

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BARREN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (BRADD)

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) for their fifty years of service and dedication to the betterment of Western Kentucky communities. Since 1968, BRADD staff has assisted local economic leaders in securing federal funding for developing projects in each of the ten counties they serve, including five within the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

I am grateful for every staff member who has committed themselves to promoting economic and community development. The combination of their entrepreneurial spirits and sustained dedication to public service has not only enhanced the lives of individuals in the region, but has spurred economic opportunities and growth throughout the Commonwealth.

This significant milestone is a testament to their steadfast influence on the surrounding area and a recognition of their esteemed record of excellence. I join with those they have diligently served their fellow citizens throughout the last five decades and look forward to many more years of continued success from this outstanding organization.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOLLYWOOD SUNSET FREE CLINIC ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic upon its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1968, the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic has been providing free healthcare services for the uninsured and low income of the Los Angeles community. This remarkable clinic offers a wide range of invaluable services, including women's and children's healthcare, general medicine, counseling therapy, HIV screening and education, laser tattoo removal for high risk youth, acupuncture, and clothing and food for the homeless.

I also want to recognize the phenomenal physicians, nurses, counselors, medical and clerical assistants, without whom the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic would be unable to carry out this essential work. The time, skills, and training graciously donated by these outstanding volunteers have allowed the clinic to provide over 30,000 patient and client visits a year.

In addition to providing free healthcare services, the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic is also

the home of the Cara A Cara Latino HIV/AIDS Project, which conducts outreach and community education to high risk populations. This project was one of the first of its kind and served as the impetus for others to follow.

I firmly believe, along with the clinic's board of directors, volunteers, and staff, that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and I applaud the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic for fulfilling this belief by providing critical care to the needy.

The assistance that the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic has provided to the community is immeasurable, and the residents of the Los Angeles area have benefited greatly from their exceptional efforts. At this time, I ask all members of Congress to join with me in proudly commending the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic for its fifty years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles community.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE TOWN OF MADI- SON, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the town of Madison, North Carolina as they celebrate the town's bicentennial year. Located in western Rockingham county, Madison is full of rich history and embodies the integrity and charm of the sixth district. As Madison continues its bicentennial festival, I want to congratulate Mayor David Myers, the Board of Aldermen, and the citizens of Madison on this incredible milestone. North Carolina is one of only 24 other states that can claim a city or town with a bicentennial trademark, and I am proud to represent such a joyous community.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the town of Madison on its 200th anniversary and join in celebration of the town's unique history, as well as its prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING THE 16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL FIRE AND RES- CUE AND EMS AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire and Rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and

composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired Fire and Rescue personnel living in the district:

Division Chief Randy Bach, Quality Assurance Officer Derek Butler, Chief Leslie Karen Davidson, Captain Aaron Gross, Battalion Chief John Perez and Division Chief of Special Operations Robert Collins of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue received Career Service Awards.

Deputy Gabriel Bogart, Deputy Chad Richards, Detective Charles Butler, Detective Seamus Dwyer and Detective Scott Durocher of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Associate Service Award.

Deputy Carmine Luper of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Preservation of Life Award.

Captain James "Troy" Onan of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Battalion Chief Richard T. Losek of the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District received the Career Service Award.

Captain Brian Kehoe of the Sarasota County Fire EMS Operations received the Career Service Award.

District Chief Keith Lock of the Manatee County EMS received the Career Service Award.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN RELIEF SERVICES CHARITIES

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Christian Relief Services Charities, an international charitable organization located in Alexandria, Virginia, for its 33-year history making a difference for hundreds of thousands of children and their families in America and abroad.

Christian Relief Services Charities has always had one overriding goal: connecting with those in need, caring for them, and making a sustainable difference in their lives. Working through local churches and civic organizations, they strive to give fellow Americans and others a "hand up, not a handout."

Christian Relief Services Charities' aid spans from the struggling towns of Appalachia to the desolate plains of the Native American Indian Reservations in South Dakota as well as children's homes and medical clinics in the poorest countries in Africa. Specifically, the organization's aid seeks to ensure that people have not gone to bed hungry, are able to heat

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their home, have clean water to drink, receive lifesaving medical care, and finish school to obtain good jobs.

Christian Relief Services Charities is a family of nonprofits focused on long-term development and self-sufficiency by providing impoverished children and their families with the necessities of food, clothing, decent living conditions, and access to education and healthcare.

