also requires consultation with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Defense.

My late husband, our former Governor Ricky Bordallo, proposed powering Guam with wind and solar energy during the 1970s and 1980s.

Now decades later, his vision may soon be realized.

Importantly, my bill would guarantee each territory a state-equivalent share of all royalty payments made to the federal government by offshore wind developers for projects in our respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

The royalty revenue-sharing under my bill is the same as that which current federal law provides for the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama from offshore development in the Gulf of Mexico.

My bill would also direct a portion of federal royalties collected to support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program.

This will provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation in U.S. territories and else-

where, at no additional cost to American taxpayers.

In addition to improving self-reliance and lowering electricity costs, my bill would ensure that offshore wind development in federal waters provides a direct, economic benefit to adjacent U.S. territories.

Given that land is limited, offshore wind development has enormous potential for our islands.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting the "Offshore Wind for Territories Act."

JOURNEY OF HOPE CYCLISTS

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Journey of Hope cyclists riding over 4,000 miles across the country this summer to raise awareness for people living with disabilities.

In 1987, one man's dream of riding his bike across the country inspired the largest fraternal fundraising and awareness event of its kind, the Journey of Hope.

Today, the Journey of Hope consists of three cross-country routes covering 32 different states and over 12,000 miles that converge upon the U.S. Capitol here in Washington.

On a typical day, the cyclists ride over 75 miles. However, their day is far from over. The remainder of their days are spent visiting local groups that support people with disabilities and volunteering in the community.

Next week, the three Journey of Hope teams will arrive at our nation's Capital having raised over \$665,000 for the disabled.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon all of us in this body to join with me in thanking the Journey of Hope cyclists for their service to the disabled community.

HONORING COUNCILMAN GLEN LARUE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Whitley County Councilman Glen Larue. For 20 years, Councilman Larue has represented Columbia Township. Additionally, Glen has served as dispatcher for the Whitley County Sheriff's Department and as a Columbia City volunteer fireman. I had the honor of serving with Councilman Larue in 2009 and 2010 and I saw firsthand his dedication and commitment to public service. I wish him the best as he begins the next chapter of his life. Whitley County and Columbia Township will miss his leadership and commitment to public service.

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CATCHER'S UNIVERSITY BASEBALL 12U FINISHES SECOND AT THE 2018 NATIONS WORLD SERIES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catcher's University Baseball 12U team from Katy, TX for winning second place at the 2018 Nations World Series.

Catcher's University Baseball 12U team, under the coaching of head manager Rick Ruff, capped off a season of 34 wins, 9 losses and 2 ties with a second place finish at the 2018 Nations World Series. Team members T.K. Rollins, Blake Davila, Tanner Reese, Ty Garrett, Myles Jackson, Jackson Cleveland, Pablo Lazcano Jr., Jose DeJongh, Christian Jaquay, Kaden Reising, O.D. Denner, Charlie Radley, Aaron Brashear and Drew Leuders are all 11 and 12 years old. Their hard work has brought great pride to our Katy community and will be remembered by many for years to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Catcher's University Baseball 12U team from Katy, TX for winning second place at the 2018 Nations World Series. I look forward to seeing what y'all accomplish in the future on and off the field.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA LOWDEN

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patricia Lowden of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Patricia was born into a family of potters from the Big Sun and Eagle clan of Acoma Pueblo. She learned the art of pottery at fifteen years old from the three generations of potters that came before her. Patricia uses traditional methods to create her pottery, which entails soaking chunks of clay that have been carefully selected, then drying and grinding the chunks of clay into powder.

Patricia is known for her famed Anasazi revival black-on-white and traditional Acoma orange, black, and white polychrome style pottery. Her work features modern interpretations of traditional Acoma symbols such as rain, clouds, mountains, and rain parrots.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Patricia Lowden for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug

project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

HONORING KEVIN J. KEEFE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kevin J. Keefe for his 31 years of outstanding federal service, including as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

In May 1987, Mr. Keefe was first appointed to federal service as an Attorney Advisor with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Office of Review and Appeals, where he remained until 1989. He went on to serve as Assistant Counsel at DON OGC from 1989 to 1995, and as Senior Advisor in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys at the Department of Justice (DOJ) from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Keefe returned to DON OGC in 1998 as Supervisory Associate Counsel for the Strategic Systems Program (SSP), where he spent the last 20 years representing DON in various roles.

Kevin J. Keefe quickly established himself for his great foresight in anticipating and evaluating legal issues, particularly in considering potential future implications for the DON. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Keefe earned and maintained the trust of senior leaders at SSP with his superb legal acumen and was well-known for his thorough litigation work. Mr. Keefe has secured numerous favorable decisions from the EEOC and the Merit Systems Protection Board on behalf of DON in his central practice area of civilian personnel law. Moreover, he has assisted the U.S. Attorney's office in representing DON when SSP personnel cases were appealed to the federal District Court or to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In these instances, U.S. attorneys relied on motions and briefs drafted by Mr. Keefe to prevail in federal court.

