

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANTON WOODS SENIOR CENTER

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Canton Woods Senior Center. Located in Baldwinsville, New York, Canton Woods has been diligently serving the Central New York senior community for many years.

Canton Woods Senior Center was founded in 1978 when a group called The Senior Club purchased the old Baldwinsville medical center, which was built ten years prior. Additionally, the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth aided The Senior Club with the purchase. Canton Woods began serving three municipalities once it was established: Baldwinsville, Lysander and Van Buren. The facility has undergone two major renovations to expand the dining, kitchen and recreation areas since the original purchase.

Today, Canton Woods is operated by full- and part-time staff, as well as several devoted volunteers. Many services are available through the center including defensive driving education, an extensive library and various senior exercise classes. Canton Woods is unique in that any resident of Baldwinsville, Lysander or Van Buren who is at least 60 years of age may utilize its services free of charge. Furthermore, any senior residing in Onondaga County may visit Canton Woods for meals and participate in overnight trips.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Canton Woods' 40 years of contributions to senior citizens. We must also applaud the efforts of caregivers, career and volunteer, around the nation. Seniors are an important part of the Central New York community and it is my hope facilities like Canton Woods continue to thrive throughout the country.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF  
MICHAEL THERIAULT

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI, to commend the extraordinary service of Michael Theriault, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, after 13 years of service to the council and many years of service to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mike graduated from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He became an Apprentice in Ironworkers Local 377 in 1985 and in that position was named Apprentice of the

Year. He was so successful as an apprentice and journeyman that in 2001 Local 331 selected him to be the Business Representative, and then elected him to the position in 2003. He would later remark that his skill at negotiating agreements came in large part from his understanding of the day-to-day realities of working at a job site. As he noted, "Understanding of the work, the flow of work, is more important to union leaders in the trades than in most other unions . . . you come to union leadership after actually having run work."

In addition to serving as a delegate to the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, Mike represented his local as a delegate to councils in San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma-Lake-Mendocino and Humboldt-Del Norte counties. For any of you who know the geography of California, you would instantly realize that Mike has been a busy man. It's 350 miles and a 6½ hour drive between San Francisco and Crescent City in the most northern county of California. It takes the fortitude of an ironworker to make that trip on a regular basis, representing the interests of members whose livelihoods depend upon Mike's skills and dedication to their wellbeing.

These counties are also the core counties comprising the Golden Gate Transportation District, the entity that built and manages the Golden Gate Bridge. Mike was appointed a director of the bridge district in 2011. The bridge itself is a testament to the skill of his members from generations ago through to our times.

In addition to serving on these other entities, Mike served on the Executive Board of the San Francisco Labor Council, the Executive Board of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, on the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition, and as a member of the SPUR Board of Directors.

In the depths of the Great Recession, Mike fought hard for work via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act so that the 40% unemployment rate in his hall would be dramatically reduced. He noted to us and to our staff that people were losing their homes and their hopes. Over \$400 million in federal funding was delivered to help construct the new Transbay Terminal. That Act, championed by then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI and supported by the entire Bay Area delegation, literally created the foundation of the project. Other policies created by the City of San Francisco also contributed mightily to a resurrection of the local economy. Today, construction cranes are as numerous on the skyline of the City and County of San Francisco as are cable cars on its streets.

In an interview published just before his retirement, he noted that he was able to negotiate a string of project labor agreements that will give jobs to families for a generation to come. He cited projects on Treasure Island, Hunters Point/Candlestick Point, the city's wastewater system, and the new Transbay Terminal, among many projects transforming the city's streets and skies. He also noted his goal that housing be created for all income

groups, but particularly for middle and working-class residents who are his and our neighbors and friends. Another key tool to keep middle class families in San Francisco is to offer middle class jobs. Mike Theriault was instrumental in getting shop classes reestablished in the high school system. From these shop classes will come future Mike Theriaults, apprentices of the year.

As he retires, he says that he's going to work in his garden and will write bad poetry. We seriously doubt that he will write bad poetry and we hope that his garden flourishes. He deserves time to contemplate the skyline and the hopes that he built across 33 years of union membership, and definitely more time to spend with his wife, Diana, and their two boys, Josquin and Eugene.

It's been said that hope springs eternal, but in truth it takes great leadership to keep hope alive across a generation. Mike has earned the gratitude of his membership and his community for keeping hope alive throughout these years. Like the Golden Gate Bridge created by prior ironworkers, Michael Theriault is truly one for the ages.

RECOGNIZING MR. LORENZO  
CANDELARIA

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lorenzo Candelaria, whose family's farm has played an integral role in our community's food system and culture for over 300 years. Mr. Candelaria is the owner of Cornelio Candelaria Organics, located in the South Valley.

Mr. Candelaria's family has lived in New Mexico for 500 years and farmed in the Atrisco Valley for seven generations over the course of 300 years. Originally, the Candelaria family farm produced crops such as corn, beans, squash, and New Mexico's world famous chiles. Mr. Candelaria has expanded to make other produce like cucumbers, melons, asparagus, and blackberries.

Mr. Candelaria has also certified his land as USDA Organic, a significant investment that illustrates his desire to pass the farm down to future generations. He uses an acequia system to irrigate his land, an especially sustainable process that restores the underground water tables. Rather than focusing on only one crop, Mr. Candelaria is committed to responsible farming practices like crop rotation, which is healthier for soil fertility.

Mr. Candelaria is also dedicated to teaching farming skills and life lessons to young people in our community. Every summer, he invites interns to work on the farm in order to learn about his responsible agricultural practices as well as how to operate the equipment. He also regularly invites student groups from local

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schools to learn about agriculture and nutrition issues.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Lorenzo Candelaria for all the valuable contributions him and his family have made to our community. His organic produce has been a wonderful option for local shoppers and restaurants looking for healthy options, and his warmth and generosity have helped shape the lives of so many young people in the Albuquerque area.

HONORING THE VALLEJO BRANCH  
OF THE NAACP

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vallejo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on its 100th anniversary.

The Vallejo Branch of the NAACP received its Charter on July 8, 1918. It was the second Branch established in California, after the Sacramento Branch. Since its founding, the Vallejo Branch has worked tirelessly with community and religious leaders to fulfill the promise of equality to all Americans. Early in its existence, the Vallejo Branch collaborated with prominent African-American professionals, members of the clergy and business leaders on anti-lynching legislation, desegregation and political rights. The Vallejo Branch later expanded its focus to include advocacy for better jobs and pay for people of color on Mare Island and desegregation of the federal housing projects in Vallejo.

Most recently, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has worked to address the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STDs and STIs) among African Americans aged fourteen to twenty-five in Solano County, and Vallejo specifically. The Vallejo Branch has also been focused on educating, testing, and treating STDs and STIs and secured \$250,000 to work towards this goal. The Branch's Legal Redress team has been active in the litigation of numerous discrimination issues involving housing, school, and employment injustices in Vallejo. Its Education Committee is actively involved in Vallejo's school system to guarantee that all students have equal access to quality education. In addition, the Vallejo Branch encourages its members to exercise their hard won right to vote.

Mr. Speaker, the Vallejo Branch of the NAACP has been an important institution in our community for 100 years. The Vallejo Branch has worked continuously to improve the lives of African Americans in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF  
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 17th

through the 23rd as Constitution Week and acknowledge the Daughters of the American Revolution for their dedication to upholding the importance of the Constitution. This year marks the 231st anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America and the 62nd observance of Constitution Week.

Constitution Week began after the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned President Eisenhower in 1955. They petitioned the President to annually set aside the week of September 17th through the 23rd as a week of observance of the Constitution. After being signed into law on August 2nd, 1956, Constitution Week has served as a time of emphasis on citizen's responsibilities to protect the Constitution, inform the public on the importance of the Constitution, and encourage the study the history that led to the framing of the Constitution in 1787.

In Central New York, the members of the Owasco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have championed the ideals of the Constitution since their founding on April 28, 1897 in Auburn, New York. Since then, they have been exemplary in their commitment to education, community service, equality, and patriotism throughout the region.

The Constitution is the foundation of our country and grants us all the freedoms that we enjoy today. As we celebrate this year's Constitution Week, I want to honor the Daughters of the American Revolution for playing such a pivotal role in creating this tradition and recognize the importance the Constitution as a defining part of our country's history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 12, 2018 due to inclement weather that caused air travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

J. FRANK DOBIE HIGH SCHOOL  
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great school, J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston, Texas on 50 years of

molding the young minds of the South Belt-Ellington area.

Named for Texas folklorist and former University of Texas professor J. Frank Dobie, Dobie High school opened with 980 students in 1968 to address the growing population boom in the South Belt area. The original high school, located on Beamer Road, was a significant achievement in its construction alone, being the first district high school designed to be completely air conditioned. With the exception of the gyms, the building had no windows, making it an ideal shelter for tornados. The school moved to a new building in the fall of 2003, served as a critical emergency shelter during Hurricane Harvey and helped save many lives. Throughout the years, Dobie High School has been a leader in many areas, producing national championship Academic Decathlon teams, countless district victories in sports, music and agriculture. Dobie High School demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to enhancing the education of students in the South Belt-Ellington area.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to J. Frank Dobie High School on 50 years of academic excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
CLARENCE JORDAN

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Clarence Jordan, who passed away on September 8, 2018 at the age of 88. Clarence dedicated his life to aiding the underprivileged throughout the Central New York community. Over the last five decades, Clarence raised more than \$100 million to support those who needed it the most in the region.

Clarence Jordan was born in Fall River, Massachusetts and grew up during the Great Depression. His childhood was not an easy one. His father was an alcoholic who abused him and, by the time he was 11 years old, both his parents passed away due to tuberculosis. Clarence spent his adolescent years without a stable home, living in California and Massachusetts. He became close to Jesus Christ during this time and the church community became his new family.

Clarence studied at Barrington College and intended to work as a missionary in China, but those plans were cancelled after communists established their control in the country. He instead served as Associate Director at Goodwill Industries in Bridgeport, Connecticut and was the Associate Pastor of Calvary Evangelical Church. In 1959, Clarence moved to Syracuse to serve as Director of Men's Social Services at the Rescue Mission. This move marked the beginning of Clarence's philanthropy in Central New York.

After serving in his new position for just a year, Clarence was promoted to Executive Director at the Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission rapidly became one of the most extensive social service groups in Central New York with Clarence at the head of the organization. During his tenure from 1960 to 2000, Clarence grew the Rescue Mission to 333 employees and a budget of \$10 million, as well

as established multiple programs addressing poverty, hunger and addiction. Additionally, Rescue Mission received the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Services Award in 1985, New York State's high award for a voluntary agency. Clarence left Rescue Mission in 2000 and continued to fundraise for several community projects, including the creation of the Clarence L. Jordan Vision Center in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me to honor the remarkable life of Clarence Jordan. He was truly a model citizen for the Central New York community and dedicated his life to the well-being of others. His many contributions impacted hundreds of lives and will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING MATHER FIELD'S  
100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. AMI BERA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mather Field as they celebrate their centennial anniversary in Sacramento County.

During World War I the Army activated Mills Air Field, east of Sacramento. It was renamed Mather Field in honor of 2nd Lieutenant Carl Spencer Mather, killed in 1918 during a training flight collision in Texas, at the request of his classmates. Following World War I, Mather was temporarily shut down as a military base but reopened in 1925 and hosted the first annual "Aerial Circus", featuring 90 airplanes demonstrating aerobatic stunts and displays. Two years later, Charles Lindbergh and the famous The Spirit of St. Louis visited Mather Field following his first solo transatlantic flight.

In 1930, Mather was reactivated as a training center for the U.S. Armed Forces and later played an important role preparing the Army for the fight in the Pacific Theater. With an Allied victory in sight, Mather Field's training activities ended in 1944 and it became a major stopover point for troops and aircraft headed to and from the Pacific. Following U.S. victory in the Pacific, Mather returned to its status as a training base and ownership was transferred to the U.S. Air Force as part of the Air Training Command.

The Department of Defense moved all of its navigator training to Mather AFB in 1964 and navigator training became Mather's specialty for several decades. In 1976, the Interservice Undergraduate Navigator Training was established at Mather to serve Navy, Marine and Coast Guard students and trained the first female navigators.

While Mather AFB was decommissioned in 1993, Mather Field continues to support the Sacramento region. The Former base now hosts Sacramento's Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mather Business Park and Mather Airport, which is an important regional cargo hub.

