

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IUU FISHING ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Human Trafficking and IUU Fishing Act. I thank my colleagues, Congressman GRIJALVA (D-AZ) and Congresswomen RADEWAGEN (R-AS) and BONAMICI (D-OR), for their support as original cosponsors.

Increasingly, we are seeing foreign fishing fleets forcing vulnerable people—migrant workers taken or smuggled out of their home countries and coerced into taking illegal narcotics as stimulants—to fish around the clock without rest, out of fear for their very lives.

Human trafficking and forced labor in the global seafood industry is, very simply, a form of modern slavery.

The United Nations' International Labor Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the International Organization for Migration all recognize human trafficking, forced labor, and related transnational organized crime in the seafood industry to be pressing global problems.

In June 2018, the U.S. State Department's Trafficking in Persons Report identified more than 40 countries with substantial human trafficking and forced labor across their seafood industries and supply chains.

This is especially true in southeast Asia and the south Pacific, where IUU fishing dominates much of the seafood industry.

Right now, trafficked persons who were forced into the IUU fishing industry remain marooned on sparse islands in the South China Sea, waiting to be rescued.

Seafood products harvested with slave labor are largely untraceable and could end up in our grocery store aisles, on the menu at our restaurants, or on our family dinner tables.

Last year, the United States imported some \$21.5 billion in seafood products from abroad.

Congress and the Executive Branch have a responsibility to ensure that the United States does not import any seafood associated with human trafficking, forced labor, or other human rights abuses.

To address this problem, our Human Trafficking and IUU Fishing Act would add the Secretary of Commerce (NOAA Fisheries) to the President's existing Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, chaired by the Secretary of State.

Human trafficking and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing rank among the top global crimes.

These criminal activities generate billions in illicit profits each year for transnational criminal organizations and other groups responsible for human rights abuses.

Since 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has detained 15 shipments of seafood processed illegally in mainland China by North Korean workers under forced labor.

With poor traceability and a lack of accountability in the global seafood supply chain, we simply do not know where our seafood products come from or the conditions under which they are harvested and processed.

We must ensure that American fishermen are never expected to compete against foreign seafood imports harvested with slave labor.

Our bipartisan bill builds upon the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-386), sponsored by Congressman SMITH (R-NJ) from New Jersey.

I urge all my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring the Human Trafficking and IUU Fishing Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 397, 398, and 399 on September 13, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 397, I would have voted NO; on roll call vote number 398, I would have voted YES; and on roll call vote number 399, I would have voted YES.

RECOGNIZING MIKE ANDREW LEPRINO

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mike Andrew Leprino. Mike passed away on August 30th, and leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, and community service. He truly lived the American dream. His loss will be greatly felt in our community, as well as across Colorado, California, and the United States.

Mike was the son of Italian immigrants who came to the United States in 1914. Eventually settling in Colorado, the Leprino's opened a small Italian grocery store in 1950 where they sold a variety of cheeses, in the style of their native Italy. While chain grocery stores competition caused their small business to close, the Leprino's did not despair, instead they came up with a new way to thrive by entering the newly booming market of cheese for pizzas. Soon their new company, Leprino Foods, began to grow exponentially.

Mike was a pillar in the Denver community. A banker, developer and community servant. Some of the greatest treasures and neighborhoods in our state were built and funded by Mike. He gave back relentlessly to his state and country, something that he also instilled in each of his children.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better example of the American dream, than that of Mike,

and his parent's before him. They always remained optimists and Mike is someone who from humble beginnings built an enviable legacy in our state. We can all take a lesson in hard work, determination, and the entrepreneurial spirit from Mike Leprino. He is preceded in death by his wife Joan, son Michael, sister Ange Testa, and brother Lou. Mike is survived by his wife Suzy, daughters; Laurie Leprino, Nancy Leprino, and Mary Leprino. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, sister Marie Videtto and brother Jim Leprino. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Mike and his indomitable optimism and spirit will miss him.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF MARTINSBURG, INDIANA

HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bicentennial of Martinsburg, Indiana.

Martinsburg was founded in the wilderness of southern Indiana less than two years after the Hoosier State joined the union. Over the course of 200 years, the inevitable forces of time and nature have changed Martinsburg, but fortunately much remains the same.

Martinsburg is still a town that prides itself on being a friendly place to grow up and a good place to raise a family. It is still a town that knows that small-town values of decency, hospitality, and hard work are worth protecting.