Kevin J. Keefe's achievements have been celebrated throughout his career with a variety of awards for his outstanding work in the federal government. These include the DON Meritorious Civilian Service Award, a DOJ Special Achievement Award, a Letter of Recognition from the Director of SSP and other performance-related accolades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kevin J. Keefe, on the occasion of his retirement, for his many years of excellence in federal service.

UALR BIKE-SHARING PROGRAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Arkansas-Little Rock's

new bike-sharing program and to emphasize its leading example of advocacy for active lifestyles.

I appreciate the efforts of Jim Carr, Chair for the University's Committee on Sustainability, who lead the initiative to bring the bike share program to the Little Rock campus.

This program has provided students, faculty, staff, and visitors a convenient and healthy way to get around campus.

Nearly 200 bright-orange bikes have been delivered to UA-Little Rock and have been placed near high-traffic areas, such as dormitories and Ottenheimer Library.

As a long-time biker, I am pleased to see the campus work to provide an alternative and convenient transportation option to relieve congestion and promote a healthier campus.

As a former board member of Bicycles Advocacy of Central Arkansas, I am glad to see UA-Little Rock's bike-sharing program as one more step on the path to a more vibrant, healthy, and bike-friendly community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAMUEL U. RODGERS HEALTH CENTER'S 50TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate 50 years of service from the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. This milestone embodies the vision Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers had for a foundation that would provide families with affordable health care. With over four decades of service Dr. Rodgers' health center has been responsible for providing cost effective and quality health care to thousands of families in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Dr. Samuel U. Rodgers' passion for serving low income families can be traced back to his early days in Kansas City when he first arrived as an intern for a then-segregated general hospital. During this time Dr. Rodgers witnessed firsthand the challenges minority and low-income families faced while trying to access quality and affordable health care. This experience would inspire him to go on to become the first African American OBGYN in Kansas City, and then later, the first African American to open a successful all-black medical practice. Dr. Rodgers' commitment to ensuring that all people, regardless of their ethnicity or economic background, receive affordable health care would later inspire him to open Missouri's first federally-recognized health center, the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center.

When Dr. Rodgers opened his health center, he did so with the intent to serve both individuals and families who otherwise would not be able to afford quality healthcare. Moreover, Dr. Rodgers emphasized the need to also provide patients access to resources that help maintain their long-term health.

Today, there are five Samuel U. Rodgers Health Centers located throughout the Greater Kansas City area. Each one continues Dr. Rodgers' legacy of compassion and equitable health care for all. The Samuel U. Rodgers Health Centers offer a variety of services that range from dental care to behavioral health

services. As fundamental pillars of the community, these health centers strengthen and contribute to the prosperity of my district and I have no doubt that Dr. Rodgers would be proud to see the sustained success of his vision.

Healthcare is one of the most critical factors a community needs to prosper. The Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center is truly a blueprint when it comes to demonstrating the power of arming communities with the access and resources necessary to maintain their health.

It is a privilege to stand today and recognize the half-century of service of the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking and honoring the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center for selflessly serving families across the Greater Kansas City area for 50 years.

CONGRATULATING GRACE SEIBOLDT ON WINNING THREE MEDALS AT THE 2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize Grace Seiboldt, an exceptionally talented young woman from the Sixth District of Illinois. Grace recently competed for Team Illinois in the 2018 Special Olympics USA National Games where she won two gold medals and one silver medal.

Grace started swimming when she was just five years old and began competing in the Special Olympics in 2007. After competing for the last 11 years at the state level, she qualified along with 46 Special Olympic athletes from Illinois to compete in the Special Olympics USA National Games. Grace joined with more than 4,000 athletes and coaches from across the United States in Seattle for the games and was incredibly successful. She earned gold medals in the 200 individual medley and the 4 × 100 medley relay, where she swam the butterfly leg. She also received a silver medal for her performance in the 400 freestyle. This is an incredible feat for someone competing at her first National Games.

Grace's prowess as an elite swimmer has not gone unnoticed. Her skills caught the eye of an assistant coach with the USA Paralympics, and she was invited to attend the national training camp in September at the University of Delaware. If chosen, Grace will join with 7,000 athletes from around the world to compete at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi next March. This is a great honor and I have no doubt Grace would make the United States proud.

Mr. Speaker and my Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Grace Seiboldt for her remarkable achievements and all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. VALENTINE "ROCK" GRUNDMAN

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible contributions and life of Mr. Valentine "Rock" Grundman of San Antonio, Texas.

Rock's service to the United States began in 1957 when he received a commission as an Air Force Judge Advocate General Officer. From there, he served as counsel at the Federal Trade Commission, and as an advisor to Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush.

Throughout his career, Rock Grundman remained active in the military, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1992. During this service, he successfully defended the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force in the first anti-trust case brought against the U.S. Government. For these efforts, he received the Meritorious Service Medal in 1980. While serving in the Air Force Reserves, Rock also served as Adjunct Faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas Graduate Business School.