I am incredibly proud to represent Mather and the surrounding community. As Mather Field celebrates its 100th birthday at the 2018 California Capital Airshow, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this historic landmark for all it has provided our region and our country over the last century.

CELEBRATING HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION AS A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

**HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Honowai Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii, and all its achievements in being designated a Green Ribbon School by the Department of Education.

As many of my colleagues know, Green Ribbon Schools are awarded for mitigating their environmental impacts, improving health and wellness within their communities, and pursuing effective environmental and sustainability education. The purpose of the award is to inspire schools, districts, and post-secondary institutions to pursue sustainable practices and education for the twenty-first century. State education officials nominate their top schools to be considered for this award. It is important to note that close to half of all Green Ribbon Schools honorees educate majority disadvantaged student populations.

Honowai Elementary has pursued the standards and values of the Green Ribbon Schools award through an interactive, community-oriented process. Not only has Honowai installed solar photovoltaic modules that reduce the school's carbon footprint, but the data collected on this array is used in classrooms to teach students about renewable energy. Students are taught and encouraged to spread green practices that conserve energy and reduce their carbon footprints. Through professional development and new curricula for faculty, the physical improvements to the school, which include aquaponics and hydroponics systems, extend learning beyond the classroom and to the campus and broader community.

At the same time, Honowai Elementary situates traditional and Native Hawaiian practices and concepts of sustainability within our contemporary economy and society. The lo'i patch on campus provides a sustainable source of taro for food while teaching students the unique practices and values of Hawaii's indigenous heritage. Students understand diverse cultures and histories through a curriculum focused on oral history, which in turn helps them forge stronger personal values and identities and connect with their communities.

These accomplishments cannot be understated for a community consisting of single family and low-income housing and in which sixty-six percent of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Through its efforts, not only has Honowai Elementary given much to the local community and all its members, but the school has also represented Hawaii well on the national stage. I am proud of what the students, parents, faculty, and staff have come together to accomplish, and I look forward to their continued success as a school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Honowai Elementary School, its students, faculty, and staff for their achievements, as well as all Green Ribbon Schools for what they contribute to our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ASCHLEY SCHILLER, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ashley Schiller, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, who plans to pursue other opportunities after eight outstanding years of Federal government service.

Aschley started her Federal career in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow after receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Texas A&M University in 2008 and a Master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan's Gerald Ford School of Public Policy in 2010. The Presidential Management Fellows program is a highly selective, prestigious two-year training and development program for recent graduates with advanced degrees.

As a Presidential Management Fellow, she worked for the Small Business Administration to improve its acquisition processes and for the Office of Management and Budget analyzing proposed business loan subsidy rates and agency activities for inclusion in the yearly President's budget request.

After completing her fellowship, Aschley worked as a strategic advisor to the Chief Financial Officer of the Small Business Administration. There, she evaluated government-wide budget and procurement policy changes and reviewed agency budgets, programs and performance.

Aschley came to the House Appropriations Committee in 2013 where she worked as an analyst for the Surveys and Investigations office conducting oversight of military construction and veterans affairs programs. She conducted reviews of several multi-billion dollar programs to identify weaknesses and recommending changes in program funding levels, policies and reporting requirements. In addition, Aschley helped improve the operations of the Surveys and Investigations office by reducing the time required to issue reports and improving communications with subcommittee staff.

I met Ashley in 2015 when she became a professional staff member of the Commerce, Justice, Science House Appropriations Subcommittee. Since that time she has done an outstanding job supporting the Subcommittee, the Federal government and the American people. Ashley is expert in the operations of the Departments of Commerce and Justice. She has provided me with analysis of their activities and budget requests, prepared me for hearings with agency heads and Cabinet secretaries, advised me on how to respond to funding and reorganizations proposals, and provided constant oversight of agency activities. Ashley has written several Appropriations bills, advised me how to respond to amendments during Full Committee meetings and House Floor consideration, and she has negotiated several Appropriations bills with the Senate and the Minority party.

Aschley should be proud that her intelligent and hard work for the House Appropriations

Committee has improved our nation's ability to forecast the weather, study the ocean, support the nation's fishing industry, protect intellectual property rights, respond to natural disasters, and improve the course of justice.

Aschley will be missed by the Committee. We wish her well, thank her for her years of service, and know that she will excel at whatever future endeavors she pursues.

RECOGNIZING MS. MELINDA DYE FOR RECEIVING A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mindy Dye, one of the winners of the 25th annual Personal Achievement Award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona. This award is given to encourage and recognize those who have made an outstanding effort to deal with or overcome a disability. This year, Mindy has earned that distinction.

Mindy suffered a major stroke in December 2017 that affected her speech and body. She could not walk, talk and lost all muscle control on her right side. Every day was a struggle in therapy as she tried to regain her strength, balance, ability to walk and her ability to speak. Another setback occurred a few months later during her cranium replacement surgery when she ended up with an infection that required an emergency procedure and several months of antibiotics. Ultimately, Mindy resumed her therapy, was always willing to do her best, maintained a positive attitude, and was motivated to get better.

Today, Mindy has made an amazing recovery through her hard work and determination. Her extremity strength, balance and functional mobility have returned, and she continues to make progress in therapy. She is now able to enjoy gardening, hiking and spending time with her family.

I am humbled to recognize the truly impressive recovery Mindy has made. Her strength and positivity in the face of such adversity is remarkable. As such, it is my pleasure to wish Mindy the best as she continues to reclaim her health and life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on roll call votes 394, 395, and 396.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF IAFF LOCAL 3886

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3886 of Spotsylvania, a brave group of men and women who every day put their service to the community above self. Additionally, I would like to recognize that this year is the 100th anniversary of the IAFF: celebrating a century of progress through unity.

IAFF Local 3886 is made up of over 125 full-time members who help to keep and protect the citizens of Spotsylvania County, Virginia. To accomplish this incredible task, Local 3886 operates 24/7 out of six fire stations throughout the county and 13/5 at an additional four. With advanced life support and specialty equipment, the men and women of this proud organization provide a service for which mere thanks is never enough. As professional firefighters, they are true to the name; professionalism, dependability, and distinction underlies the entirety of their work.

The IAFF as a whole provides firefighters for many different operations, including to help protect the men and women of our armed forces. The services of the IAFF extend to firefighting crews for military bases throughout the country and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the IAFF and IAFF Local 3886. Words alone cannot express our gratitude. May God bless the operations of the IAFF and Local 3886, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

REVIEWING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we held a hearing at the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, which I chair.

Our first order of business was to note that today many Ethiopians are celebrating the start of the New Year under the Ethiopian calendar. To our Ethiopian friends who observe the new year, I wish to say "Enkutatash"—Happy New Year.

Many of the hearings that this subcommittee holds are hearings of condemnation—for abuses of human rights, for failures of governance, and for holding accountable those who betray the public trust.

Yesterday's hearing, however, struck a different tone—one not of condemnation, but of commendation for the great strides Ethiopia has made since Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed assumed authority in April of this year.

Consider where we were just over a year ago. A State of Emergency existed, and thousands of political prisoners languished in jail. A cold war standoff existed between Ethiopia and its neighbor Eritrea.

As this subcommittee pointed out in a hearing we held in March of 2017, "increasingly repressive policies have diminished political space and threaten to radicalize not only the political opposition but also civil society by frustrating their ability to exercise their rights under law."

In response to this, I introduced, along with original cosponsors KAREN BASS and MIKE COFFMAN, H. Res. 128, a resolution "Supporting Respect for Human Rights and Encouraging Inclusive Governance in Ethiopia." The resolution set forth milestones which needed to be met, and passed thanks to the leadership of many—including Chairman ED ROYCE who guided the Resolution through Foreign Affairs Committee markup and Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, who scheduled a vote on H. Res. 128 that passed the House unopposed and sent a clear message of Congressional resolve on the need for civil and political reform in Ethiopia.

But success of this measure was due in largest part to the efforts of the Ethiopian diaspora community in the United States, which came together to demand that egregious human rights abuses immediately cease, and that fundamental human rights must be promoted and protected for all in Ethiopia.

Indeed, one of the greatest collateral benefits brought about by passage of H. Res. 128 is the political effectiveness of the Ethiopian American community, which provided a textbook civics lesson for all of us to admire. It is thanks to their tireless efforts of contacting your congressional representatives, of making your case in a persistent and respectful manner that helped spur Congress to action.

Since assuming office, Prime Minister Abiy has begun to implement some of the very reforms that H. Res. 128 called for. He has released thousands of political prisoners, and lifted the state of emergency, for example.

But he has also reached out to the diaspora community, catalyzed an end to a schism that had plagued the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and initiated an historic peace deal between Ethiopia and Eritrea this past July. Indeed, it is hoped that his domestic reforms will also inspire Eritrea, which remains a repressive regime, to undertake similar internal reforms.

Just a few weeks ago, Ranking Member KAREN BASS and I visited the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, where we met with Prime Minister Abiy and a broad array of individuals and groups, including His Holiness, Abune Mathias I. One impression I had—was of a profound feeling of change and optimism.

For what he has accomplished in less than half a year, Prime Minister deserves praise and encouragement. Yet we still must keep in mind that expectations have been raised, and the reforms he has begun must continue.

For example, the notorious Charities and Society Proclamation and the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation, both passed in 2009, remain on the books and thus retain the potential to stifle legitimate civil society organizations and political speech.

Many former prisoners and torture victims still demand justice. Ranking Member BASS and I met with a group of torture victims in Addis Ababa, and what they described as having been done to them was horrific. One refrain we heard, including from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, is that there is a need for Truth and Reconciliation in order for the country to move forward.

There also needs to be an opportunity for people who have been displaced to return home. Catholic Bishop Abaraham Desta of Meld recently brought to my attention that over two and a half million people are internally displaced and require the government's immediate attention, especially by providing education for displaced children, as the school year has already started.

The economy needs to grow to provide jobs for the many youth, including those who participated in protests and civic disobedience. Reforms in the economic sector, including liberalization and deregulation as well as an opening of economy to ethnic groups that have not been fully enfranchised, needs to continue.

It has also been said that the reforms begun by Prime Minister Abiy represent a "once-in-a-generation opportunity for Ethiopia." It is thus absolutely crucial that this opportunity not be squandered.

With this in mind, the United States must remain a partner Ethiopia can call upon. We collaborate on counter-terrorism measures, we support and are grateful for Ethiopia's contribution to peace keeping missions—indeed, with 12,000 troops deployed, Ethiopia is the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping missions worldwide—and we must continue to encourage Ethiopia to participate in our IMET military professionalization programs.

I do believe, having met the man and had an opportunity to engage in substantive discourse with him, that Prime Minister Abiy is the right man at the right time, and is therefore deserving of our support.

**RECOGNIZING MR. GARY GREEN FOR RECEIVING A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA**

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*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gary Green of Huntingdon, PA, one of the winners of the 25th annual Personal Achievement Award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona. This award is given to encourage and recognize those who have made an outstanding effort to deal with or overcome a disability. This year, Mr. Green has earned that distinction.

Mr. Green suffered a stroke in October of 2017 that affected his speech and body. Among his many challenges were numbness and weakness on the left side of his body, difficulty in performing daily tasks, and impaired memory. Mr. Green, aided by a positive attitude and the strong support of his wife, followed the therapy plan established at HealthSouth with tremendous success. Today—nearly a year later—he is able to walk, complete his daily living skills, speak clearly and swallow safely.

It is my honor to congratulate Mr. Green on his remarkable progress and promising improvements, as I believe that it is through role models like him that we all can learn to overcome our hardships. Furthermore, I am happy to recognize him for his perseverance, and I wish him the best as he continues to overcome this adversity.

**RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DANNY BOWMAN**

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a servant leader in my district who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands in Forsyth County, Georgia. For more than half a century, Chief Danny D. Bowman has served as a Georgia firefighter displaying the values of selflessness, honor, and patriotism.

Chief Bowman is an Atlanta native and veteran of the United States Air Force. He began his career as a firefighter in Atlanta in 1968. After serving with the Atlanta Fire Department, he joined the Fulton County Fire Department in 1977.

Bowman came to Forsyth County as a division chief in 2001 and began serving as the county's director of emergency management in 2002. He took the reins as Fire Chief in 2003. Forsyth County Commission Chairman Todd Levent credits Chief Bowman with "making the local department what it is today."