It is a town that remembers and treasures its heritage. Members of the namesake Martin family still live, work, and worship here. In fact, since 1859, residents have been able to shop or just visit at Billy Martin's Store. Today, they boast that they are the oldest operating store to be passed down from father to son in the entire state of Indiana.

It is a town that understands that when disaster strikes, the only way to rebuild is to rebuild together. Many of the homes and storefronts look different today than in the old pictures because while the tornado may have destroyed homes, it did not destroy this community.

Martinsburg is not just part of the fabric of our Hoosier history, but also our American history. Each year, millions of visitors to the Smithsonian have the opportunity to see the orange school bus that carried rural children to school in Martinsburg during the 1930s and '40s.

Much has changed, but the spirit and values that have made this community great for two centuries have not. Martinsburg is truly a magnificent addition to Washington County and the state of Indiana. I am honored to represent this town and its people on the 200th anniversary of their founding. Here's to the next 200 years of friendship, fellowship, and community in Martinsburg, Indiana.

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HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Everson Museum of Art's 50th anniversary. Everson has long been the premier art museum in Central New York, helping drive the regional economy and contributing to the identity of our community. Located at 401 Harrison Street in downtown Syracuse, the building is considered a leading example 1960s architecture.

Everson traces its roots back to 1897, when art historian George Fisk Comfort established the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts. The museum grew rapidly and was constantly changing its location to house an extensive collection. It was not until 1968 that a permanent museum was built, made possible through a generous donation by Helen Everson. In honor of Mrs. Everson's gift, the new art collection was renamed Everson Museum of Art.

The museum is home to nearly 11,000 pieces of art, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and videos. Notable works are portraits of George Washington, Edward Hick's *The Peaceable Kingdom* and several Marja Vallila sculptures. Additionally, Everson holds the distinction of displaying one of the first video art collections in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Everson Museum of Art's 50th anniversary. Under the excellent leadership of Director Elizabeth Dunbar, it is my hope the museum continue to thrive for many years to come. Furthermore, I encourage my colleagues in the House to applaud all talented artists and their contributions to communities around the country.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FREDERICK GROVER, M.D.

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the contributions of a remarkable Coloradan, Frederick Grover, M.D., who on September 20th will retire after nearly 50 years of exemplary professional, military and community service.

Dr. Grover has been a powerful force in our community; he has had an extraordinary career as a cardiothoracic surgeon at our pre-eminent medical institutions and is a recognized national leader in his field.

Dr. Grover is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine. He completed his residency training at Duke and the University of Colorado. After two years of service in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, he spent 19 years at University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He then became the head of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Chief of Surgical Services at the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver.

His impact will be felt for decades through his active participation in the training and mentoring of more than 50 thoracic surgery residents, his clinical work in the areas of acquired adult cardiac surgery and lung and heart transplantation and his dedication to international medical missions.

Dr. Grover's legacy includes a new chair, with its first appointee serving this year, at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine: The Fred and Carol Grover Endowed Chair in Surgery.

Dr. Grover served as President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (SOTS) from 2006 to 2007 and has worked closely with my office and the entire Colorado congressional delegation over many years to impact federal health care legislation.

As a fellow congregant at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, I have seen Dr. Grover's commitment to his community and to improving people's health on a global scale. He has been on Montview's Global Mission Committee since 2003 and has led numerous medical missions to Nepal, improving health care facilities and performing life-saving surgeries.

He is also very much a family man, devoted to especially to his grandchildren—who range in age from grade school to college. He has made a point of bringing each of them, when very young, to Washington DC so they could experience our nation's capital. I have been proud to host them in Congress, even on the House floor itself.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor my friend Fred Grover for his dedication to patients, his compassion and his significant participation in the civic life of Colorado. It is an honor to celebrate his service.

CELEBRATING THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Borough of Wanaque located in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

The original occupants of Passaic County were the Lenape Indians, who were attracted to the land for its diverse natural resources and abundance of freshwater sources, which they utilized for fishing, hunting, and navigation. Wanaque is the name given to the valley by the Lenape and has been translated as "valley of sassafras." In 1697, Dutch settlers began to settle within the region and included such families as the Beams, Sloats, Van Dines, Vreelands, Van Wagoners, Ryersons, and many others. Like the Native Americans, they were drawn to the region for its natural resources, and they established settlements along the Passaic River, which was navigable to Manhattan and was used as a trade route until the incorporation of the Erie Railroad in 1836. The growth of industry in Passaic County was directly connected to the presence of its rich natural resources. The activities of the early Dutch settlers centered on farming. Sheep were also raised and their wool was

spun and woven into cloth. Timber was cut from the surrounding forest and hauled to newly constructed sawmills and gristmills to be made into lumber for houses.