Rock Grundman lived a life of public service that extended well beyond his career and military service. He was a member of the vestry and senior warden for St. William Laud Episcopal Church and President of the Pittsburg Rotary Club. His leadership and service to his community are truly a testament to the character and spirit of Texas's 23rd Congressional District.

Rock Grundman passed away on June 13, 2018, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy and family. While we mourn the loss of Rock, his reputation and the values he represented will live on through his family, his friends, and community. I would like to extend my most sincere condolences to Mr. Grundman's family during this difficult time and am proud to recognize all that he did for the great state of Texas and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA ROMERO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Martha Romero of Nambé Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Martha learned the practices of pottery-making from her mother, Rosa Alice Baca. After

taking a hiatus from pottery, she took up the work once again, an experience which helped her reconnect to an art form closely tied to her Pueblo, tradition, culture, and mother. In the words of Martha, "I am spiritually awakened when creating pottery! It brings me closer to my mother who has completed the circle. In relearning what she taught me, I find a connection to my mother and our beloved Nambé."

Martha's unique unpainted pieces demonstrate the clay's natural shine and have a beautiful connection with her Indian name Kwahtenbay, which means rainbow. Using hand-gathered micaceous clay and traditional coiling methods, she crafts simple yet elegant designs that echo traditional utilitarian Nambé techniques.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Martha Romero for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

CELEBRATING IDYLLWILD'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL "JAZZ IN THE PINES"

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Idyllwild's "Jazz in the Pines" festival, a celebration of music, art, and community in my congressional district.

Jazz in the Pines is one of my family's favorite traditions. It's a chance to marvel at the handiwork of local artists, catch up with friends, and listen to the sweet, sweet sounds of smooth jazz. Every year, we join our neighbors in the San Jacinto Mountains to celebrate the natural and cultural beauty that makes Idyllwild unlike any other place on earth.

The proceeds of this yearly celebration benefit the Idyllwild Arts, a foundation that teaches adults and children of all ages to realize and develop their artistic talent. Through summer camps and college preparatory courses, Idyllwild Arts is enriching the lives of students from Idyllwild and across the country.

This year's Jazz in the Pines is particularly special. Not only does it mark the festival's twenty-fifth year—it comes in the wake of and in spite of the largest wildfire to threaten the community of Idyllwild in nearly five years.

The Cranston fire burned more than 13,000 acres, destroying buildings, closing major roads, and forcing thousands from their homes. But no matter how large the fire grew, our mountain community's passion for celebrating music and the arts burned brighter.

We owe this year's festival to the incredible first responders who risked their lives to protect Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center, Fern Valley, and many surrounding communities. I am also grateful to the hundreds of musicians, artists, and volunteers who made this year's event possible.

Jazz in the Pines was born from conversations around a kitchen table. Today, it demonstrates what we can achieve when neighbors, local businesses, and non-profits work

together. That community spirit helps us bounce back from every challenge. It's a lesson in resiliency that I am proud to share with my daughters.

CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
THOUSAND ISLANDS AREA RE-
STORE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the opening of Habitat for Humanity's new Thousand Islands Area ReStore.

Habitat for Humanity has a long history of serving Jefferson and Lewis counties by providing affordable housing to those in need. In order to continue its mission, Habitat for Humanity is expanding its services to a new ReStore in Watertown, New York. At this location, Habitat for Humanity will sell furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more for an affordable price. Habitat for Humanity's ability to offer these goods and services at the ReStore is made possible by the hard work of volunteers and donors throughout the community. By working on behalf of their neighbors, the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity continue to enrich the North Country community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank Habitat for Humanity and its volunteers for providing an invaluable service to the North Country. We are grateful for Habitat for Humanity's commitment to this region, and look forward to the benefits that the ReStore will provide for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF NICHOLS, WIS-
CONSIN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of Nichols, Wisconsin. On September 8, 2018, Nichols will mark this event through its planned Centennial Celebration. The event will focus on the rich history of the village from its inception until today.

When Mr. Arthur Nichols first observed the land, he was impressed by the location, believing it to be the perfect place for a modern city. The State Highway, Wolf River, and Wisconsin Northern Railroad running near the town made it a prime location for the development of a booming city. Mr. Nichols was a dreamer and when he and several of the early settlers purchased the 160 acres, they thought it would become the hub between Green Bay, Appleton, Clintonville, and Shawano. Nichols quickly had running water, sewage treatment, electricity, and even telephone service.

Nichols' infrastructure expanded and a bridge was built over the nearby Shioc River. Despite a small population Nichols spirit was immense and its desire to grow was evident.

Early residents worked together to establish a church, school, and businesses like a barber-shop, laundromat, gas station, and grocery store to fill the needs of the community.