Chief Bowman will officially retire this October, and I commend him for a career of sacrificial service to Forsyth County and the great state of Georgia.

**CELEBRATING DONI MILLER'S 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life profession of Doni Miller of Toledo, Ohio. Doni has given herself to the practice of public health administration and is being recognized in a silver anniversary celebration tomorrow evening.

After serving as an administrator in a public hospital, Doni took over the helm of Toledo's then-struggling Federally Qualified Health Center in 1993. Under her able leadership and steady guidance, Doni was able to turn around the ailing system within a few years and turn it into a premiere organization which is a model for others. Now, 25 years later, the Neighborhood Health Association is a conglomerate of fourteen clinics in neighborhoods throughout Lucas County, Ohio serving well the health care needs of thousands of people. Its clinics are a medical home for some of the most vulnerable among us and the services provided are life changing and life altering.

It is impossible to separate the growth and success of the Neighborhood Health Association from Doni Miller. Her skill at selecting the right person for the job, providing opportunity and accomplishment, has been an important part of the organization's incredible achievements. Doni Miller has sacrificed and persevered to bring the agency to the outstanding organization it is today. She has initiated creative and unique approaches to continue to develop the Neighborhood Health Association, and nurtures talent along with her.

Because of her intimate knowledge of health care delivery, Doni's counsel is sought after by

many, including myself. Her knowledge and advice is respected and well-earned. She is equally known for her ardent support of the rights of women and people who are underprivileged. In addition to her role as CEO of the Neighborhood Health Association, Doni Miller also served as President of the Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, is a founding member of the Black Women's Democratic Caucus, and has served on several other Boards and Commissions. She has been a political analyst for local television including Conklin and Company and Toledo Up-front. For several years she has hosted Bridges, a local public affairs television program focusing on important social and economic issues facing our community and nation. Just a few of the recognitions awarded to her include the Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Award, the YWCA Milestones Award, the state Democratic Women's Caucus Award, the African American Legacy Award and the 2016 NAACP Freedom Fund Award.

Her most important role is that of mother to a young woman successful in her own right. Doni Miller is a true community leader. Her abilities, compassion and leadership have lifted up community. She notes she is most inspired by Nelson Mandela's quote, "The elimination of poverty is not charity, it is justice." Doni Miller truly lives this creed and I am so proud to join our citizens in paying tribute to her.

**COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of William Wood Elementary School, an educational mainstay in the Victoria community.

The school's namesake, Mr. William Wood, was born in 1861 and died of pneumonia in 1900 at the age of 39. He married Nellie Borland on June 17, 1890. They owned and operated a ranch east of Telferner, Texas where they were prominent residents of the community. Their 5 children were Nellie, Frank P., Margaret, Corine, and Jessie. Upon his passing, his wife donated ten acres of land for the site of William A. Wood Memorial High School. It's assumed that being a former teacher herself had something to do with her choice of commemoration.

Construction began in 1918 and took two years to complete. On September 13, 1918, The Victoria Daily Advocate wrote: "The schoolhouse is beginning to go undercover as Mr. Gruy is putting up the framework of the roof". The building consisted of four classrooms with two rooms on either side of a large hallway. Construction of the school was not finished until 1920.

William A. Wood Memorial High School was added to the Shiller-Hood School District, which consisted of several small neighborhood schools. By the late 1940s, however, William A. Wood High School became the Shiller-Hood District's only school. In 1956, the Shiller-Hood School District ceased to exist, and the Victoria Independent School District

adopted William A. Wood High School. Eventually, the Victoria Independent School District transformed the high school into an elementary school to address a growing need for elementary education in the community.

On April 14, 1944, 21-year-old 2nd Lieutenant Thomas J. Flynn, an instructor at nearby Foster Field (now the Victoria Regional Airport), heroically gave his life to save the children of William Wood. Flynn was flying his plane over the school on a combat training mission when he encountered engine trouble. Knowing that abandoning the aircraft could cause it to hit the school, Lt. Flynn remained in the plane so that he could guide it away from the school. Because of Lt. Flynn's actions, countless lives were saved that day, and the school embraced a new mascot, the "Aviators", in Lt. Flynn's honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of such a historic institution that has shaped Texas young minds for a century. I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all the educators that helped make William Wood such an impactful institution.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHAEL KLINE FOR RECEIVING A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Michael Kline, one of the winners of the 25th annual Personal Achievement Award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona. This award is given to encourage and recognize those who have made an outstanding effort to deal with or overcome a disability. This year, Dr. Kline has earned that distinction.

Dr. Kline has been serving the community as a primary-care physician for more than two decades. In this capacity, Dr. Kline is known for his attentive care for his patients. However, he was admitted to HealthSouth Rehab Hospital for Physical Therapy in April of this year with a long list of problems that prevented him from being able to walk unassisted. These included pelvic fractures, multiple rib fractures, leg weakness and decreased balance.

Dr. Kline maintained a positive attitude and work ethic, and displayed the determination for recovery he has always encouraged with his patients. Through these efforts, he has regained his ability to walk without any devices, is driving once again and recently returned to work.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Dr. Kline on his successful progress. His accomplishments are a testament to us all that with hard work and persistence, we can overcome any hardship. I honor him for his perseverance, and I wish him the best as he continues to overcome this setback.

TRIBUTE TO CARMEN AND JIM LUNDBERG

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Carmen and Jim Lundberg of Essex, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 15, 1948.

Carmen and Jim'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.

SHERIFF MIKE SCOTT

### HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott, Sheriff Scott announced his retirement later this month. I want to thank him for his 30 years of service to our district. He has served as the 12th Sheriff in the 131-year history of Lee County. We are thankful for his leadership, service, and commitment to the safety of our district and citizens. I wish him and his family the best in his retirement.

The Lee County Sheriffs Office is a dedicated team of law enforcement officers who have been successful in decreasing the crime rate, promoting positive community development, and keeping us safe. I have confidence their next leader will continue the success that Sheriff Scott has presided over.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JULIA DIXON

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of an extraordinary woman and fellow Northeast Georgian, Mrs. Julia Dixon.

Mrs. Dixon has been a resident of Elbert County since August 24, 1918. After marrying Mr. Henry Dixon on December 21, 1935, she committed herself to her family by raising her five children: Ms. Jimmie D. Bell, Ms. Cyndie D. Blanford, Mr. George Dixon, Mr. Oscar Dixon, and Mr. Neal Dixon.

In addition to raising a family, Mrs. Dixon invested her local community through her work for the Elberton Recreational Department during baseball and football seasons. She regularly attended basketball games at Elbert

County Comprehensive High School until just last year.

This August 24, Mrs. Dixon celebrated her centennial birthday during a party at the local Masonic Lodge. Surrounded by family and friends, Mrs. Dixon oversaw the cutting of a very special birthday cake.

I celebrate a century lived in Northeast Georgia and wish Mrs. Dixon a joyful year ahead.

RECOGNIZING MR. JERRE E. SELL FOR RECEIVING A PATIENT ADVOCATE AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerre Sell of Imler, PA, a winner of the Patient Advocate Award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona.

Jerre's son, Troy, endured a catastrophic event in 2016 when he suffered both Anoxic and Traumatic Brain Injuries. Throughout this immensely challenging time, Jerre has always supported his son and has been heavily involved with his care—all while continuing to work at his present job that he's held for more than 40 years. He has been with Troy during his inpatient stays, transported him to every Outpatient therapy visit, and has pushed for the many medication changes and ongoing therapies for his son.

Jerre, himself, recently underwent back surgery, but is back to work and continuing to be Troy's caregiver. He has displayed a strong character and stayed positive despite the many challenges he has overcome.

While his son's efforts to recover are worth celebrating in their own right, there can be no doubt that Jerre has provided exemplary care. Given his admirable actions in support of his son and family through a time of tremendous hardship, Jerre is unquestionably deserving of this recognition. As such, it is my honor to help celebrate his having received this award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TROUBLED NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS COMMUNITIES ASSISTANCE

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Troubled Nuclear Power Plants Communities Assistance Act. This bill seeks to mitigate the human casualties that result from the upheaval of the energy industry, where we see many nuclear power plants struggling to remain afloat as other sources of energy have become cheaper and cheaper.

The impact on local economies due to the potential loss of jobs and the tax base when nuclear power plants close can be severe. In my district, if the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant closes, it will mean the loss of 700 highly paid skilled 900 megawatt nuclear industry workers. And for every 100 nuclear power

plant jobs, 66 related jobs are created in the local community.

These plants are among the largest taxpayers in their communities, typically contributing tens of millions of dollars in local taxes. For years, the Davis-Besse plant in my District, generated \$20 million a year in tax revenue for Ottawa County, of which \$12.1 million went to the school district.

This bill proposes to offer these communities adjustment support to soften the blow of the significant revenue losses that will harm local communities by infusing federal payments on a gliding path over eight years to eligible local governments—should the worst happen. The funding will provide 80 percent of the lost revenues during the first year and will decrease by 10 percent per year for the remaining years of eligibility.

Let me be clear. We are not giving up on Davis-Besse, nor should we easily give up on other nuclear power plants around the country. Nuclear power provides the large majority of clean energy in this country. And from a national security perspective, we must consider the impact of the anticipated closure on our Nation's nuclear supply chain—that absolutely includes highly trained people and technologies.

Ohioans don't give up. It is in our history. During the Battle of Lake Erie, Commander Oliver Hazard Perry, who is memorialized at Perry's Monument just a few miles from Davis-Besse, unfurled a flag that read "Don't Give Up the Ship." Well we are not giving up and we plan to keep fighting for the community and those impacted by the future of Davis-Besse.

But should the worst happen, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and to consider the toll this will have on communities. Schools, roads, law enforcement and other fundamental civil services that people need will be gutted. This is not an isolated problem facing the people of Northern Ohio, but dozens of other communities are facing the prospect of closures of plants across this nation.

We owe them our best effort to provide a pathway for recovery should the worst happen.

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INTRODUCTION OF HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by my good friend from Oklahoma, Representative FRANK LUCAS, in introducing the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act. The contributions of women mathematicians and engineers to the warfighting effort during World War II and the nation's space program have for too long gone unrecognized. While hundreds of women helped bring about one of the nation's crowning technological achievements, landing the first man on the moon, their names are largely lost to history.

From the 1930s to the 1970s, women at NASA and its precursor organization, NACA, submitted their work anonymously, were paid less than their male peers, and had few op-

portunities for career advancement. In addition, women of color working in the West Area Computing Unit were initially subjected to the indignity of segregated bathrooms, dining facilities, and water fountains.

The popular book by Margot Lee Shetterly, entitled *Hidden Figures*, and the subsequent film adaptation, have finally helped bring their incredible and inspiring stories to light. Despite the numerous challenges they faced, women like Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Christine Darden persevered. Their accomplishments will, I hope, inspire young girls to consider careers in STEM fields. The positive attention being paid to their individual stories and the stories of the hundreds of women working alongside them is well deserved and long overdue.

This bill will bestow Congress's highest civilian honor in appreciation of the achievements of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, Christine Darden, and all the women mathematicians and engineers at NACA and NASA who devoted their talents in service to the nation during this important time in our history.

I want to thank Senator COONS for his leadership in championing the effort to honor these women in the Senate with his legislation, S. 3321. Our bill builds on Senator COONS' bill by extending the honor to the hundreds of lesser-known women who worked alongside the four women made famous by the *Hidden Figures* book and movie.

While I am grateful that this book and movie have shone a light on these women and their experiences, I think it's important to acknowledge that the term *Hidden Figures* is a bit misleading. These women and their talents were never hidden from us. As is far too often the case when women—and especially women of color—are involved, we as a society chose to overlook them.

I urge my colleagues to join us in rectifying this oversight and help us give these women the recognition they deserve.

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RECOGNIZING THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE "CARNIVAL ELATION"

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the captain and crew of the *Carnival Elation* for their incredible bravery during the rescue of a fishing boat stranded in the Gulf of Mexico during Hurricane Irma last year. Their mettle will be honored this week by the Association for Rescue at Sea.

While undergoing routine maintenance and the replacement of its bridge navigation system in Freeport, Bahamas, the *Carnival Elation* began monitoring a storm developing off the coast of Western Africa. When the storm quickly grew to a Category 5 hurricane and it became clear that its path would likely lead directly over the Bahamas, the decision was made to move the ship and seek shelter in the Gulf of Mexico.