The Boroughs of Wanaque and Ringwood were originally part of Pompton Township, a since defunct township. Pompton Township was originally formed in 1797, from portions of Saddle River Township and Franklin Township in Bergen County, and incorporated on February 21, 1798. When Passaic County was formed in 1837 it included Pompton Township. The borough of Pompton Lakes was formed in 1895 and was the first municipality to split from the township. The township was divided on February 23, 1918, into the three boroughs of Bloomingdale, Ringwood, and Wanaque, with the remaining portion passing to Pompton Lakes. This ultimately ended the existence of Pompton Township.

The early settlements in the Wanaque Valley were induced by the presence of rich mines of iron ore discovered in the early part of the 18th Century. For this reason, Ringwood has been referred to as the birthplace of the American iron industry. Cornelius Board, a Welsh miner who entered the Wanaque Valley in 1737, may have been the first to mine ore in the area. In 1740, he built a forge along the Ringwood River (the present-day Wanaque River), which marked the beginning of the Ringwood Iron Works. Later that year the Ogden family bought property from Board, built their first iron furnace, and established the Ringwood Company. The forests provided wood for the manufacture of charcoal, which was in turn sold to the iron mines.

After 1763, a dozen highly productive mines were opened in the area, and many forges and furnaces were located throughout the Wanaque Valley. Peter Hasenclever acquired the property for the London Company and made improvements to enlarge the ironworks. He added needed acreage around Ringwood and Long Pond and constructed a dam on Tuxedo Pond to provide waterpower. Hasenclever established Ringwood Manor as an iron plantation and imported over 500 mine workers from Germany and Britain. After a series of changing property owners, the iron mines were expanded during the mid-19th Century. However, the iron industry in Ringwood did not continue for very long; by 1880, the iron ore from the region was being replaced by ores from the Mesabi Range in Minnesota. The growing railroad network across the country enabled the transport of ores from elsewhere in the country, and the market for locally available ores diminished. By 1893 iron production at Ringwood ceased, and the facility closed its doors.

In the late 1800s, the Wanaque Valley had turned further toward industrialization, and before the century's close, four blacksmith shops, a feed mill, a grist mill, a tannery, and a bobbin factory were located there. A paper industry was established in Borough of Wanaque, and the grist mill, which stood near the present location of the Wanaque Dam, became the Wanaque River Paper Company in 1892. The paper mill was owned by local resident Robert D. Carter who employed many of the area's residents. In the 1920s the Wanaque River Paper Company was lost to the impending construction of the Wanaque Reservoir.

Another major industry in the Wanaque Valley prior to the reservoir's construction was the

production of gunpowder. The American Smokeless Powder Works was established in the Borough of Wanaque in 1894 through 1895 with Laffin and Rand Powder taking over the company several years later. The DuPont Company soon acquired the explosives plant and became a major employer in the community. During World War I, over 7,500 were employed at the explosives plant, and a section of the community, known as Haskell, became a company town, housing DuPont employees and their families. Although the DuPont Company was a major employer of Wanaque and Ringwood prior to and during World War I, by 1926 the company ceased operations because of the impending reservoir construction project, and a major employer was lost from the community.

The first railroad into the Wanaque Valley area was begun in 1865, and the first station was established at the Ringwood Avenue crossing. In 1872, Midvale was listed as a stop on the Montclair Railroad, and by the time the railroad was operated by the New York and Greenwood Lake Railway, there were two stations in Wanaque—one in Midvale and one in Haskell. The New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad was responsible for bringing many new settlers to the Wanaque area, and excursion trails carried passengers to Greenwood Lake from Jersey City.

The construction of the Wanaque Reservoir had a profound impact on the Boroughs of Wanaque and Ringwood and its residents. To provide the necessary space needed to create such a massive structure, many homes and businesses were demolished. The loss of the DuPont plant and the paper mill in Wanaque, which provided major sources of employment for residents in the area, left hundreds of residents unemployed through the Depression years of 1929 through 1939. However, the onset of World War II brought an improved economy, and after the war, Wanaque and Ringwood experienced a construction boom of housing and public buildings.