Growth quickly expanded from infrastructure and business to entertainment. While a football team some may know started in nearby Green Bay in 1919, Nichols residents started a baseball team in 1922, known as the Nichols Nitro's.

Nichols may be small but is a strong and determined community. Building on its founders, the generations following those settlers continue that strength, determination, and pride in keeping the founders' early motto of being "the street where old friends meet".

I ask that the Members of the House of Representatives join me in commending the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Village of Nichols, Wisconsin. A great place where people have been building relationships and stories for the last 100 years. May it continue this fine tradition for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF 44TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE RESIGNATION
OF PRESIDENT RICHARD M.
NIXON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of the long national nightmare that ended 44 years ago today when Richard Milhous Nixon addressed the nation from the Oval Office and announced that he would resign the office of the Presidency.

The next day, August 9, 1974, he submitted his letter of resignation to Henry Kissinger and left for California.

In November 1973, long before it was clear that Richard Nixon would be driven from office, the noted historian Arthur Schlesinger explained in his essay, "The Runaway Presidency," why Nixon's malfeasance was unique, and why it would eventually lead to his downfall:

The presidency has been in crisis before; but the constitutional offense that led to the impeachment of Andrew Johnson was trivial compared to the charges now accumulating around the Nixon Administration.

There are, indeed, constitutional offenses here but . . . what is unique in the history of the presidency is the long list of potential criminal charges against the Nixon Administration.

When the Watergate burglars were arrested in 1972 after breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., White House press secretary Ron Ziegler dismissed the incident as a "third-rate burglary."

The execution of the plot to burglarize the DNC may have been third-rate and amateurish, but that was not the essence of the vast criminal enterprise that would become known as "Watergate."

"Watergate" is short-hand for the systemic, calculated effort conceived and managed from the inner circle of the Nixon White House to subvert elections, punish political enemies, undermine the media, and mislead the American people.

President Nixon obstructed justice from the Oval Office, used the Internal Revenue Service to go after his political enemies, launched an illegal war in Cambodia, waged dirty tricks against his opponents, kept an "enemies list," was recorded in the Oval Office describing Jews as "aggressive, abrasive and obnoxious" and Italians as not having their "heads screwed on tight," had articles of impeachment against him approved by the House Judiciary Committee, and left a permanent stain on American democracy.

In short, President Nixon attempted to subvert our democratic institutions and flout the rule of law.

America's democratic institutions, however, are made of sterner stuff, and withstood this assault because in America, no one office or person is above the law.

As President Theodore Roosevelt put it so well on December 7, 1903 in his third Annual Address to Congress: "No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it."

That is why former FBI agent G. Gordon Liddy and former CIA employee James McCord, security director of the Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP) would be found guilty of conspiracy, burglary and bugging DNC headquarters.

E. Howard Hunt, a former CIA operative and head of the White House "Plumbers" unit, and four others would plead guilty.

In April, White House counsel John Dean, chief of staff H.R. Haldeman, domestic policy chief John D. Ehrlichman, and Attorney General Richard Kleindienst resigned amidst the growing scandal.

On October 20, 1973, President Nixon ordered Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire Special Counsel Archibald Cox, who refused, as did Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus.

Solicitor General Robert Bork did not refuse and executed Nixon's order, setting off what is now known as the "Saturday Night Massacre."

In January 1975, several high-ranking Nixon appointees—including H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, and John Mitchell—would be tried, convicted, and sentenced to prison.

White House Counsel Charles Colson pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and served seven months.

White House Counsel John Dean pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and served four months.

White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman was convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice and served 18 months.

In all, more than 40 government officials were indicted or jailed.

As we look back on the Nixon resignation and his imperial presidency, it is worthwhile to reflect upon the statements of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who held the seat I currently hold, made during a House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearing:

Common sense would be revolted if we engaged upon this process for petty reasons.

Congress has a lot to do: Appropriations, tax reform, health insurance, campaign finance reform, housing, environmental protection, energy sufficiency, mass transportation.

Pettiness cannot be allowed to stand in the face of such overwhelming problems.

So today we are not being petty. We are trying to be big, because the task we have before us is a big one.

Mr. Speaker, the circumstances in which we find ourselves today do not call for pettiness. Nor do they call for twitter politics and spectacle.

They call for leadership; a recognition that a respect for the rule of law and holding our leaders accountable for their misdeeds is a fundamental democratic responsibility.

In August 1974, the vigilant and tireless efforts by law enforcement, journalists, and our nation's leaders led President Nixon to yield to the rule of law.

The saving grace of Richard Nixon is that, at the end, he put the interests of the nation ahead of himself by resigning his office.

Arthur Schlesinger's 1973 essay appears prescient in its prediction that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

As Professor Schlesinger wrote, "If the trails are followed to their end, many, many years will pass before another White House staff dares take the liberties with the Constitution and the laws the Nixon White House has taken," which "suggests that exposure and retribution inoculate the presidency against its latent criminal impulses for about half a century."

Professor Schlesinger also offered a warning that "corruption appears to visit the White House in fifty-year cycles."

