each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “...of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 7, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. RICKEY BLOOM
HON. TED LIEU
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Rickey Bloom, who passed away on July 19, 2018 at the age of 103. Rickey’s long life saw her play an integral role supporting her family and helping her community.

Born Ann Rickey Goldstein in Salem, Massachusetts in 1915 to Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, she graduated high school, trained as a bookkeeper, and completed multiple Elderhostel programs, which aim to provide older individuals with opportunities to travel in an educational setting. Rickey was a bookkeeper for her parents’ grocery and deli, where she met her future husband, Aaron Bloom, who was employed there as a box boy. They married on April 30, 1945.

Bookkeeping stayed an important part of Rickey’s life; she was bookkeeper for the Law Offices of Richard Bloom in addition to bookkeeper and operator for Beth Jacob Congregation gift shop in Beverly Hills. Deeply involved in her community, Rickey was a longtime volunteer with her husband at Cedars Sinai Health Center. She also co-founded with her husband “Etta,” a nonprofit that served people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provided support for their families.

Rickey is survived by her four children: Studart, Bruce, Lydia, and Richard; 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. I hope that Rickey’s family shares comfort in knowing that her contributions to our community will endure for years to come.

HONORING LARRY D. CAMPER
HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Larry D. Camper for his Public Service Honor Award.

Mr. Camper is a native of Prentiss, Mississippi (Prentiss is his hometown). In 1967, he enrolled at Mississippi State University in Oxford, MS to pursue a degree in banking. After graduating from University of Mississippi, he joined the ranks at Mississippi Bank, holding several officer positions. After 35 years in banking and four bank mergers, Camper retired from Union Planters Bank as a Senior Vice President. In January 2004, Camper was offered a position with the Harrison County Tax Collector’s office in Jackson, MS as the Assistant Tax Collector and Operations Manager where he continues to serve in this capacity.

Over the last 35 years, Camper continued his excellent work in the community from his affiliation with several community, social and professional organizations, including: Leadership Jackson graduate (1999); Vice President, West Jackson CDC; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Capitol City Classic (Jackson, MS); Minority Business Development Loan Board (City of Jackson); Mississippi Bankers Association; Urban Financial Service Coalition; JSU National Alumni Association; Jackson Metro Housing Project; Education Committee Member for Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce; Life Member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and member of New Hope Baptist Church located on Watkins Drive.

During his professional career, Camper also received numerous community awards and special honors, including “Outstanding Young Man of America” (1979 and 1985); and the Public Service Honor Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Larry D. Camper for his dedication to serving.

REAFFIRMING DOUGLAS RUMSEY’S RIGHT TO HARD-EARNED PENSION
HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the powerful story of Douglas Rumsey, a retiree of Teamsters Local 707 Pension Fund. For years, Douglas paid into his pension fund. This year, again, he paid into his raises, deferring those raises be invested in his pension to make sure his retirement would be secure with one.