

without the love and support of his wife, Virginia, and their two daughters, Emma and Louisa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Robert H. "Bob" Hurt for receiving The Order of Saint Maurice and for his many years of service to our government, our military, and our nation.

RECOGNIZING STEPHENS COUNTY CHAMBER'S COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS FOR 2018

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Stephens County Chamber of Commerce's award recipients for 2018. On August 16, residents of Stephens County came together to honor the successes of the local business community at the 72nd Chamber Annual Awards Celebration.

The L.P. "Bub" Greer Industry of the Year award went to NIFCO-KTW, a German manufacturing company that specializes in manufacturing automobile parts for BMW vehicles.

Stephens County Farmers Market took home the Agriculture Business of the Year award, and the Chamber awarded CK Morgan and Company—a local gift shop—with the title of Retail Business of the Year.

Bowen and Watson earned the Ben F. Cheek III Service and Profession Business of the Year award. This Toccoa-based construction firm's president, Drew Watson, was also named this year's Young Professional of the Year.

The Chamber gave its Promotion and Tourism Award to Miles Through Time Automotive Museum and the Entrepreneur of the Year award to Alisa Adams of Cabe Crest Catering.

Food 2 Kids received the Nonprofit of the Year award for making strides in addressing local food security, and Emily Hayes was recognized as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Alan Ramsey received the Senior of the Year award, John Dickerson earned this year's Lifetime Achievement award, and Jeremy Spradlin took home the Bob Evans Chairman's Award.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals and organizations have made significant investments in Stephens County's business community, and I congratulate each of them on these honors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on roll call votes 380 and 381.

RECOGNIZING MURIEL ENGELMAN

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Muriel Engelman, of Laguna Woods, California.

Muriel served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in World War II, spending several months of her two-year service near the front lines at the Battle of the Bulge.

Muriel treated countless American and Allied soldiers, forming lasting bonds with those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

This July, Muriel was appointed a Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Considered France's highest honor, this distinction was bestowed upon Muriel for her brave and selfless work during her six and a half months in France during World War II.

Her vital role in the war effort undoubtedly helped liberate our European allies.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Muriel Engelman on her well-deserved recognition.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM THOMAS SLYE, JR., USA RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Slye, Jr., USA, Ret., who became an angel on February 28, 2018. LTC Slye's dedication to the United States Army, his nation, and his beloved family mark a man whose life was devoted to service to others.

A native of Washington, DC, LTC Slye enlisted in the Navy in 1953, where he served as an aircraft engine mechanic and found his passion for aviation. While the Navy could not offer him a venue to progress in his flying aspirations, he soon enlisted in the Army to pursue their flight training program.

LTC Slye's skills did not go unnoticed and he was assigned to the Presidential Flight Detachment where he flew in the Presidential Helicopter unit for both Presidents Johnson and Nixon. His valiant efforts to keep our nation's leaders safe during tumultuous times were next to none and will never be forgotten. Following a 28-year Army career that included three tours in Vietnam, LTC Slye retired in 1981 and settled in Belton, Texas.

Along with being a skilled and decorated pilot, LTC Slye was a true family man. He married the love of his life, Wanda Rose Bridges, in 1957 and went on to raise three beautiful children: Mike, Teri, and Sandie. He lived a full and inspirational life and was actively involved in his church, Knights of Columbus, and community.

LTC Slye's dedication to both nation and family reflect the best values we hold dear in Central Texas. I salute his devotion to our highest ideals and join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

IN HONOR OF DANNY SMITH

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Danny Smith, who is retiring after 36 years with the United Parcel Service (UPS).

Danny currently serves as Vice President of Public Affairs for UPS. He started with UPS in Alabama in 1982, first loading and unloading vehicles then driving delivery trucks. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to the managerial track, and spent 20 years in the financial sector. He later became the Director of Logistics and Customized Solutions.

This unique combination of financial expertise, strong customer relations skills, and his talent for never meeting a stranger brought him to the attention of Public Affairs after he worked with their group as a Congressional Awareness Coordinator in Wisconsin. When the VP of State Government Affairs position opened in the Dallas area, Danny was offered the opportunity to work with national, state and local political leaders across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida to further their understanding of the many roles UPS plays in their districts.

On top of his many responsibilities within UPS, Danny has been involved in a wide range of organizations, which include: the Texas Trucking Association, where he is Chairman-elect of the Executive Board, Chairman of their PAC, and Vice Chairman of their Foundation, the Oklahoma Trucking Association, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, the Mississippi Trucking Association, the Arkansas Trucking Association, the Texas Association of Business, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Mississippi Economic Council and the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Texas Leadership Forum ("TLF") Advisory Board of Directors.

Danny holds a bachelor's degree in Business and Communications from Auburn University and currently resides in Southlake, Texas with his wife, Terri, and their two children, Connor and Emma. His son, Connor, graduated in June 2018 from Southwestern University, my alma mater, in Environmental Sciences and was an all-conference Lacrosse player. Emma is a sophomore at the University of Alabama, where she is on a full scholarship and a University Fellow in the Honors College.

In honor of his years of dedication and hard work, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Danny Smith for his friendship and deep commitment to our community.

HONORING PASTOR BILL COATES
OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Pastor Bill Coates of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville. After 20 years of service to the church, Pastor Coates delivered his final sermon on August 19, 2018.