Mr. Speaker, on this historic day, let us remember that Congress is a co-equal branch of government and has a duty to hold the executive accountable for misconduct, abuse of power, and 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors.'

As Congresswoman Barbara Jordan declared: "My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction, of the Constitution."

And today, Mr. Speaker, let me affirm that my faith in the Constitution is whole, complete, and total.

Our nation is founded on the principle that all are equal under the law, and that one can only delay—never escape—the swift sword of justice.

We must always be faithful to the duties imposed upon us by the Constitution.

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
CRYSTAL CERTAIN

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Crystal Certain, an art teacher at Conway High School, who is committed to making a difference in central Arkansas.

Crystal partnered with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas to provide food to hungry children in our community.

She started by funding the project out of her own pocket and the practice grew into a classroom food-pantry project. Her students named it the "Certain Little Free Class Pantry".

Nearly 400 children at her school get nourishing food from her pantry project.

The Community Action Program of Central Arkansas is providing meals during the summer months and is operating the project from inside the agency's pantry.

In addition to providing meals, Crystal also provides students with healthy recipes that they can prepare for themselves.

I am proud to represent her and all of the teachers of central Arkansas who are making a difference in the lives of our young people.

SUGAR LAND RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my hometown, the city of Sugar Land, TX for receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget.

Sugar Land was recognized for strong financial leadership, transparency initiatives, continued financial resiliency, including fiscally conservative budgeting and proactive planning. The city has also maintained one of the state's lowest tax rates while still providing quality city services. To obtain this award, Sugar Land met national guidelines for effective budget presentations assessing how well the city's budget serves as a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Independent judges measured Sugar Land's standing in these four categories and said the budget was "proficient" in all and met or exceeded 14 mandatory criteria.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the city of Sugar Land, TX on receiving its 22nd consecutive Distinguished Budget Award for its Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget. Thank you for your commitment to making Sugar Land an amazing place to live, work and raise a family.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN BIRD

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Helen Bird of Santo Domingo Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Santo Domingo, Helen learned traditional pottery techniques from her great-aunt at a very young age and has been making pottery professionally for nearly 30 years. Widely credited as

being a profoundly influential figure in revitalizing Santo Domingo pottery, Helen sought to elevate it to an exquisite art form.

Helen's designs come from her Santo Domingo heritage. Her elegant pieces are well known for their signature bird designs from pottery found in the Bandelier National Monument.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Helen Bird for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 52ND DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MOHAMMED BURHANUDDIN RA, AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE 53RD AND PRESENT DAI AL MUTLAQ, HIS HOLINESS DR. SYEDNA MUFADDAL SAIFUDDIN TUS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA, and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin. The Dawoodi Bohras' patriotism and commitment to the United States and their recognition of International Women's Day should serve as an example for all.

The Dawoodi Bohras mostly reside in India, Pakistan, Africa, Europe, USA, South East Asia and Australia. Their name, 'Bohra' comes from the Gujarati word 'vehru' which means trader; as the community has always maintained a strong and robust business community. The late Dr. Syedna Burhanuddin RA had a profound impact on this as he unceasingly encouraged his adherents to start their own business.

In addition to fostering a robust business community, the Bohras are loyal and law-abiding citizens throughout the world. They have maintained cordial relations with all levels of government with an aim to foster harmony and goodwill. They embrace technology and equal opportunities, and consider patriotism a religious obligation. The Dawoodi Bohras are a sect within Shia Islam and follow the seven pillars of Islamism: guardianship of the faith, purity, prayer, alms-giving, fasting, pilgrimage to Mecca and struggle.

Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating the birth anniversary of the 52nd Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA and the birthday of the 53rd and present Dai Al Mutlaq, his Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin TUS and wishing the Dawoodi Bohras a year of peace and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS JEFFERS
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Jeffers, a true public servant, on his retirement after a remarkable 38 years serving in local government.

For the past 29 years, Chris has served as City Manager of two San Gabriel Valley cities in my district, Monterey Park and Glendora, where his leadership and dedication have made him a pillar in our communities. As City Manager of my hometown of Monterey Park for 16 years, Chris led an expansion of our library, added hundreds of new housing units for seniors and new residents, and expanded the city's business and retail space. He chaired the American Communities for Clean-up Equity, a nationwide coalition of local governments working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and coordinated development of the Greater San Gabriel Valley Community Development Corporation, a partnership of local cities and banks created to invest in small business startups.

In 2007, Chris accepted the role of City Manager in nearby Glendora. During his tenure, the city was named the Los Angeles area's most business-friendly city under 65,000 residents in 2014 and was twice recognized by the Public Technology Institute for its adoption of new technologies to streamline the way that the government interacts with citizens and businesses. Glendora has even been awarded best downtown and friendliest city by the San Gabriel Newspaper Group for four years running, and a survey of local small business owners showed that over 80% found the city to be an excellent place to have a business.