While sailing away from Hurricane Irma's path, the *Elation* received a relayed distress message from the U.S. Coast Guard alerting

them that a fishing boat, the Captain Eddie, was taking on water approximately 60 nautical miles to their east and that two crewmembers were in dire need of assistance. *Elation* Captain Gaetano Gigliotti and his crew immediately set out to assist in the rescue, while the Coast Guard planned to provide a helicopter in support of the effort. The *Elation* navigated through treacherous conditions, facing 15–20-foot waves and sustaining winds of 40 knots, gusting at times to well over 60 knots. Despite these conditions, and without normal comprehensive bridge systems and communications equipment due to their early evacuation, the *Elation* stayed the course, only to be informed shortly before arriving at the struggling fishing boat that the USCG could no longer provide helicopter assistance due to the dangerous wind conditions.

Nearing the fishing boat, Captain Gigliotti decided it was too dangerous to allow an *Elation* rescue ship to pick up the fishermen and instead chose to move the *Elation* closer to the life raft to facilitate a rescue through a single open door in the hull. The Captain skillfully maneuvered the 70,000+ ton, 260+ meter *Elation* at slow speed in the heavy winds and seas, successfully positioning the ship alongside the life raft. Ignoring the potential risk to their own lives, several *Elation* deck team members were able to successfully bring the sole survivor on board using a harness and hoisting line. Unfortunately, the *Elation* crew quickly learned from the survivor that his fellow crewmembers had refused to abandon ship and were lost when the fishing vessel rapidly sank. The *Elation* medical team took excellent care of the survivor, facilitated contact with his family and coordinated with the U.S. embassy to ensure his timely return to the United States after the ship returned to the Bahamas.

We thank Captain Gigliotti and the entire *Elation* crew for their bravery in coming to the rescue of this fishing boat and its crew. Their courage in the face of extreme conditions, even placing their own lives at risk to save the lives of others, stands as an example of true heroism. I am pleased their efforts have been recognized by the Association for the Rescue at Sea and that they have been awarded the 2019 Cruise Ship Humanitarian Assistance Award. They also were honored by the International Maritime Organization with its 2018 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

As a founder and chair of the Florida Ports Caucus and proud representative of PortMiami, which is known as the "Cruise Capital of the World," it is my honor to recognize the captain and crew of the *Carnival Elation*.

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RECOGNIZING MR. MATTHEW SUMMERS FOR RECEIVING A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Matt Summers of Claysburg, PA, one of the winners of the 25th annual Personal Achievement Award from the

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona. This award is given to encourage and recognize those who have made an outstanding effort to deal with or overcome a disability. This year, Mr. Summers has earned that distinction.

Matt was involved in a motorcycle accident in September 2017 that left him with multiple fractures, a spinal cord injury and a Traumatic Brain Injury. Since the fateful day of that crash, he has made tremendous gains in his recovery. During his time in rehab, Matt was dependent on a wheelchair due to little muscle activity in his legs as well as nerve damage in his right arm from a vertebrae fracture. However, he worked hard in therapy to overcome many of his challenges, and regained his ability to walk and complete his daily activities independently. Matt returned to work in the construction industry in June, and continues to push himself to new limits.

I am honored to celebrate Matt's impressive efforts, as I believe that his dedicated and positive attitude is something many of us can learn from as we attempt to overcome the hardships in our lives. Furthermore, I am happy to recognize Matt for his perseverance, and I wish him the best as he continues on the road to full recovery.

CELEBRATING GOODLETTSVILLE  
CHURCH AND MORE THAN 175  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Goodlettsville Church as it celebrates more than 175 years of service to the community in Tennessee.

Goodlettsville Church's deep community roots began in the 1800s on the banks of Mansker Creek. From 42 members in the early days to more than 200 today, Goodlettsville Church has touched countless lives with its rich community of faith.

Through the strong pastoral leadership, Service Ministry Team, Cumberland Presbyterian Women and the family worship each week, Goodlettsville Church shares the love of Christ at home and in mission trips abroad.

With its mission to show others the "Love of Christ Inside and Out," Goodlettsville Church will continue to be a beacon of hope in the community for many more years to come.

HONORING SANTA ROSA JUNIOR  
COLLEGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Rosa Junior College on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is a vital pillar of our community and a leader of junior colleges in higher education. Santa Rosa Junior College was founded by community leaders. The original student body was comprised of nineteen individuals and they shared re-

sources with the local high school. During the Great Depression, SRJC secured land to build its permanent campus. Santa Rosa Junior College has expanded over the years to include a campus in Petaluma, the Southwest Santa Rosa Center, the Public Safety Training Center, and Shone Farm.

SRJC has educated 1.7 million students in its 100 year history and enrolls approximately 28,000 students of all ages each semester. Santa Rosa Junior College, in conjunction with the SRJC Foundation, is committed to making education accessible for all and working to ensure that all their students succeed. In addition to outstanding academics, the school has over 40 clubs, including conference-winning athletic teams, nationally ranked speech and debate teams, and outstanding theater, dance, and music programs.

Santa Rosa Junior College is the third largest employer in Sonoma County. Approximately 3,000 faculty and staff work at SRJC and devote their careers to helping students and our community. Additionally, the local economic impact of the college is \$1.6 billion annually, which has brought 26,000 jobs to the surrounding area. The SRJC Foundation raises funds for students and education programs at the college. The foundation is ranked number one among California community college foundations for endowment size and scholarship distribution, an honor it has worked hard to earn.

Mr. Speaker, Santa Rosa Junior College provides excellent opportunities for the members of our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

HONORING MRS. NANCY SCHÖN

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Schön, a lifelong resident of the Fourth District of Massachusetts and a renowned sculptor, on the occasion of her 90th birthday on September 24, 2018.

Born in 1928, Nancy's interest in art began at a young age. Nancy graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts with Honors in Sculpture in 1952, and her early work was inspired by her family, which has grown to include four children, many grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

Later in her career, Nancy began creating Public Art with a focus on teaching lessons. Her most famous piece, "Make Way for Ducklings," can be found in the Boston Public Garden and has a theme of promises kept and family values. This focus on lessons continues in her other pieces, such as the "Tortoise and Hare" sculpture at the finish line of the Boston Marathon and the "Winnie-the-Pooh and Friends" sculptures at the Newton Free Library.

Art has led Nancy many places, including the former Soviet Union, where she joined First Lady Barbara Bush to present her copy of "Make Way for Ducklings" to Raisa Gorbachev as part of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). Nancy is active with non-profit organizations, and helped get the Lynch Family Skate Park built in Cambridge. Nancy is also an author, her memoir, "Make Way for Nancy" was published in 2017.

Across Massachusetts, we are proud to call Nancy Schön our neighbor and are grateful for her continued creativity. Mr. Speaker, I wish Nancy Schön a very happy 90th birthday. I am deeply humbled to represent her in Congress, and I hope her 90th year is the best one yet.

TALLULAH RIVER ROAD

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank residents of Tate City for advocating for people who live in and visit Northeast Georgia. These Georgians alerted me to the unsafe conditions of Tallulah River Road, which runs through Towns and Rabun Counties. This road is the sole route to Tate City and provides access to campgrounds, fishing streams, and destinations in the Chatahoochee National Forest and Appalachian Trail.

I wrote to the U.S. Forest Service requesting road repair and maintenance, and would like to thank them for making timely improvements to Tallulah River Road.

Following that letter, the talented Forest Service team, including a bulldozer driver named Brad, went to work clearing out ditches, removing roadside vegetation, managing potholes, and leveling and adding significant amounts of gravel to the road. Residents of Tate City have since reported that Tallulah River Road is easier to navigate and the surrounding area has benefited from the improvements.

None of this would have been possible without the advocacy of concerned citizens. I would like to thank the many residents of Tate City who reached out to help me represent the interests of Towns and Rabun County, including Larry Hamble, the Harrisons, the Lovvorns, the Masseys, the Gilsons, the Penlands, the Shrivens, the Van Camps, Robin Fisher, Brantley DeLoatche, the Lisicias, Steven Sickmond, Anne Taylor, the Jareks, Nikolai Len, the Eriksons, William Giordano, Steve Harvey, and the Foremans.

THE FORT MYERS MIRACLE—  
FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team and their third Florida State League Championship. The Miracle recovered from an early setback to defeat the Daytona Tortugas by a margin of 8–5, securing their 3–1 win in a best-of-5 game series. This win serves to confirm the excellence of the Fort Myers Miracle program compared to its Florida peers. This 2018 victory marks the team's 2nd championship win in the last 5 years.

I congratulate the Fort Myers Miracle and Manager Ramon Borrego for this thrilling victory. We look forward to the continued growth and success of this great baseball program.

HONORING JANET BAGLIERI

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to honor my constituent and ovarian cancer survivor, Janet Baglieri.

For as long as Janet can remember, she's had a sour stomach. That's why in 2010, when she experienced prolonged periods of abdominal bloating and cramping, she initially didn't think much of it and simply chalked it up to her long history of stomach sensitivity.

Eventually, after months of discomfort, she went to the doctor who referred her to a gastroenterologist for a colonoscopy. It was during this routine colonoscopy that doctors discovered Janet's ovarian cancer, and in August of that year she was diagnosed with stage 3c ovarian cancer. After undergoing surgery, doctors removed two large masses from her ovaries and performed a full hysterectomy.

During Janet's battle with ovarian cancer, she received genetic counseling and testing and discovered that she carries a BRCA2 genetic mutation. In contrast to other cancers, there is a much stronger hereditary component in ovarian cancer. Inherited genetic mutations cause roughly 20–25 percent of ovarian cancer cases compared to 5–10 percent of cancer cases overall, and BRCA1 and BRCA2 are the commonly inherited genetic mutations that cause ovarian cancer.

While genetic information is ideally applied in the context of cancer risk management and prevention, it increasingly plays a role post-diagnosis in guiding treatment options. Such is the case with Janet, who recently began taking PARP inhibitors after being diagnosed with a recurrence. PARP inhibitors are an emergent class of targeted therapies that work by blocking the growth of cancer cells and are typically taken long-term. For BRCA positive women with ovarian cancer like Janet, PARPs have proven to be a lifeline.

Today, Janet is an 8-year survivor. She has experienced the ups of remission and the downs of recurrence, all the while showcasing bravery and strength throughout her journey and never missing a beat in taking care of her family.

Sharing stories like Janet's is an important way to spread awareness not only this month, but every month. Awareness is particularly impactful when it comes to ovarian cancer because there is no effective screening tool. It is notoriously hard to diagnose and progresses quickly and aggressively, often with vague or altogether absent symptoms. As a result, most ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in the late stages, when treatment options are limited and chances for survival are diminished. Less than 50 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer live five years beyond their diagnosis.

Janet is beating the odds and serves as an inspiration to all of us. In honor of Janet and every other woman who has faced an ovarian cancer diagnosis, I support designating September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

HONORING HANA STITH

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Hana Stith. Hana was a fixture in the greater Fort Wayne area and played an integral role in unifying our community.

A truly dedicated citizen of Fort Wayne, Hana devoted her life to the service of others and to the preservation of history. As one of the first African American teachers hired by Fort Wayne Community Schools, Hana was a trailblazer. She took it upon herself to ensure a brighter future for those who would follow her. She refused to leave any child behind and took the time to give attention to students struggling with reading and math.

In addition to preparing children for the future, she worked to help ensure that her community did not forget the past. As a co-founder of the African/African American Historical Society of Allen County, she worked tirelessly to preserve the heritage of all citizens in the greater Fort Wayne community.

Her pioneering efforts with the Fair Housing Group, the Panel of American Women, and the Fort Wayne Board of Safety, reminds us all that one individual truly can make a difference in the lives of those around them. Throughout her entire life, she remained steadfast in her faith as a member of the Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, director of the Commission on Christian Education, and a longtime Sunday School instructor.

Hana Stith spent her life aiding, educating, and inspiring others. Her impact on Fort Wayne will continue to be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING HARVEY T. LEWIS  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor a great American, Mr. Harvey T. Lewis, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr. Lewis has led a life of service to his country, to his community, and to others.