Today, the Borough includes neighborhoods known as Wanaque and Haskell, each of which has their own ZIP code and is served by their own separate post office. As of the United States 2013 Census, the borough population was 11,208. Wanaque is a close knit family community, with an outstanding school system, library, many recreation programs, and a beautiful, new municipal building.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Borough of Wanaque, on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION (KET)

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Kentucky Educational Television's (KET) 50th Anniversary. Since 1968, KET has impacted the lives of countless Kentuckians through its advocacy and broadcasting of educational programs. KET has long-served as a successful educational plat-

form for the arts, theater, history, politics, health and STEM fields. In 1989, KET introduced one of the first interactive distance learning program services, giving Kentuckians the opportunity to advance their education via network broadcasting. KET is now one of the largest public television networks in the country with more than 25 programs, reaching over one million people each week.

I applaud KET's commitment to raise awareness of pertinent issues across the Commonwealth and challenges in our rural Appalachian region. While many media outlets have been slow to produce comprehensive coverage of the nation's deadly opioid epidemic, KET has led the way by shedding light on the long history of addiction in Kentucky and the multi-faceted pledge for rehabilitation and recovery. It is because of these efforts, including in-depth reports, community forums, and annual coverage of the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, that KET recently received the national Mental Health America Media Award for its Inside Opioid Addiction Initiative. Thanks to KET's broadcasting efforts, more people across Kentucky have rallied together to become part of the solution to the drug abuse crisis and we are making significant strides to save lives across the state.

As part of this Golden Anniversary celebration, I also want to commend KET for bringing Kentuckians together and promoting healthy debates about vital issues for the state. For decades, great journalists like Al Smith, Bill Goodman, Bill Bryant and many others have set the stage for state and federal legislators to discuss how key policies impact our daily lives, while also providing civic awareness during elections, spending countless hours on the air, sharing election results from all of our 120 counties. In addition to educational programming and news coverage, KET has also used its platform to extend immense compassion through local partnerships to benefit those most in-need.

As KET celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first broadcast, I join my fellow Kentuckians in sharing my appreciation for every minute of broadcasting excellence that has been used to educate our children and our families. KET has made a significant impact in our state and it is an honor to support this organization's continued work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SCRANTON CITY CHAPTER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Daughters of the American Revolution, Scranton City Chapter, which celebrates, along with other DAR chapters, the two hundred thirty-first anniversary of the framing of the United States Constitution during this third week of September. The Constitution was adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation as the foundation for American government on September 17, 1787.

The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October

11, 1890 by a group of pioneering women who were excluded from men's organizations and felt compelled to express their passion for America. Since its founding, the Daughters of the American Revolution has admitted over 950,000 members who can trace their bloodline to an ancestor who aided America in her fight for independence, and the organization still adheres to the same historical, educational, and patriotic objectives established during its original meeting.

The Daughters of the American Revolution were instrumental in petitioning Congress for a bill to designate the period between September 17 and September 23 as Constitution Week. That legislation was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956, and President George W. Bush officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in 2002. The law invites schools, churches, and civic organizations to publicly observe and recognize the profound impact on our nation of our remarkable constitution.

It is an honor to recognize the Scranton City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they celebrate Constitution Week. I wish them all the best as they continue to promote patriotism and national pride through education and civic engagement.

STANDING WITH RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN INDIA

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with members of minority groups in India who are facing persecution because of their faith or class standing. I recently met with Teesta Setalvad, a prominent civil rights lawyer in India. She updated me on the increasing religious violence being committed by extremist groups against religious minority communities in India including Muslims, Christians, and Hindu Dalits, also known as "untouchables." Although this violence is not new, the United States Commission on International Religious freedom has noted a substantial deterioration in conditions for minority groups since 2014, when the ruling Bharati Jayanti Party (BJP) rose to power on a Hindu nationalist political platform.

Intensifying religious-based violence has swept 10-of-29 states in India, including Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, which are controlled by the BJP, and which have begun enforcing anti-cow slaughtering and anti-conversion laws. While attacks on minorities are not always directly instigated by the government, a cloak of impunity covers mob violence that targets these communities. Human rights groups have criticized the pervasive police and judicial bias apparently backed by BJP and affiliated groups such as Rashtriya Swayamsevak Singh (RSS) and Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP).