Chris's record speaks for itself, and he is proof of the tremendous impact that one can make through dedication to public service. I thank him for his 38 years of contributions to our communities and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE PECOS COUN-
TY STATE BANK

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pecos County State Bank on their 90th Anniversary.

Pecos County State Bank was first founded by farmers and ranchers on July 3, 1928. From its beginnings in pre-Depression-era America, to its current range of locations, services and clientele, the Pecos County State Bank has truly become an example of innovation and growth in Texas's 23rd Congressional District. Since its opening day, the Pecos County State Bank has maintained strong cus-

tom relationships throughout the community and expanded its operations to six locations across the southwest region of Texas.

I am proud to represent the hardworking men and women of Pecos County State Bank and celebrate the 90 years of economic prosperity it has experienced. I want to thank the dedicated employees of the Pecos County State Bank for their service to the community and look forward to continuing my work with them moving forward.

HONORING TERRY HADLEY OF
ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magistrate Terry M. Hadley of Adair County in the First District of Kentucky upon his retirement from Duo County Telecom.

Over the past 37 years, Terry has developed a well-deserved reputation as an expert technician and loyal employee throughout multiple changes in his company's ownership. He is known throughout his community of Columbia, Kentucky for having an excellent rapport with customers and colleagues alike, and his knowledge and experience made him the first choice for customers in need of assistance with their phone, cable, or internet service.

After retirement, Terry Hadley plans to continue serving his community as a magistrate for Adair County, Kentucky. He also looks forward to spending time with his wife, Rita Hadley, and their children and grandchildren and pursuing his interest in collecting antiques, particularly antique cars.

I join with Terry's family and friends, as well as all those he has helped during his career, to express our appreciation for his years of service to his community. I am honored to represent him and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF
SOUTH TEXAS LAW ENFORCE-
MENT OFFICERS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of fellow South Texans: Lieutenant Phillip Foley, Officer Lucino Cabrera, Officer Ulysses Guerrero, Officer Alberto Rios-Cantu, and Officer Osiel Reyes of the City of McAllen Police Department. These five law enforcement officers engaged and prevented the Deutsch and Deutsch Jewelry store robbery on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at La Plaza Mall in McAllen, Texas. They apprehended seven male suspects who were attempting to rob this jewelry store midday during an otherwise calm weekend in South Texas.

After entering the store with what appeared to be firearms, the suspects intimidated and threatened store staff while smashing glass

displays. One off-duty officer working at a nearby store was alerted to the commotion and immediately went to appraise the situation. He then approached the active scene with the assistance of an off-duty Pharr Police narcotics officer, an off-duty McAllen Police lieutenant and off-duty McAllen Police officers. Together they arrested the suspects and secured the scene.

Thanks to the brave actions of these officers, all seven suspects were taken into custody, and no one was harmed and no shots were fired. Though off-duty, these officers remained committed to the safety and well-being of our community. I would be remiss to not thank McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez for his leadership at the helm of the police department for now more than 17 years. His vision, tenacity, and approach to guiding the more than 400 people under his command at McAllen Police is admirable and second to none.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to represent and recognize these courageous officers from South Texas. These heroes deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for a job extremely well done.

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICA ANTONIO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Frederica Antonio of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Acoma, Frederica's intricately designed work is a continuation of her long family tradition of hand-coiling and painting pottery. Much of the symbolism found on her pottery is connected to Mother Earth and prayers for rain.

Frederica's work heavily relies on the resources of the land. She hand-paints her vessels with fine-tipped brushes she fashions from the stems of yucca plants. She uses these traditional methods, taught to her by her mother-in-law, Mildred Antonio, to create her contemporary pieces.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Frederica Antonio for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

GREG HARNDEN RETIREMENT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Arkansan and one of the pillars of collegiate athletics in Arkansas—Coach Greg Harnden.

Coach Harnden is retiring after 21 years as the Athletic Director of Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

He helped facilitate Harding's move from the NAIA to the NCAA as well as Harding's move from the Gulf South Conference to its current home in the Great American Conference.

Throughout his 21-year career, Coach Harnden has brought numerous championships to Central Arkansas and attracted top talent to our state, making Harding University one of the top programs in all of NCAA Division II (two).

His impact has transcended the playing field as he has touched the lives of thousands of student-athletes from around the world.

I congratulate Coach Harnden on an incredible career and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

NOMINATION OF JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE SUPREME COURT
HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to voice my opposition to President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. The stakes could not be higher: Judge Kavanaugh is not the Justice that our nation needs, nor deserves. Voting rights, women's reproductive rights, and affirmative action are all under threat.

Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation could redefine the Supreme Court, and threatens to undermine some of our nation's most important rights for decades to come.