Harvey T. Lewis was born on September 15, 1918 in Richmond, Virginia to Alberta Graves Lewis and John Edward Lewis. He is one of sixteen children raised by his parents. Mr. Lewis also had a twin sister, the late Evelyn Alberta Lewis. Mr. Lewis attended Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia. After his father's passing, Mr. Lewis left school to work and help support the family.

A true man of service, Mr. Lewis served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a sergeant. He went on to hold various positions in the federal government. After 28 years of government service, Mr. Lewis retired as Special Assistant to the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Commerce where he was a trusted aide.

Mr. Lewis is known for his work ethic and entrepreneurial successes. He worked as a

Pullman porter and was a member of the Brotherhood of the Sleeping Car Porters. He has owned and operated several businesses throughout his lifetime, including a neighborhood delicatessen in Prince George's County, Maryland and a cleaning service in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Lewis was a cab driver in Washington, D.C. for many years and later became a licensed limousine driver. This led to the establishment of his limousine business, Limelighter Limousine Service. For 35 years, Mr. Lewis and his team provided limousine services to clients ranging from company executives to business owners to performing artists.

In addition to his work, Mr. Lewis is a longtime civic leader. In the 1960s, he was a civil rights advocate and used his familiarity as a professional driver in Washington, D.C. to provide scores of free rides to those attending the 1963 March on Washington. Rosa Parks requested Mr. Lewis as her driver to the United States Capitol for her Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony. Mr. Lewis truly believed in the value of being involved in our democracy. He was an active volunteer on numerous local, state, and presidential campaigns spanning from John F. Kennedy to Barack Obama. In 2008, at 89 years old, Mr. Lewis was one of the oldest active campaigners for Barack Obama. Upon meeting President Obama in 2012, just days after his 94th birthday, he was still an active campaigner.

The most important thing to Mr. Lewis has always been his family. He is married to his wife of ten years, the former Linda Ivey. He has one daughter Dr. Freda C. Lewis-Hall son-in-law Dr. Emerson R. Hall, Jr. three grandchildren Erin, Justin, and Austin and two great-grandchildren Michael, II and Emerson.

Mr. Lewis has been recognized for his outstanding service throughout his lifetime however, those who know him simply refer to him as "a good man." To some, Mr. Lewis is a dedicated member of his community, to others, a hardworking businessman. To his friends and family, Harvey T. Lewis is a man of faith and a devoted family man.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Mr. Harvey T. Lewis on his 100th birthday. May God continue to bless him and his family.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOHNNY  
APPLESEED ARTS AND CULTURAL  
FESTIVAL

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Johnny Appleseed Arts and Cultural Festival in Leominster, Massachusetts on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, most of us know the story of Johnny Appleseed. I grew up hearing about his travels across the country—an American folk hero, who was said to wander barefoot while wearing a tin pot hat and carrying a sack of apples with him to help promote the growth of apple trees everywhere he went.

What many people do not know is that Johnny Appleseed's story is based on the life of a real man—John Chapman.

On September 26, 1774, John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts. Taught by his father from a young age, Chapman became an orchardist and nurseryman.

Since frontier law allowed anyone to lay claim to land through the development of a permanent homestead, Chapman traveled over 100,000 square miles. All the while, he planted apple seeds as he walked.

At the time of his death on March 11, 1845, John Chapman owned over 1,200 acres of land from Massachusetts all the way to Illinois.

Every year since 1993, thousands of people have gathered in Leominster to celebrate the life and work of John Chapman.

Through live music, and of course, apple crisp, the festival aims to inspire and educate the public about Johnny Appleseed's important ties to Central Massachusetts. And just as importantly, it offers a chance for our community to come together and celebrate our shared heritage.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the communities in Central Massachusetts, I'd like to offer a sincere "thank you" to the hardworking volunteers and organizers—who make this event such a success every year. I'd especially like to thank Leominster City Councilor Rick Marchand, who has organized the event for the last 20 years.

Johnny Appleseed is a treasured national figure that we in Central Massachusetts are proud to share. I commend the Johnny Appleseed Festival on its 25th anniversary and am proud of all they do to make this such a beloved annual event.

HONORING WARDEN NICOLE  
KOZICKI

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable MARK DESAULNIER, JERRY MCNERNEY, and ERIC SWALWELL to honor Nicole Kozicki upon her retirement as a Wildlife Officer with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Warden Kozicki was born and raised in Oakland, California and graduated from Skyline High School in 1986. Post-graduation Warden Kozicki attended the California Fish and Game Academy. She was the youngest cadet to graduate and one of only thirteen women in the Class of 1989. Shortly after graduation, Warden Kozicki was recruited by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Warden Kozicki has been steadfast in her work to protect California's wildlife over the past 29 years. She led an investigation of the illegal development practices, which threatened two endangered species. Warden Kozicki lent her expertise by testifying during the trial and the developers were fined \$1 million for destroying endangered species habitat, among other violations. Her tireless efforts have resulted in the preservation of hundreds of acres of land and millions of dollars in fines. Warden Kozicki also collaborated with the Fish and Wildlife Committee to secure over \$1 million from the Annual Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Grant to for community projects that benefit fish and wildlife in our community.

Warden Kozicki has been recognized for her incredible work on multiple occasions. In 2017, she received both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year Award and the Pogue-Elms Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, the latter being the highest honor given by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Warden Kozicki was named the Officer of the Year by Safari Club International in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, Nicole Kozicki has dedicated her career to preserving and protecting California's precious fish and wildlife. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL A.  
BASTON

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael A. Baston on his inauguration as Seventh President of Rockland Community College (RCC) in Suffern, N.Y. on September 13, 2018.

Dr. Baston began his career as a public interest lawyer, representing educational and social justice organizations and this work led him to pursue a career in academia. He joined RCC from LaGuardia Community College in Queens, part of the City University of New York, where he held several key leadership positions, including Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Provost. Known for his work in integrating student success initiatives to advance college completion through guided pathways, Dr. Baston also helped grow LaGuardia's grant funding with a special focus on diverse and underserved student populations.

During his distinguished career, Dr. Baston's work has been featured in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Atlantic, Diverse Education, Community College Times, Education Advisory Board, MSNBC, and Handbook for Student Affairs in Community Colleges. Dr. Baston was selected as a member of the inaugural class of Aspen Institute Presidential Fellows for Community College Excellence where he explored systemic issues impacting the educational access pipeline and student success.

He holds a BA from Iona College, a JD from Brooklyn Law School, and an EdD from St. John Fisher College. Named by Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine among the most Notable Education Leaders of 2017, Dr. Baston is an extraordinary man whose dedication and determination have inspired all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Baston's numerous accomplishments have left a lasting impact on the communities he has served and he has pledged to broaden the scope, reach and influence of RCC in the years ahead. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and vision of Dr. Michael Baston and to welcome him to Rockland Community College.

SUPPORTING THE REAL ID ACT  
MODIFICATION FOR FREELY AS-  
SOCIATED STATES

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN  
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the REAL ID Act Modification for Freely Associated States Act (H.R. 3998).

When Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005, no reference was made to the Freely Associated States (FAS) of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau—trusted U.S. allies and friends. Instead, in a true technical glitch, the law defined "State" to include the "Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands," a legal entity that has once included the FAS but has not existed since 1994. This anachronistic reference to the Trust Territories of the Pacific clearly demonstrates congressional intent to include FAS citizens in the law.

As a consequence of the law's wording, FAS citizens today are denied anything more than a temporary ID or driver's license valid only for one year. This makes it extraordinarily difficult for them to maintain employment and otherwise contribute meaningfully to society.

This problem must be resolved and our House Dean, Congressman DON YOUNG of Alaska and my good friend Congresswoman TULSI GABBARD of Hawaii have devised the right Bi-Partisan solution in crafting H.R. 3998.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia are some of the U.S.'s closest allies and great friends and neighbors in the Pacific to American Samoa. They vote with us consistently and reliably at the United Nations. They send their sons and daughters to fight with us, side by side, in the United States Armed Forces.

The RMI in particular, which was once my home, is also home to The Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll, which I recently visited on a CODEL, and all three nations play a key critical role in U.S. national defense and strategy in a threatening part of the world, close to North Korea and China.

Congress needs to make this technical correction and enable those from the Freely Associated States to fully contribute to the American communities in which they live. I urge my colleagues to please vote yes on final passage of H.R. 3998.

HONORING THE COUNTRY MUSIC  
ASSOCIATION ON ITS 60TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Country Music Association for its 60 years of providing unity, purpose, and leadership within the country music industry.

The Country Music Association was the first trade association formed to promote a genre of music. Since its founding in 1958, it has

grown from its original 160 members and today represents more than 7,400 industry professionals. The Country Music Association preserves the industry's rich heritage and time-honored traditions. This organization's tireless advocacy has brought the appreciation for and the excellence of country music to new heights.

Country Music is the story of America, and the Country Music Association shares this story around the world. The Country Music Association celebrates life by connecting those near and far and making global connections through the gift of music. Country music creates a place for everyone by evoking celebration and pain, joy and sorrow, love and loss.

The country music industry is as charitable as it is talented. The Country Music Association Foundation, the organization's charitable group, has invested more than \$21 million in improving and sustaining music education programs across the nation. Thanks to these efforts, students from everywhere are gaining skills and knowledge to help them succeed in all facets of their lives.

The power of country music is boundless, and the Country Music Association ensures that its genius is reaching every corner of this world and will continue to do so for generations to come.

I am honored to represent the home of the Country Music Association in Nashville, Tennessee, and am proud to recognize its 60th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN BRUNSVOLD, ANDREW DROBECK, AND BLAKE MEYERS

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during National Blood Cancer Awareness Month, to honor firefighters Benjamin Brunsvold, Andrew Drobeck, and Blake Meyers who helped the Missoula Fire Department team finish first in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb.

The 2018 Scott Firefighter Stairclimb brought together 2,000 firefighters from over 330 fire departments to compete. The stairclimb, which raised a record \$2.61 million in 2018, benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) and its efforts in the fight against different types of blood cancer.

The Scott Firefighter Stairclimb is the world's largest on-air stair climb competition. Held at the Columbia Center in Seattle, the competition features firefighters in full gear climbing 69 flights of stairs, or 788 feet.

I congratulate Brunsvold, Drobeck, and Meyers who were the three top finishers for the Missoula Fire Department, helping it claim top team honors for the seventh consecutive year. Brunsvold finished third in the individual competition; Drobeck, a six-time individual winner, placed fourth; and Meyers finished 26th.

I also commend the 77 Montana firefighters from 26 departments who took part in the 2018 challenge. With the support of their com-

munities, they raised more than \$97,500. Since 2009, Montana firefighters have raised more than \$800,000 for LLS.

While I congratulate Montana's outstanding firefighters for their performance, the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb is about raising awareness about blood cancer and raising needed resources for research and patient services.

Josh Charles, a Bozeman firefighter and a Montana Ambassador for the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb, says, "It's rewarding to know that fire departments across Montana have embraced the Scott Stairclimb, honoring the cause and the people affected by cancer who fight every day for normalcy. There's nothing better than when a patient or survivor says, 'Thanks for helping me fight leukemia.'"

Mr. Speaker, for their excellence in training and performance, service in protecting our communities, and dedication that exceeds the call of duty, I recognize Benjamin Brunsvold, Andrew Drobeck, and Blake Meyers for their spirit of Montana.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF RETIRED THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIR- CUIT COURT JUDGE HENRY LACKEY

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of retired Third Judicial District Circuit Court Judge Henry Lackey. Judge Lackey passed away on August 17, 2018, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Calhoun City, Mississippi. Judge Lackey distinguished himself in every facet of his life, devoting himself to family, the community, and to all those who placed their faith in him.

According to an obituary published in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, Judge Lackey was raised in Calhoun City. In 1952, he graduated from Calhoun City High School. Judge Lackey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at Mississippi College in 1956. Upon graduation, he operated the family business following his father's death. He also answered the call to serve in the U.S. Army when his National Guard unit was activated from 1961 until 1962.

In 1966, Judge Lackey embarked on a career that would become his path in life—public service. Following graduation from the University of Mississippi School of Law, Judge Lackey was elected to serve as the Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney. After serving a four-year term, Judge Lackey was appointed to serve as Mississippi's first public defender. In addition to operating a private law practice, Judge Lackey also served as the board attorney for the Calhoun County Supervisors. In 1993, former Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice appointed Judge Lackey to the Third Circuit Court District, serving Lafayette, Marshall, Tippah, Benton, Chickasaw, Union, and Calhoun Counties. Judge Lackey remained in office for four consecutive terms. Following his final term as a circuit court judge, he served as a senior status judge for seven years.