The aggressive enforcement of anti-cow slaughter laws is being used to persecute and intimidate Muslims and Dalits whose families have engaged in dairy, leather or beef trades for generations. Mob violence is common against people suspected of harming cows. In 2017, there were at least 10 public lynchings conducted by "cow protection" mobs. One

such attack occurred when a 55-year-old man, Pehlu Khan, was set-upon by a mob and beaten to death while transporting a cow home that he had bought at a fair.

Most appalling are the cases of sexual assault against minorities for political purposes. In January of this year, eight Hindu men kidnapped and raped an eight-year-old Muslim girl in a Hindu temple before killing her. Her murder served the purpose of driving her nomadic community from the area. After the perpetrators were arrested, a mob of Hindu lawyers surrounded the police in an attempt to bar them from entering the courthouse to file charges against the perpetrators.

Christians, like Muslims, have been targeted because of the paranoid suspicion that proselytizing could convert people away from Hinduism. Nuns and members of the clergy have suffered attacks for preaching Christian values. Just last month, the home of a pastor in Manipur was burned down and Chadarajupalli Subbaravamma, a woman in her mid-60s in Andhra Pradesh, reportedly was murdered because she converted to Christianity 10 years ago.

Likewise, Dalits have been victim to structural violence. They face everyday humiliation as they are blocked from areas of worship and are denied the most basic of human rights, such as access to clean water. Additionally, attacks and sexual assaults against women of the Dalit community frequently go unreported or uninvestigated. In Kerala state, a woman was recently doused in gasoline and set on fire by her estranged husband in the view of village council members. No one attempted to help the woman, and her husband managed to flee the scene.

When individuals of minority groups resist violence and oppression, they are met with greater brutality. But liberal democracies stand up for all religious minorities who are fighting for the right to practice their beliefs in the face of vigilante violence and persecution from the majority.

It is disheartening that communal violence against religious minorities is on the rise in India, a great ally of the United States and the largest democracy on earth. We must stand up and speak out against these abhorrent attacks on religious minorities. India's government can no longer look the other way in the face of accelerating violence against religious minorities and the Dalit community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in standing with civil rights leaders such as Teesta Setalvad in urging India to recognize the humanity of all its people and put an end to these heinous crimes.

DR. FREDERICK L. GROVER, MD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Frederick Grover for his decades of service to the Colorado medical community and Veterans in Colorado.

For over forty years, Dr. Grover has trained and mentored numerous thoracic surgery resi-

dents all while providing high-quality care to numerous patients throughout Colorado. In addition to clinical interests in the areas of acquired adult cardiac surgery and lung and heart transplantation, Dr. Grover is also focused on risk adjusted outcomes analyses and quality improvement in the field of cardiothoracic surgery. He chaired the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Work Force on National Databases from 1995 to 2004. Dr. Grover served as the Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University Colorado School of Medicine where he helped develop future generations of medical professionals and the success of Colorado's medical community for generations to come. His selfless devotion to his students has provided an exemplary standard of service.

In addition to his work at the University of Colorado, Dr. Grover distinguishes himself as a caring member of the community by striving to aid numerous professional organizations. His dedication to the field of medicine and contributions can be seen across Colorado and our nation. He has been a strong advocate for healthcare policy at the national level by serving as President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Additionally, the work he has done within the Veteran's community of Colorado as the Chief of Surgical Services at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver and his pioneering of the VA Cardiac Surgery Database as the Medical Director has been very beneficial to Veterans in Colorado. He chaired the United Network for Organ Sharing Thoracic Committee, and has served on the UNOS Board of Directors. He was the co-principal investigator of a large VA multi-center clinical trial comparing off-pump to on-pump coronary artery bypass, which was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

I extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Frederick Grover for his service to the people of Colorado and across the nation. I am certain the effects of his service will continue to benefit our communities for decades to come. I thank Dr. Grover for being a remarkable member of the Colorado medical community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE LATE CONGRESSMAN
MAURICE HINCHEY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Congressman Maurice Hinchey, our beloved colleague. He departed this life on November 22, 2017 after honorably serving two decades in the United States House of Representatives from 1993 to 2013, and serving in the New York State Assembly from 1975 to 1992. He was a Navy veteran, an honorable and dedicated public servant, and stalwart for the working class people of New York. Of Ukrainian-American heritage, he was a founding member of the House Ukrainian Caucus.