Judge Kavanaugh's nomination poses a threat to voting rights. When the state of South Carolina tried to enforce a draconian voter ID law, the Obama Administration blocked the law. When the case was referred to the US District Court, Judge Kavanaugh, writing for the majority, upheld the voter I.D. law saying, "the South Carolina Law has neither a discriminatory effect nor a discriminatory purpose. Moreover, South Carolina did not act with a discriminatory purpose." The three-judge panel, led by Kavanaugh, upheld the law. The bill was signed by former Governor, and now UN Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Kavanaugh's nomination also poses a threat to reproductive rights. The landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision not only gave women access to basic health care rights, but it also strengthened a woman's right to choose. We've seen this playbook before, Mr. Speaker; Republicans will stop at nothing to end Roe as we know it. They will chip away at it. They will undermine it. They will erode it.

And we know that women of color and women from low-income communities will be

the most adversely impacted by restrictions on access to reproductive healthcare.

From Kavanaugh's tacit approval of Justice Rehnquist's dissent in Roe vs. Wade, to his own dissent in the 2017 "Jane Doe" vs. HHS case saying, "(we can't allow) a new right for unlawful immigrant minors in U.S. Government detention to obtain immediate abortion on demand," it is clear Judge Kavanaugh will be receptive to cases prohibiting women's right to choose.

Finally, while Judge Kavanaugh has never written a judicial opinion on affirmative action, he has written an amicus brief for the Center for Equal Opportunity, an organization opposed to the consideration of race in college admissions decisions.

If affirmative action were to be limited or ended, historically disenfranchised students would have fewer opportunities to access mainstream institutions of higher learning.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Pro-choice Caucus, and as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will keep fighting to protect women's reproductive rights, voting rights, and affirmative action. We must urge the Senate to oppose Trump's dangerous nominee who represents a direct threat to our values as a nation. We can and must stop the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS
HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois. Through its continued dedication to building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike, Hanover Park is a model for other cities and towns to follow.

In the years since its first permanent settlers in 1874 and its incorporation in 1958, Hanover Park has become a center of culture and commerce. As home to 80 nationalities and 30 spoken languages, it is a diverse village. This diversity also transfers into their business environment. Hanover Park has thriving business parks, a growing retail community, and easy access to global markets. While the Village's police and fire departments are consistently recognized as two of the finest in the state, the local government is highly engaged and enthusiastic. All of these sectors make Hanover Park a vibrant and thriving community, as well as a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

On the occasion of this 60th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Hanover Park's legacy of growth and prosperity and look ahead to the opportunities facing this Village and our great Nation. Today marks 60 years of working together to build a brighter future and reminds us that our work continues.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois, and wishing its residents great success in the years ahead.

HONORING MAYOR TED ELLIS

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis who recently announced his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service. A native of Bluffton, Mayor Ellis has been a fixture in his community for many years. He served nine years on the Wells County Council before being elected Mayor in 1995.

Mayor Ellis is one of the longest serving mayors in Indiana history and is known for his commitment to his community and the Hoosier state. In fact, the Governor of Indiana recognized Mayor Ellis' contributions by naming him a "Sagamore of the Wabash," Indiana's highest civilian honor. Mayor Ellis also was honored by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns with the Russell Lloyd Award for his "outstanding contributions to local government."

I want to congratulate Mayor Ellis, his wife Marge, and his family on an exceptional career and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN TELLER
HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Teller of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Robin is from the Pueblo of Isleta, where pottery has historically been made for functional or ceremonial uses. Since 1988, she has become known for her iconic storytellers, nativity scenes, human and animal figures, and polychrome vessels that honor the traditions of her Pueblo. She uses the traditional method of digging clay, tuffa, and pigments from different areas of the Isleta Pueblo, some of which were used by generations past to collect clay.

Robin's work comes from the traditional designs of the Isleta Pueblo: red and black fluid geometric designs on a white background depicting nature's elements. Her work is also largely influenced by the generations of strong women in her family line.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Robin Teller for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that

are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

A HERO AMONG US—A TRIBUTE
TO FIRST SERGEANT DAVID H.
MCNERNEY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Veteran's Day, like every year, I started the morning early and headed out to the first of many ceremonies across our district to honor the men and women who have proudly worn the military uniform of the United States. I just love it. I love seeing our veterans, especially the older heroes who seem to exude a kind of pride in their country and their service that only those of that great generation possess. But I found myself looking for a certain face, a certain hero of mine that I look forward to seeing at these events every year. While I kept reminding myself I wouldn't find him this year, I saw everything he represented in the eyes of every veteran I met.

Longtime Crosby resident, David H. McNerney, was a hero among us. First Sergeant McNerney received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the Vietnam War. While this is enough to impress most anyone, it's only part of the story. McNerney served not one tour of duty, not even two or three tours of duty—he served four combat tours of duty.

Like some of my other favorite war heroes, McNerney wasn't born in Texas, but got here as fast as he could. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1931, he moved to Houston with his family in high school. After graduating from St. Thomas High School, McNerney enlisted in the Navy. After serving two tours in the Korean War, he was discharged in 1952.