Judge Lackey earned the trust of his colleagues during his long and distinguished career, serving in numerous leadership roles. According to the Associated Press, Judge Lackey was a former president of the Calhoun County Bar Association and the Third Circuit Bar Association. He was a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation. In 2008, he was selected to receive the Supreme Court's Chief Justice Award. In 2009, Judge Lackey was named Mississippi College's Alumnus of the Year. He previously served as a member of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees.

Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Bill Waller, Jr. praised Judge Lackey for his unwillingness to be swayed by a bribe in an article published by The Oxford Eagle. "He was one of the most outstanding jurists in the history of the state," Justice Waller said. "His courageous acts in the bribery investigation were done without regard to his health and safety, for the preservation of the integrity of the judiciary. He is one of my heroes."

I will forever admire Judge Lackey's honesty and integrity, qualities that made him the outstanding public servant that he was. He was a man who made a true and lasting impact on the field of law and more importantly, on the lives of so many of his fellow citizens.

Judge Lackey is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Helen Rose James Lackey; and one son, Kevin Lackey.

### SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2018*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to those of my colleagues who have expressed strong support for this bill, H.R. 1911. It is imperative that the United States leads in the effort to stamp out anti-Semitism both at home and around the world. That's why we need an ambassadorial-level special envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism.

In recent years, we've witnessed a disturbing rise in attacks against Jews and Jewish communities all around the world. Americans were deeply shaken last year by the virulent anti-Semitism on display in our own country during the white-supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. I continue to be alarmed by attacks on Israel and its policies that employ rhetoric historically associated with anti-Semitism and that repeat old patterns of singling out the Jewish State in ways that mimic ancient biases. There must be no place for such rhetoric or activities in our country or anywhere that calls itself a free and democratic society.

I commend Ranking Member ENGEL of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, along with Reps. LOWEY, SCHNEIDER, DEUTCH, and VEASEY, for their hard work with the bill's Republican cosponsors to ensure bipartisan passage of this legislation. I hope it will send a strong message throughout the world that the United States will never waver in its effort to end the scourge of anti-Semitism and defend our ally Israel.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER RYAN CHAMBERLAIN

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Ryan Chamberlain on his separation from the United States Navy after 12 years of faithful service to our country. An esteemed and respected member of the U.S. Navy, Lieutenant Commander Chamberlain most recently served as a Liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, he oversaw and led many Congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and around the world. These trips helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its Sailors.

LCDR Chamberlain attended Southern Illinois University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 2006. He would later go on to earn his "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in 2008. LCDR Chamberlain deployed on both the USS *Nimitz* and USS *John C. Stennis* in support of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He has accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours and 300 carrier arrested landings in the F/A-18E Super Hornet. Prior to joining us here on the Hill, LCDR Chamberlain served as a Blue Angel from 2012 to 2016. An estimated 11 million spectators view the Navy's Flight Demonstration squadron during air shows each year. Additionally, the Blue Angels visit more than 50,000 people per show season at schools and hospitals across the country.

LCDR Chamberlain's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal—Strike Flight (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As LCDR Chamberlain embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY CIVIL  
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**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize legendary Civil War historian Edwin "Ed" Bearss. Mr. Bearss will be honored next month by the General Meade Society of Philadelphia for his contributions to Civil War history.

Ed's interest in the Civil War began at an early age. As a young man in Billings, Mon-

tana, Ed grew up listening to the stories of Civil War veterans in his home town. Following in their footsteps, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942. He would participate in the Guadalcanal and Russell Islands campaigns before suffering a near-fatal wound in the Battle of Cape Gloucester. After a two year long recovery process, Ed left Montana to pursue higher education. He received his bachelor's from Georgetown University before earning a master's degree in history from Indiana University.

After several years working for the United States Hydrographic Office, a visit to the Shiloh Battlefield inspired Ed to make a career change. Beginning in 1955 as a park historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park, he quickly gained a reputation as an engaging and theatrical battlefield guide. His research led to the 1956 discovery of the USS *Cairo*, a Union ironclad gunboat sunk during the Yazoo Pass Expedition. Ed would later be elevated to Chief Historian of the National Park Service, a position he would hold from 1981 to 1995. Following his retirement, Ed received the title of Chief Historian Emeritus.

The General Meade Society of Philadelphia is only the latest organization to recognize Ed for his work. His honors include the Harry S. Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the field of Civil War History, the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award, and the American Battlefield Trust's Lifetime Achievement Award. Most impressively, despite turning 95 in June, Ed continues to lead battlefield tours to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring Ed Bearss on receiving this important honor.

REMEMBERING THE DESEGREGA-  
TION OF STRATFORD HIGH  
SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TEN-  
NESSEE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Stratford High School and the Nashville community on the 55th anniversary of the school's desegregation. On that remarkable day, four twelve-year-old girls courageously walked into Stratford High School prepared to change history and open the doors of opportunity for all.

The lessons of Nashville's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement are still teaching us how to build a more perfect union. In a 1960 speech in Nashville, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I came to Nashville not to bring inspiration, but to gain inspiration from the great movement that has taken place in this community." Equal access to quality education, like that provided at Stratford, is vital to growing leaders who will inspire generations to come.

In 1963, just a few days after Dr. King was murdered, Bernadine Price Rabathaly, Beverly Page Ward, Brenda Harris Haywood, and Pamela Franklin walked into school and were greeted with hate. With the help, encourage-

ment, and protection of the school's Assistant Principal, Ronald Webb, the students overcame obstacles that no students should face and helped change our nation forever.

As we reflect on the past, let us remember and thank these heroic individuals for their relentless efforts in making our community a stronger place, and realize we still have a lot of work to do.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JUNE LUCILLE  
DOWELL ROUSEY

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. June Lucille Dowell Rousey who is celebrating her 90th birthday today. A resident of Casey County in the First District of Kentucky, she grew up in a household where everyone was welcome around the table and where compassion and love of family were treasured values. Mrs. Rousey spent her childhood working in the family store where she learned the value of hard work and serving others.

In March of 1947 she married Mr. Robert Rousey, a member of the U.S. Navy who would later become President of the Casey County Bank. Together they had three children—Barbara, Connie, and Barry—who brought them many joyous occasions and a lively extended family. She spent her time teaching Sunday School, serving as a 4-H leader, and a devoted homemaker and mother who viewed her home as a gathering place for all those who needed a loving presence. Mrs. Rousey also began to manage her parents' store—then Dowell's Furniture—which still operates in downtown Liberty under the supervision of her youngest son, Barry. Throughout her marriage to Robert she was a devoted and loving wife who steadfastly cared for her husband throughout his bouts of illnesses before his passing. Mrs. Rousey always enjoyed vacationing and being outdoors with her family, leading her and Robert to build a cabin at the old Rousey homeplace in Butchertown. Together they forged trails, collected and planted wildflowers, and created a family retreat which they shared with school groups, their church, and their fellow community members. This location continues to be a haven for gatherings and events where their loving legacy lives on.

Mrs. Rousey stays active as a member of the Casey County Explorers Hiking Group and continues to travel internationally and domestically with tour groups. At the age of 80, she even rode in a hot air balloon. She is an active member of the First Christian Church, maintains her garden, continues to investigate health issues and keeps up with current events. She enjoys attending family events and stays busy with the many weddings, graduations, plays, and birthdays of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rousey is a treasured member of the local community and I join with her family and friends to celebrate this milestone birthday. I hope the upcoming year is filled with family, friends, and many blessings for her.

HONORING CATHEDRAL HIGH  
SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cathedral High School in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The people of Indiana's 5th Congressional District are forever grateful for Cathedral High School's commitment to preparing all students to be successful, competent, concerned, responsible, and ethical members of society. It is a pleasure to congratulate Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana in celebration of this special occasion.

Cathedral has been an integral part of the Indianapolis community since its founding by the Indianapolis Catholic Diocese on September 13, 1918. Founded as an all boys Catholic high school, Cathedral has seen tremendous growth, from 90 students in 1918 to nearly 1,200 today. Originally on the second floor of Cathedral Grade School at 13th and Pennsylvania, the school moved in 1927 to 14th and Meridian, where it stayed for 50 years. Today the school operates under the direction of the Cathedral Trustees, Inc. as an independent private institution located at 56th Street and Emerson Way. In 1988, girls were integrated into the student body for the first time.

Today, Cathedral is a premier Catholic high school in the Holy Cross tradition. The school draws students from Marion County and nine other central Indiana counties. Before attending Cathedral, students attended approximately 130 different schools. According to its mission, Cathedral "transforms a diverse group of students spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically to have the competence to see and the courage to act." This mission is carried out both in and out of the classroom by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and coaches through various academic programs and over 120 co-curricular activities. The Fighting Irish have a long history of excellence earning over 60 state championships across all their sports teams. With a 13:1 student-teacher ratio, Cathedral has a highly personalized, faith-based approach to learning. This approach has resulted in 100 percent of graduating seniors being accepted into colleges and universities across the country. Cathedral's commitment to its students and their success was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in 1988, 2004 and again in 2016, when Cathedral earned the distinction as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence."

The school's personalized approach to education has made Cathedral home to a robust alumni network, with previous graduates numbering among some of the most accomplished business, community, government, and religious leaders in the state and country. These graduates strive to distinguish themselves as scholars, servant leaders and role models who are culturally competent, engaged in the global society, sound in mind and body and spiritually active.

It is important to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills, knowledge, and

compassion to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Cathedral give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators and parents across the nation. Congratulations on 100 years of excellence in the academic and religious education of Indiana high school students.

CELEBRATING CONGRESSMAN  
JACK EDWARDS ON HIS 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRADLEY BYRNE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate my friend and predecessor, Congressman Jack Edwards. Congressman Edwards proudly and ably served Alabama's First Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives from 1965 to 1985.

Congressman Edwards has served our country and Southwest Alabama in numerous ways over the course of his life, starting in our nation's military. After graduating from high school, Congressman Edwards enlisted in the Marine Corps and served during the Korean War.

After graduating college and law school and a short time teaching at the University of Alabama, he moved his family to the Mobile area in 1954 and opened his own law firm. Congressman Edwards quickly became an active member of the Mobile community. He served as general counsel for the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad and was active on the Mobile City Planning Commission.

He was elected to Congress in 1964 as a Republican. In Congress, he established himself as a very effective legislator, forming invaluable relationships with many of his colleagues thanks to his kind and friendly personality. Many of those relationships continue to this day.

One of his most notable accomplishments in Congress was his steadfast support for our nation's military. He used his position on the Appropriations Committee to advocate for the rebuilding and strengthening of the U.S. military. He also made transportation a top priority, and he played a key role in advancing the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project and other projects that benefited Southwest Alabama and our state as a whole.

As a sign of his success and popularity as our Congressman, Jack Edwards was re-elected nine times, and he never faced any serious opposition. He established a proud tradition of having strong constituent services in his Congressional office, and helped countless residents navigate the federal bureaucracy.

After leaving Congress, Congressman Edwards returned to Mobile and held various roles in the local community, including his work as Chairman of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and on the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee. He deserves much of the credit for helping rebuild and revitalize Mobile, and it was his efforts that paved the way for the economic success we are experiencing today.

He also served on the Board of Trustees for the University of Alabama System from 1988 to 1999. He eventually held the position of

President Pro Tempore of the board before his retirement.

Jack Edwards has long served as a mentor to me, and I value our friendship. He was the one who first sparked my interest in public service and encouraged me to get involved in improving public education in Mobile County. As Congressman, I still am fortunate to benefit from his advice and guidance. My wife, Rebecca, and I consider him and his wife, Jolene, as dear friends.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I want to wish Congressman Edwards a very happy birthday. I look forward to celebrating many more in the years ahead.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 2497, the Ileana Ros-Lehtinen United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018, introduced by two of my fellow Floridians, the Chair and Co-Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, Reps. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN (R-FL) and TED DEUTCH (D-FL).