A native of South Carolina, Pastor Coates spent most of his childhood knowing that he would eventually join the ministry. In 1998, he and his family moved to Northeast Georgia so that he could become Senior Pastor at First Baptist Gainesville.

Pastor Coates always referred to First Baptist Gainesville's congregation as the "people of the church" to remind them that they are the Lord's people first and foremost. During his tenure, First Baptist Gainesville expanded, adding a new banquet hall and the church's Jubilee Garden to accommodate a growing family of members. Pastor Coates also led groups of Georgians to serve in places like Ireland and Panama.

As a leader, Pastor Coates looked beyond his own needs, focusing on the spiritual growth of others in the Gainesville community. His selflessness ultimately led him to retire, a decision that he hopes will pave the way for new leadership to make a positive impact on the many faces of the congregation.

Pastor Coates' servant heart touched the lives of many. I want to thank him for the 20 years he dedicated to First Baptist Gainesville and hope his retirement is filled with both rest and new adventures.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL ELEC-
TIONS HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Special Elections Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia complete authority to set the date of special elections for local offices, which other jurisdictions have. Our bill simply removes a Home Rule Act limitation on the District that is not only inconsistent with the self-government granted by the Home Rule Act, but is also counterproductive.

This bill follows legislation we got through the Congress in 2012 that gave the D.C. Board of Elections ("Board") more flexibility to set the date of special elections for local offices to maximize voter participation. Although we sought complete authority for the District over the scheduling of special elections, the 2012 law, the District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act, did not include this home-rule principle. D.C. should have complete authority over a matter that is unrelated to any other congressional district and has no relevance to Congress.

The Home Rule Act originally required the Board to hold special elections on the first

Tuesday 114 days from when the vacancy occurred and allowed the Board to schedule special elections on the same day as the next general election if that election occurred 60 days from when a special election would otherwise have been held. This inflexibility led to special elections being held on religious holidays and forced the District to hold a special election separate from an upcoming general election, costing the District hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra election costs. The 2012 law required the Board to hold a special election on a Tuesday occurring between 70 and 174 days after the vacancy.

Our bill is an important step to perfect home rule for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RISING TO THE CYBER
CHALLENGE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are in a new age of warfare. Once was a time when bombs, bullets, ships, planes, tanks, and artillery were all that great powers needed to vanquish or intimate their foes. Now with the rapid rise of the information age, any nation can possess digital weapons to undermine our military edge or disrupt our way of life. These new weapons, existing in cyberspace, can reach anywhere, at any time, and do enormous damage but go virtually unseen. They may not always result in the immediate deaths, but like a virus, they disable our defenses and cripple the basic mechanisms we need to support life—eventually costing American lives. Their ever expanding abilities could one day even effect life on a scale that rivals the most destructive nuclear weapons man has ever produced.

We have learned that in our new age, it does not take large industrialized states to develop advanced cyber weapons. We have seen impoverished and isolated nations like North Korea prove they possess cyber capabilities that challenge the defenses of our great nation. We have only just entered this new era of cyber-enabled competition, and the full ability of state-sponsored cyber weapons has yet to be realized. But given the remarkable advance of technology today, we must ensure that we have all the tools and resources necessary to compete and win in cyberspace as we would at sea, in the air, or on land.

But this is not a contest limited to the military or our traditional security agencies to defend against. Our enemies are using their cyber weapons to undermine our economic strength and threaten the very foundations of our democracy. This new age of cyber-enabled warfare, poses risks that require government and the private sector to work together to secure our greatest secrets and guard our most precious rights. Like so many challenges we have faced before, we can overcome this one if we demonstrate our resolve and unshackle America's innovative talents.

That is why I am proud to be an original co-sponsor to Mr. YOHO's bill, H.R. 5576, the Cyber Deterrence and Response Act of 2018. This bill will set the policy and direction for our

federal agencies to effectively combat the rising cyber challenge. The authorizations in this bill focuses our approach towards state-sponsored cyber activities and allows the President to use our tools of national power to deter and degrade our cyber opponents. Much like our methods to combat terrorism, this bill creates a process to designate adversaries who use cyber weapons against us. We can then bring sanctions to bear on those individuals and entities that are exploiting the cyber realm to wage war or weaken the U.S. Through this bill, our enemies will find that their misbehavior in cyberspace has real costs and that America is already prepared to take on this new challenge.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEO J.
DELANEY FOR A CAREER OF
SERVICE TO THE U.S.

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Leo J. Delaney on four decades of service to our nation's defense. Leo will retire from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on September 30. Mr. Delaney grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and joined the Air Force following graduation from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He served as an officer in the Air Force for six years.

Following separation from military service, Leo embarked on a civil service career with DIA at the Department of Defense. His career there spanned over three decades during times when America was engaged in the Cold War, Desert Storm, and the 9/11 attacks and their aftermath.

Leo's service in DIA was notable and unique in terms of responsibility, diversity of subject matter, and success. His years of executive service spanned the development of and brought improvements to the entire scope of DIA's collection, analysis, and supporting activities. He received numerous awards throughout his federal service, including being honored twice by the president with the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Service.

It is an honor to recognize the Leo as he celebrates his long career and begins retirement. He is a patriot and a committed professional who contributed significantly to our country's well-being. On behalf of both a grateful nation and myself, I extend sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Delaney for the next chapter of his impressive story.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TED
STARK

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ted Stark on his retirement from federal service.

Ted served forty years as a member of our Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. I commend Ted on his longevity of service to our