McNerney gave college a try, enrolling at the University of Houston, but quickly realized his education would come from the battlefield rather than the classroom. In 1953, McNerney enlisted in the United States Army. Shortly after arriving at Fort Bliss, he was stationed in Korea and Okinawa. In 1962 he was sent to Vietnam as one of the first 500 military advisors deployed.

In 1966, during his third combat tour of duty, he was stationed in the Central Highlands near the Cambodian border as a first sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. On the afternoon of March 21, 1967, he and his company were dropped in Poley Doc to recover a missing reconnaissance team. The next morning, they came under heavy attack by the North Vietnamese and were easily outnumbered three-to-one. McNerney quickly took the front line and was wounded by a grenade.

The company commander was killed and without hesitation, and despite being wounded, McNerney took command of the unit. Under intense fire, McNerney took out an enemy machine gun position, but the unit took heavy casualties. In the midst of the chaos, he climbed a tree in plain sight of the North Vietnamese to mark his unit's location before calling in an airstrike within 65 feet of their own position.

He continued to move throughout the battlefield, pulling the wounded to safety and securing demolition material to clear the area for the medical evacuation helicopters. Despite his own injuries, McNerney refused evacuation and stayed with his men until the new company commander arrived the next day. His actions not only stopped the enemy from advancing and saved the lives of his men, his valor on the battlefield earned him the Medal of Honor.

Now, this is where I usually say: "And that's just the way it is." But, the story is not over. David McNerney volunteered for a fourth tour in Vietnam before retiring as a first sergeant in December 1969. Let me say that again: David McNerney volunteered for a fourth tour in Vietnam.

The men that served with him have praised his leadership and bravery. They don't mince words when it comes to what he has meant to them: There's a bunch of guys walking around today who wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him.

Dennis Thompson Sr., who served in Vietnam with McNerney, said: "If, in fact, he were not there, everyone would have gotten massacred that day. People have to know that the man was a genuine hero."

First Sergeant David McNerney died October 12, 2010 at the age of 79. His obituary said that he humbly summarized his prestigious military career by saying, "I was a professional soldier."

This Veteran's Day was not the same for me. His absence was noticed, but his service is never forgotten. My friend, First Sergeant David McNerney, was a hero among us.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING CAYETANO CABRIELES

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Cayetano Cabrieles who celebrated his 100th birthday and received the Champion of Life Award on August 7, 2018.

Cayetano Cabrieles was born in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico in 1918. He worked on a ranch for much of his childhood, enduring adversity and overcoming many challenges. At the age of 23, Mr. Cabrieles married Juana Maria Mendoza, and together the couple raised four children. Mr. Cabrieles now lives in San Juan, Texas where he continues to work tirelessly to provide for his family.

Though Mr. Cabrieles suffered many injuries while working, he nevertheless persevered. After a lifetime of strenuous work, Mr. Cabrieles retired at the age of 80 and now resides at the Palmas Health Care Center.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to share Mr. Cayetano Cabrieles's life story and recognize this true pioneer on his 100th birthday. Congratulations again to Mr. Cabrieles on this major milestone.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MEDINA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Medina of Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Elizabeth is originally from Jemez Pueblo and married into Zia Pueblo where she now lives with her husband, fellow artist Marcellus. She learned how to make traditional Zia pottery from her mother-in-law, renowned potter Sofia Medina, using the teachings of the past and the resources of the land to create and shape her pottery. Her work is celebrated for its craftsmanship, exquisitely painted designs, and elegance of form.

Elizabeth's work typically combines traditional Zia symbols such as rainbows, birds, and flowers. Using kaolin clay that is often featured in Zia pottery, she tempers it with basaltic rock to achieve a traditional finish. Her work displays a true appreciation for the teachings of the past and influences many of today's artists.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Elizabeth Medina for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

CAVHS NURSES

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 19 Central Arkansas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System nurses who have been named to the Great 100 Nurses Celebration of Arkansas 2018 honoree list.

The selected nurses are chosen based on their concern for humanity, their contributions to the profession of Nursing, and their mentoring of others.

Each of the Great 100 nurses will receive a certificate and custom pin in honor of their accomplishment.

This is a record number of honorees from the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and I greatly applaud their work and their caring nature towards our veterans.

I am proud to represent these and all of our central Arkansas nurses who are making a difference in the lives of our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the name of each selected nurse.

The 19 CAVHS nurses are: Jackie Archer, RN; Jill Avery, APRN; Shelly Berry, RN; Matthew Bishop, RN; Lana Brown, RN; Pamela

Cochran, RN; Kimberly Crutchfield, RN; Brandi Gause, RN; David Hathcock, II, RN; Shauna Haynes, RN; Pamela Horton, APN; Connie Jordan, RN; Meredith Morton, RN; Dara Penn,

RN; Danielle Shelby, RN; Courtney Steele, RN; Amada White, RN; Sarah Wilson, RN; Salena Wright-Brown, Ph.D., MNsc, APRN, RN.