This legislation takes a number of steps to reaffirm American commitment to Israel, one of our nation's closest allies and partners in security. Two years ago, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 729, affirming Israel's status as a major strategic partner of the United States, reaffirming our policy of ensuring Israel Qualitative Military Edge (QME), and calling for the expeditious finalization of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our governments. A new MOU was signed soon after, providing Israel with \$3.3 billion in Foreign Military Financing (FMF) grant assistance every year for the next decade. While I personally hoped that this figure would reach \$4 billion annually, the new MOU nevertheless reflected our commitment to Israel's security and our numerous cooperative programs in missile defense, cyber-defense, and aerospace.

The legislation we are debating today codifies this MOU into law, ensuring that it is the policy of the United States to provide assistance to the Government of Israel in order to support funding for cooperative programs to develop, produce, and procure missile and other defense capabilities to help Israel meet its security needs, and to help develop and enhance the defense capabilities of the United States. This legislation expands Israel's access to precision guided munitions for self-defense in the event of a sustained armed confrontation with armed groups such as Hezbollah or the terrorist organization Hamas. S. 2497 extends stockpile authority for war reserves in Israel, extends American loan guarantees, modifies the procedures for rapid acquisition and deployment of defense supplies, and takes important steps to improve upon Israel's QME, including new assessments of Israel's ability to effectively defend itself

against military threats from regional non-state actors, risks posed by the unauthorized transfer or proliferation of equipment for use against Israel, and risks posed by unmanned vehicles and systems through air, land or water, and cyber and other asymmetric entities.

This bill goes even further, enhancing cooperation between our countries by establishing new partnerships for cybersecurity research and development and commercialization of cybersecurity technology and ensuring the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) continues to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and science initiatives in areas of mutual interest. Finally, this bill grants the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) authority to enter into a MOU with Israel in order to advance common goals on energy, agriculture and food security, democracy, human rights and governance, economic growth and trade, education, environment, global health and water sanitation, with a focus on strengthening mutual ties and cooperation with nations throughout the world.

For more than half a century, the United States and Israel have shared the common bond of democracy. This bond remains as strong today as it was when President Harry Truman first recognized the creation of a Jewish State in 1948, and we must continue to strengthen it whenever possible, including engaging the region and commit to finding a fair solution that enables both Israel and her neighbors to live in security and prosperity. I urge support for this legislation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 12, I remained in North Carolina to assist with hurricane preparedness efforts. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

#### RECOGNIZING THE TRANSIENT REACTOR TEST FACILITY RESTART

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and JAMES RISCH, I rise today to call attention to an important event taking place today at the U.S. Department of Energy's, DOE, 890-square mile site in Idaho. Today, Idaho National Laboratory, INL, personnel ran the first experiments in the Transient Reactor Test, TREAT, facility in nearly a quarter century.

Idaho National Laboratory is our nation's lead nuclear energy research, development and demonstration laboratory, the place where 52 original nuclear reactors were constructed and demonstrated. One of those reactors was

the TREAT facility, which operated from 1959 to 1994, and remained fully fueled while on standby status. Transient testing focuses upon testing nuclear fuel under accident conditions. TREAT is one of the most capable and flexible transient test reactors in the world.

Following the accident at the Fukushima-Daiichi Power Plant in Japan seven years ago, Congress directed the DOE to develop reactor fuels that could better withstand accident conditions. During TREAT's 35 operating years, the reactor performed 6,604 reactor startups and 2,884 transient irradiations. Given this history, it made more sense to restart the facility than build a new reactor. That decision paid off when, on Aug. 31, 2017, the Resumption of Transient Testing Program was completed more than one year ahead of schedule and approximately \$17 million under budget.

This highly successful restart at the TREAT facility was recognized in August, when a joint DOE-INL team won the Secretary of Energy Award. This award recognizes DOE employees or contractors who accomplish significant achievements. It is the highest non-monetary internal recognition that can be achieved at the DOE. U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry highlighted the TREAT restart team's effort and efficiency, and recognized the importance of the facility to nuclear energy scientists and engineers as they work to develop advanced nuclear fuels and reactor technologies.

Congratulations, INL and DOE, on the TREAT restart and for bringing back online an important national asset in the effort to develop the advanced nuclear reactors so vital to our economy, environment and national security.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RETIRED UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS GUNNERY SERGEANT (GYSGT) WILLIAM VERNON "BUSTER" PORTER, JR.

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of retired United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt) William Vernon "Buster" Porter, Jr., who passed away on September 3, 2018. Mr. Porter was devoted to the service of our nation and equally devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Porter was born in Corinth, Mississippi, on November 13, 1949, to William and Jessie Porter. He graduated from Easom High School in 1968 and joined the United States Marine Corps with four of his closest friends. Nebraska Porter, Mr. Porter's devoted wife of 36 years, recently said that her husband served in the Vietnam War from December 1968 until January 1970. Injuries he sustained while helping his fellow Marines earned him the Purple Heart. In addition to his combat duty, he served in a number of roles during his military service, including drill instructor, recruiter, and a AV-8B Harrier technician.

In 1982, Mr. Porter was serving as a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter in Toledo, Ohio, when he met his future wife. Mrs. Porter said that she entered the recruiting station to enlist in the U.S. Navy. "I planned to serve in the U.S. Navy," Mrs. Porter said. "I accidentally ran

into William in the hallway and we began talking. Being the consummate recruiter, he wanted me to join the U.S. Marine Corps. We eventually decided to get married instead!" Mrs. Porter said her husband became her soulmate. "He was my best friend and we thought alike. William was a good person and everyone he met was positively impacted by him. He never met a stranger. The neighborhood kids would ask if he could come out to play and he would gladly and enthusiastically share his knowledge and skills. Whatever he decided to do, he did and did well. William was also civically active in every community he lived. He was also an active and lifelong member of the American Legion," said Mrs. Porter.

According to Mr. Porter's obituary published in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, he was described by friends and family as a jack of all trades and master of all. He was an entrepreneur who pursued photography, real estate, and automobile sales. Mr. Porter also served as a Yuma County Deputy Sheriff in Arizona. It was during that time that Mrs. Porter served as a defense attorney while her husband was a jailor. "Eventually, people figured out we were married," Mr. Porter said. "Inmates would say my husband puts them in jail and I get them out."

In 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Porter moved to Mississippi. They lived in Corinth, West Point, and Tupelo. During those years, they enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren in a loving and fun atmosphere. Mr. Porter was known to be mischievous and enjoyed playing tricks on friends and family. Dewayne Porter, Mr. Porter's nephew, said everyone loved his sense of humor. Dewayne most admired Mr. Porter for his military service. "I joined the military because of him," Dewayne said. "He offered me advice and encouraged me to enlist. It was the best thing that I ever did."

Frederick Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Porter's youngest child, said his father was always there for him. "He was a great man," Frederick said. "He was always there for me. He was a great father. He was also a wonderful grandfather to all of his grandchildren. He made everyone feel special. Even those who met him for the first time walked away with a great impression of this kind and thoughtful man."

Family and friends gathered for Mr. Porter's memorial service at the Grayson-Porter's Mortuary on Thursday, September 6, 2018. During the service, Frederick read aloud a poem he wrote titled, "Chose To."

He didn't have to raise me, but he chose to. He didn't have to give me life, but he chose to show me how to live.

He could've treated me like a stepson, but chose to treat me like his own son.

He didn't have to teach me anything, but he chose to be my greatest teacher.

He didn't have to love me, but he chose to show me how to love.

He didn't have to be my father, but he chose to be the greatest father in the world.

I'll never forget this decision he decided to make, for he made me into the man I am today.

Because of that, I chose to love you with all my heart and soul.

I chose to live my life in the path he has guided me.

Thank you, God, for choosing this man to be my father.

I love you, Dad.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife, Nebra Porter; three children, Shawnda "Chrissy" Wyland, Damon Evans, and Frederick Porter; one sister, Doris Curry; one brother, Jerry Porter; and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Porter will be remembered for his distinguished service to America and for always setting a good example for others to follow. He was a true patriot and embodied what it means to be a proud American.

PARITY FOR U.S. TERRITORIES  
UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN ACT

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the Violence Against Women Act, signed by President Clinton 24 years ago today, is a landmark federal law that provides critical support to women and children who face domestic violence and assault nationwide.

However, Congress must do more to protect victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, especially in the territories.

The Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program, authorized under VAWA, provides funding to support rape crisis centers and assist individuals who have been sexually assaulted.

While each State, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia receive 1.5 percent of total funding under current law, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands receive just 0.25 percent each.

This disparity is unacceptable, especially considering Guam has one of the highest rates of rape per capita in the United States.

That is why today, I am introducing legislation to double the minimum amount of Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program funding made available to the territories under VAWA.

My bill builds upon the work of my colleague, Congressman SABLAN (D-MP), who introduced similar legislation (H.R. 840) during the 113th Congress.

This additional funding will provide critical federal resources for community programs that provide direct intervention services in cases of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, and abuse.

As Congress looks to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, I urge my colleagues to include my bill to provide greater parity for American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We must strengthen current laws to ensure that all women across the United States feel safe and secure, including women and children of the territories.

I stand ready to support that effort in any way that I can.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote numbers 394,

395, and 396 on September 12, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote number 394, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call vote number 395, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call vote number 396, I would have voted "yes."

SPECIAL ENVOY TO MONITOR AND  
COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM ACT OF  
2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1911, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2018. This important legislation would elevate the position of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism to the rank of Ambassador, reporting directly to the Secretary of State; as the primary advisor and coordinator for U.S. government efforts to monitor and combat Anti-Semitism and Anti-Semitic incitement in foreign countries. Many notable groups support this initiative, including the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, and The Jewish Federations of North America, and I am proud to stand with them to ensure that the United States continues to play a leading role in combatting Anti-Semitism across the globe.

Those of us who have served on the U.S. Helsinki Commission have taken efforts to combat anti-Semitism at the international level. As Ranking Democratic Member of the United States Helsinki Commission, I have long worked with representatives of governments throughout Europe to highlight the resurgence of Anti-Semitism and elevate efforts to push back against this despicable resurgence through education, outreach, and improved security. Mr. SMITH, Mr. HOYER, Senator CARDIN and I have all chaired the Helsinki Commission, and together, we have worked with several other Members of both the House and Senate, as well as with parliamentarians particularly from Germany and Canada, to have the Parliamentary Assembly of the 57-country OSCE condemn the escalation of anti-Semitic violence in Europe.

We first did this at the Assembly's 2002 annual session in Berlin, Germany, and have kept it on the agenda there ever since, suggesting measures to counter anti-Semitic statements and acts of violence alike. I pushed it strongly while serving as President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly from 2004 to 2006, and then as chairman of the Commission from 2007 to 2008. We succeeded in getting OSCE institutions, officials and diplomatic representatives to incorporate efforts to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance into their ongoing work. I know Mr. Smith continues to raise the issue in the Assembly as the current co-chair of the Helsinki Commission, and Senator CARDIN serves as the Assembly's Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance.

Ensuring that our country continues to lead in the fight against Anti-Semitism is a priority

that we should all embrace. I fully support this measure and urge my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING MR. GEORGE WAYNE  
DANIEL, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend, Mr. George Wayne Daniel, Sr.

Mr. Daniel was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 10, 1948, but was raised in Bolton, Mississippi by his grandparents, Melvin and Fannie Moore. He attended Tougaloo College earning a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Jackson State University.

He served as an academic counselor for over twenty years at Jackson State before taking on the roles of Police Chief of the Bolton Police Department and City Manager.

I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Daniel for many years. We were childhood friends, high school and college classmates, and neighbors.

From Hinds AHS, Tougaloo College, and Jackson State University, we have been with each other every step of the way. He was truly a dear friend who left an everlasting impression on my life. Mr. Daniel passed on September 10, 2018, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

He is survived by his son, George Wayne Daniel, Jr., his grandson, George Austin Daniel, and his sister, Diane Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and memory of my dear friend, Mr. George Wayne Daniel, Sr.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
SHERIFF BUDDY EAST

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizen and public servants, Sheriff Buddy East. Sheriff East, a native of Lafayette County Mississippi, passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Sheriff East was the longest serving county sheriff in Mississippi history. He faithfully served as Lafayette County Sheriff for 46 years. Under his leadership he saw the growth and development of his department and his community, striving to make it the best it could be every day. Buddy's humble heart and willingness to help anyone in need touched the lives of all he encountered.

Former Oktibbeha County Sheriff Dolph Bryan said, "Buddy East was such a nice easy-going man. If you needed something picked up or if you needed some help you called Buddy, and Buddy would be glad to do it for you."