Recently, we were reminded of Congressman Hinchey's contributions to his people and our country. On Tuesday, July 24, 2018,

President Trump signed into law H.R. 4722—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 Market Street in Saugerties, New York, as the "Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building". With the naming of this USPS office building, Maurice's family and his grateful constituency will proudly honor and remember a treasured son of Saugerties.

I had the distinct honor and privilege of working alongside Maurice on the House Appropriations Committee. Through the Committee, he fought to protect student aid by supporting higher education for all worthy students and championed Pell Grants. He secured funding that would help art revitalization for the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz. He understood governing started at the local level, and did all he could to direct federal support for a more prosperous life for his people.

A fierce and notable environmental advocate, Maurice was dedicated to protecting his area's powerful and precious natural resource, the Hudson River. Through his dedicated work on the Appropriations Committee, he secured funds to modernize and develop environmental science laboratories at his district's local colleges. He also fought against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's lax initiative on cleaning up polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) pollution in the Hudson River. As a member of the House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, and having my own congressional district surrounded by the Great Lakes, I found his leadership on renewable energy and cleaning up water ways both exemplary and inspiring. We are in his debt for his tireless environmental advocacy as he moved America along the path of progress.

A man to stand up for blue collar workers, Maurice was very loyal and adored by the labor community. Having worked as a toll collector to pay his college tuition, and then a cement plant worker, he understood the economic difficulties of the working class people in his district. In the 106th Congress he introduced H.R. 2759, the Older Workers Pension Protection Act of 1999. This bill would have helped safeguard employees from age discrimination against their benefits. He also fought against funding cuts to Job Corps, a vital entity for young people in his area who need skill and job assistance. As we continue to fight for the rights and protections of our working women and men, may we continue to be inspired by Maurice's spirit and vision.

Maurice and I shared a deep love for Ukraine and our central European roots. We served in the bipartisan Ukrainian Congressional Caucus and trumpeted a vision of an independent Ukraine, free of Russian aggression. Maurice uniquely understood the importance of a democratic, prosperous, and free Ukraine, as the edge of liberty on the European continent. He was a true champion of democracy both home and abroad.

Maurice's leadership and indefatigable efforts on behalf of working people are sorely missed. May his life's work be an inspiration to the people of the Hudson Valley and his memory be cherished always. Rest well, my dear friend and colleague. May the angels of mercy usher you to a peaceful place where your genius and goodwill shower our planet.

RECOGNIZING BLR ELDER CARE

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BLR Elder Care on the celebration of its 10th Anniversary. BLR Elder Care is a non-profit organization located in the City of Aurora, Colorado and is in Colorado's 6th Congressional District, which I have the honor of representing here in the United States House of Representatives. BLR Elder Care seeks to provide a dignified, meaningful life to the homeless elderly population in Ethiopia. It does so by providing basic necessities to elderly Ethiopians who are in need. The generosity of BLR Elder Care serves as a beacon of hope and a source of compassion for the elderly needy in Africa.

In recent years, the founder and President of BLR Elder Care, Mamay Worku, has also started a program focused on helping African Women immigrants here in Colorado. Mamay Worku has done so by creating the Women of Africa Alliance for Solutions (WAAS). Through WAAS, she has created an effective platform to advocate for educational opportunities, economic independence and to build synergy among the diverse African immigrant communities.

Mamay Worku, immigrated to the United States in 1989. She has tirelessly served the African immigrant community here in Colorado and those in need in her native country of Ethiopia. It is my honor to recognize all of her hard work as well as all the supporters of BLR Elder Care for their continuing assistance for these two remarkable organizations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5895 provides critical funding for a number of Northeast Ohio priorities. Specifically, it appropriates money for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, addresses the Dept. of Veterans Affairs claims backlog, and funds the bipartisan VA MISSION Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 397; "yea" on Roll Call No. 398; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 399.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID
DESILVA**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. David DeSilva on being inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame.

David DeSilva was born and raised in California's Central Valley. His passion for teaching agriculture was developed from a young age. Growing up on a dairy farm, David's par-

ents instilled in him a deep appreciation for agriculture. He worked alongside them on the farm and was heavily involved in the Future Farmers of America organization. After graduating from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, Mr. DeSilva began his career in education at Hanford High School.