Sheriff East's leadership and love for his community was recognized in 1991 by being named Oxford Citizen of the Year. For some sheriffs, their leadership stops where their

county line ends but, this was not true for Sheriff East. Buddy served two terms as the president of the Mississippi Sheriff's Association from 1989 to 1990 and 1999 to 2000 helping lead the direction of every county in our great state.

Throughout Sheriff East's long career, he was recognized for many awards, titles, and medals. Among these awards, Buddy was most honored by receiving the Silver Star for Bravery from the American Law Enforcement Association. Most recently, in 2015, Buddy was honored by the Lafayette County Law Enforcement and Officers Association with the Medal of Valor and unselfishness in the Face of Danger.

Buddy's love for his community was surpassed by only one thing, his love for his family. Even during his busiest times, Buddy was ever present in the life of his grandchildren attending all their school and sports events. Buddy was especially proud of his time as a little league baseball coach.

Before passing away, Sheriff East expressed his gratitude to the community of Lafayette County for allowing him to serve the people he loved. Sheriff Buddy East's presence will be missed by all.

Sheriff East is survived by his wife, Mary Hall East of Oxford; five children, Melissa Westbrook and her husband, Billy, Joey East and his wife, Kimberly, Shannon Lomax and her husband, Max, Steve Lewis and his wife, Melanie, all of Oxford and Scott Lewis and his wife, Brandi of Dallas, TX; a sister, Nona Tutor of Oxford and thirteen grandchildren.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call votes 394, 395 on September 12, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote last night due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 394; yea on Roll Call No. 395; and yea on Roll Call No. 396.

#### HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN OREGON

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the eight World War II veterans and sev-

enteen Korean War veterans from Oregon who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall on Saturday, September 15th, 2018, through Honor Flight of Southern Oregon. Every time I have the chance to meet one of these heroes, I am reminded of the poignant words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a message to Allied troops just before D-Day, he said, "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

He was right then, of course, Mr. Speaker. But over seventy years later, liberty-loving people everywhere continue to owe these heroes for their extraordinary service and their incredible stories of sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country. That's why it is my privilege to include their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Ashmead, Navy; Al Axtell, Army Air Force; Joseph Bieber, Marine Corps; Dean Bosche, Air Force; Kenneth Brookhart, Navy; Joseph Browell, Navy; Al Carter, Army; Jack Cox, Navy and Army National Guard; Dale Dexter, Air Force and Marine Corps; Ron Duke, Army; William Evans Jr., Marine Corps; John Garbini, Army Air Force; Neil Haga, Army; Dale Heath, Navy; Charles Hewitt, Navy; Leonard Leach, Navy; Edwin McCurry, Army Air Force; Edward Parkes, Navy; Ruth Parks, Navy; Jack Rentz, Navy; William Staunton, Navy; Gerhard Tank, Navy; Dale Templeman, Navy; Fred Warren, Marine Corps; and Whitney Woodburn Jr., Navy.

These twenty-five heroes join over 200,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the twelve guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Michael Boehme, Navy; Melissa Candy, Army National Guard; Mark Collier, Navy and Coast Guard; Robert Fleischman, Navy; David Haines, Navy and Air Force; Terry Haines, Navy; Charles Hanger, Army; Evan Hanson, Air Force; Ron Kohl, Army Air Force; Pete Pringle, Navy; Charles Sharpes, Army; and Tanya Wilson, Navy.

Mr. Speaker, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause." Each of us in this chamber and in this nation should be humbled by the courage of these brave veterans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Southern Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SCOTT TAYLOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Florence I will miss the votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 394; YEA on Roll Call No. 395; and YEA on Roll Call No. 396.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DOCTOR JOHN ALEXANDER

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Doctor John Gilbert Alexander. Doctor Alexander, a native of Union, Mississippi, passed away on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the age of 90.

John Gilbert Alexander graduated from Union High School in 1946. He continued his education at Millsaps College where received his Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1954, he went to Tulane University where he received his Doctor of Medicine. This was the start of Dr. Alexander's great life of service.

Shortly after graduating from Tulane, Dr. Alexander joined the United States Air Force where he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina as a Captain. After completing his three years of service from 1955-1958, Dr. Alexander returned to Union where he began his long partnership with Laird Hospital/Family Medical Group. Of his 60 years of practicing medicine, one date that stands out in particular is March 1st, 1966, at Laird Hospital in Union where Dr. Alexander was helping my mother, Barbara Kelly, deliver me.

Dr. Alexander not only served his patients but also served as a member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Practice, Mississippi Medical Association, and Southern Medical Association. He was also selected as "Physician of the Year" in 1997 by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Family Practice Association.

In 2006, Dr. Alexander helped establish the J.G. Alexander Nursing Home. The nursing home, located in Union, has 60 beds and accepts Medicare and Medicaid patients. In 2008, Dr. Alexander retired from his clinic duties but, remained active on the Laird Hospital staff as Senior Medical Advisor.

His career as a doctor is not the only factor that defined him. Dr. Alexander loved his community and was extremely active in it. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Union where he served as an Elder and a Clerk. He also served as a member of the Union Lion's Club, Union Chamber of Commerce, and the Union School Board. In 2005, the Union Chamber of Commerce named Dr. Alexander as "Citizen of the Year." The Union Chamber of commerce went on to present him with the "Lifetime Achievement Recipient Award" in 2014.

Dr. Alexander's life was on of service, gratitude, love for his family, and community. He will be dearly missed by all he encountered.

Dr. Alexander is survived by his four children Karen, David, Ross and Mike, his seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN WRIGHT

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and long-time friend, Calvin Wright, who has dedicated his life to our nation through activism, civic endeavors and military service. Mr. Wright is being honored on September 20th for his more than 50 years of public service to Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and the nation.

As a high school student, Mr. Wright was among the hundreds of protestors in the "Orangeburg Movement" who were arrested and jailed for civil disobedience. Mr. Wright continued his activism as Vice President of the State NAACP Youth Conference. His experiences with seasoned leaders of the Movement undergirded his activism and reinforced his commitment to social justice.

Mr. Wright was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, just after his graduation from Wilkinson High School. He earned the rank of Sergeant in less than 10 months and was deployed to Vietnam in 1968. Mr. Wright resolutely discharged his duties and was awarded a Certificate of Military Combat by the 18th Military Police Brigade, 93rd Military Police Company for outstanding service in Vietnam.

Once back in Orangeburg, Mr. Wright challenged the lack of opportunity facing his fellow African Americans, veterans, the poor, and disenfranchised. He became a foot soldier in President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." Mr. Wright served on the Board of Directors for the Orangeburg Area Committee for Economic Progress (Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg [OCAB] Community Action Agency, Inc.)—the local Community Action Program. Mr. Wright resigned his seat in 1977 to become Deputy Director of the Agency. He became the agency's Executive Director in 1983.

Along with the block grant programs that are the core of OCAB, the agency has a long-running HIV Prevention Peer Education Project, a Non-Traditional Occupational Training for Women, and an employment opportunity program for mothers receiving public assistance. Mr. Wright created the OCAB Community Development Association which constructed the Ujima Village Apartments for low income elderly and disabled residents. He also directed the construction of new Head Start Centers in Allendale, Bamberg, and Orangeburg.

Mr. Wright's years of service have touched many lives. All his experiences as an advocate and soldier have enabled him to effectively serve his community. He has been a leader for civil rights, community service and humanitarianism and has received numerous honors and awards for these efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing this barrier-breaking public servant, and to wish him Godspeed and continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB ANDREWS

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mayor Bob Andrews, who has served the City of Newberg, Oregon with distinction and dedication for the past 12 years.

The first time I met Mayor Andrews was shortly before I was elected to Congress. He told me he wanted to build and sustain a positive working relationship; and we did just that. For the past six and a half years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mayor Andrews—a steady, forward-thinking, principled pragmatist with an unsurpassed commitment to Newberg and its residents.

When Phase I of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass opened earlier this year, it culminated a decades-long progression of vision and advocacy to make Newberg and Dundee more livable communities for residents who were constantly stuck in gridlock and congestion. The project was painstaking at times with numerous setbacks, but Mayor Andrews and his dogged determination never wavered. For a decade, with steadfast devotion, Bob attended nearly every meeting and hearing—including those in Salem and the occasional trip to Washington, D.C.—to advocate for resources and support. Although a handful of people pushed this project over the finish line, Mayor Andrews is first among equals.

That same level of persistence and commitment also characterized Mayor Andrews' support for Special Olympics Oregon, which held its Summer State Games in Newberg for six years. He worked to make sure that the city rolled out the red carpet, and he was a champion for the athletes and their families. In addition, Mayor Andrews served on a number of nonprofit boards and helped orchestrate a faith-based emergency preparedness plan to help the city prepare for a Cascadia earthquake. For his achievements, the Oregon Mayors Association awarded him with the 2018 Mayors Leadership Award—the highest honor among his peers.

Newberg is a better place because of the selfless service of Mayor Andrews. His commitment to the people of Newberg is unparalleled, and his goals as a public official always transcended himself—qualities all leaders should aspire to. In a time of deep cynicism and political division, Bob embodies the true meaning of 'Civil servant.'

I am honored to have worked alongside Mayor Bob Andrews and consider him both a fantastic mayor and a friend. I wish him the very best in his second retirement, and hope he enjoys some well-deserved time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION****HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly voted yes, when I meant to vote no on roll No. 387, H.R. 6691—Community Safety and Security Act of 2018.

HONORING COOPER LEE SHAW

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cooper Shaw. Cooper is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cooper has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cooper has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cooper has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Cooper has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cooper planned and led a team of Scouts and Scouters stenciling over 100 storm drains for the City of Lee's Summit to reduce flooding and pollution in their local lakes and streams.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cooper Shaw for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**RECOGNIZING STEVE MCCLURE****HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 13, 2018*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Steve McClure for his many years of service to Union County. Steve dedicated 28 years of his life to faithfully serving Union County, and he spent two years serving our great nation in the Vietnam War. I'd like to pay tribute to Steve's dedication to Union County and his leadership for eastern Oregon.

Steve was born in Elgin, Oregon, and graduated from Elgin High School in 1964. In 1968, Steve was drafted into the Army and served his country in Vietnam, where he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following his time in Vietnam, Steve was in the service as both an active reserve and an inactive reserve until 1974. Throughout his life, Steve has always shown a willingness to sacrifice for the betterment of other people.

Steve moved to Florida, where he started his family. His daughter Jennifer was born in 1973, and has now decided to follow in her father's footsteps of public service by serving as the Mayor of Weston, Oregon. His son Michael was born in 1976 and is now a computer programmer. The family lived in Florida until 1978 when they moved back to Oregon, and Steve worked on the family farm.

In 1990, Steve was appointed to the Union County Board of Commissioners, and was first elected to the role in November of that same year. He has gone on to serve six four-year terms for a total of 28 years. During that time, Steve's commitment and loyalty to Union County and his friends across eastern Oregon has earned him the deep respect of his colleagues. Many people, including myself, have

relied upon Steve's thorough knowledge of forestry and natural resource issues. In fact, Senator Bill Hansell remembers deferring to Steve on forestry issues when Hansell was a Umatilla County Commissioner, saying "if Steve was for it, that's all we needed to know."

Steve has a knack for public policy and is famous for his ability to get things to move forward. Both skills have been assets towards helping him effectively serve Union County and the region for many years. Understanding the challenges that we face in rural Oregon and how hard it can be for us to compete with metropolitan parts of our state, Steve took ac-

tion. He rallied his colleagues, and maybe even twisted a few arms, to form the Eastern Oregon Counties Association to pool the resources of rural counties on common issues like improving the management of our public lands.

Steve has shown tenacity, strength, and true leadership. Steve has always said that "democracy means you always get your say, it doesn't mean you always get your way." Steve has always lived by those words, and has been willing to listen to anyone. Steve has always displayed dignity, integrity, and responsiveness. Union County and Eastern Oregon were lucky to have him as a public servant.

Steve now has eight grandchildren, and three great-grandkids. As he retires from public service, he plans to continue serving in the capacity of a father, grandfather, and great grandfather. I am confident that Steve will impart his wisdom and knowledge onto future generations of his family so they may carry it forward.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and thanking Steve for his many years of leadership in Union County. I wish him and his family all the best in his retirement.