After five-years at Hanford High School, Mr. DeSilva continued his career at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. He would remain in this position for thirty-years, retiring in 2014. Mr. DeSilva's tenure at College of the Sequoias was impressive and reflective of his dedication to agriculture and his students. As the agriculture division chair at the college, he was well respected by his peers and viewed as a leader on agriculture issues. Many of his former students have become agricultural teachers, industry leaders, and business owners.

Mr. DeSilva's impact extended far beyond the classroom. Locally, he created and implemented the California Crop Center at the World Ag Expo in Tulare, California. It is known as a hub of activity for a wide variety of the top crops grown in the state. He was also responsible for the development of College for Kids, a summer agriculture program for children. Mr. DeSilva's influence eventually led to international opportunities. He promoted agriculture at colleges in the Ukraine, Russia, and even Haiti.

Whether locally or internationally, Mr. DeSilva's goal remained the same: working with young students and increasing the community's knowledge about agriculture. Even in retirement, he remains actively involved with the Knights of Columbus organization and local Future Farmers of America chapters. Throughout Mr. DeSilva's childhood, nearly four-decade career, and into retirement, agriculture education has been a defining purpose for his life.

To be inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame, an individual must be a retired agriculture educator with proven dedication for vocational agriculture, agriculture education, and the Future Farmers of America organization. Mr. DeSilva has consistently demonstrated his dedication to this field throughout his life and is unequivocally deserving of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. David DeSilva on his dedicated service to the Central Valley and on being inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD AND THE OFFICERS' AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TEAM PLAYER AWARD

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member ROBERT BRADY and I wish to recognize

today a special group of dedicated and outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award and the Officers' and Inspector General's Team Player Award.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork; support of House Members, their staffs, and their constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, possess a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to more efficient and productive House support operations. These devoted employees have accomplished many great and important things in a diverse range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the following individuals for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, these employees have provided 450 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Chinetta Adams, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Wendy Benson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Richard Cooper, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Christopher Fischer, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Julia Gaines, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Kirsten Gullickson, Office of the Clerk; Joyce Hamlett, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Donald Harris, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Eric Johnson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Teresa Johnson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

Jennifer Maas, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Anthony Myers, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Nash, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; James Robertson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Doris Rogers, Office of the Clerk; Lester Snyder, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Clyde Springfield, Jr., Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Daniel Tilson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate the House employees receiving the House Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each of the House Officers' and Inspector General's organizations. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of their job for their organization throughout the last year. We honor these individuals for receiving this prestigious award:

Janciera Armstrong, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Cheryl Coleman, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Debbie Hunter, Office of Inspector General; Marianne Law, Office of the Clerk.

And finally, we recognize and congratulate the House employees being presented the Team Player Award. This award recognizes the value the House Officers and the Inspector General place on working collaboratively across all House organizations to strengthen and protect the U.S. House of Representatives. On a rotating basis, the Officers and the Inspector General take turns nominating a member of another organization's staff who has exhibited the characteristics of a Team Player. These awardees have demonstrated a collaborative attitude, commitment to achieving team objectives, respect and support of their teammates, and dedication to the betterment of House operations. We honor these individuals for receiving this distinguished award:

James Abbott, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; John Carter, Jr., Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Jodi Detwiler, Office of the Clerk; Keith Sullenberger, Office of Inspector General.

On behalf of the entire House community, I want to once again congratulate, acknowledge, and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officer, the Inspector General, and collaboratively across these organizations. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service and dedication to the House set an example for their colleagues and raises the bar for the employees who will follow in their footsteps. I applaud all our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and our great nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 3178, to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Martha Maria Pacold, Mary M. Rowland, and Steven C. Seeger, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Robert B. Abrams, USA, to be General, and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, and Vice Admiral Craig S. Faller, USN, to be Admiral, and to be Commander, United States Southern Command.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's efforts in the field of quantum information science.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Every Student Succeeds Act, focusing on states leading the way.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 26

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine safeguards for consumer data privacy.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine the cyber operational readiness of the Department of Defense; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the Federal role in the toxic PFAS chemical crisis.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine justice for Native youth, focusing on the Government Accountability Office report on "Native American Youth Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency".

SD-628

SEPTEMBER 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on improving affordability through innovation.

SD-430

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.

SD-538

OCTOBER 3

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine blackstart and other system restoration plans in the electric utility industry.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters.

SH-219