Through its affiliate programs, Christian Relief Services Charities delivers many basic commodities we take for granted. For families, including Veterans and the disabled, they provide warm winter clothing, medicine, medical equipment, safe water systems, housing, materials for home repair, and equipment for organic gardens. For children specifically, their programs provide books, school supplies, fund youth programs such as summer lunch buses, camps, after-school enrichment classes, project grants to Native American youth and teachers seeking to improve their communities and other programs that build self-esteem.

Working in partnership with public and private non-profit agencies, Christian Relief Services Charities provides over 3900 units of affordable, transitional and permanent housing, and resident related services in Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Ohio and Iowa to persons with very low to moderate incomes, chronic mentally and physically ill adults, homeless families and individuals. In Northern Virginia, Christian Relief Services Charities offers a program that provides transitional housing to victims of domestic violence and their children, with victim advocacy therapy and case management support.

Christian Relief Services Charities is highly esteemed throughout the country and is one of the original accredited charities of the Better Business Bureau having consistently met their rigorous standards of excellence.

As great as our Nation is, poverty and need sadly still exist. It is comforting to know that, for a third of a century, Christian Relief Services Charities has been making an impactful difference in the lives of many people in the 8th Congressional District, American Indian Country, Appalachia, and across the United States.

Each day the number of served grows. I commend Christian Relief Services Charities for its service to humanity and thank them for making the world a less harsh place, feeding those who are hungry, providing housing and medical supplies to the homeless and sick, and giving hope to those who had none.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
SHERIFF DAVID GOULD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cayuga County Sheriff David Gould on his retirement after nearly fifty years of service to our community.

Mr. Gould joined the New York State Police in 1970 after serving in the U.S. Army. Following his 34-year career with the New York State Police, Mr. Gould worked as a Special Investigator for the Seneca County District Attorney's Office.

In November 2006, Mr. Gould was elected Cayuga County Sheriff. Since January 1, 2007

he has served as the County's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, leading an office of nearly 200 employees. After 48 years in law enforcement, Sheriff Gould will retire at the end of his term in 2018.

Spending nearly his entire career keeping communities safe, David Gould is truly a model public servant. Mr. Gould has put his service to the community above partisan politics. Since his election as Sheriff, Mr. Gould has worked tirelessly to combat the heroin epidemic, pursue human traffickers, and crack down on domestic abuse. His department has instituted and documented almost 50 new initiatives including the creation of two substations for the Sheriff's department in Cato and Moravia, ensuring the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has representation in both northern and southern portions of the region. During his tenure, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department has strengthened its relationship with members of the Auburn, Moravia, Port Byron and Weedsport Police Departments, the New York State Police Department, the FBI, the Secret Service, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

I join members of my community in thanking Sheriff Gould for his career of public service, and wish him the best in retirement.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Swami Vivekananda, who passed away on July 4, 1902 at the age of 39.

Born as Narendranath Datta in the city of Kolkata, Swami Vivekananda played a key role in introducing the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings of Hinduism to the Western world. Swami Vivekananda's philosophies were shaped by the teachings found in Hindu scriptures, and by the writings of western thinkers including David Hume and John Stuart Mill. Swami Vivekananda taught that no religion has a monopoly on the truth, and that there is no virtue higher than ahimsa, the concept of non-violence.

In the West, Swami Vivekananda is best remembered for a speech he delivered on September 11, 1893 at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois. Opening his remarks with the words "Sisters and Brothers of America," Swami Vivekananda spoke at length about Hindu spirituality, religious tolerance and the dangers inherent in sectarianism and extremism. His appearance at the World Parliament awakened an interest in Hinduism that led to speaking tours by Swami Vivekananda and the establishment of Vedanta centers throughout the United States and Europe.

Swami Vivekananda's teachings of religious tolerance, understanding and the universality of the human experience are as relevant today as when he delivered his famous address in Chicago 125 years ago. As a United States Representative from the Chicago area and as a Hindu-American, I want to recognize the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's

Chicago Speech and celebrate the life of this eminent international spiritual leader.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE WOLFE

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jamie Wolfe a native Delawarean who dedicated her life to advocacy and influencing public policy in order to create independence for people in the disability community.

Jamie was born with Arthrogryposis. Due to the severity of this muscular disorder, Jamie was never able to develop muscle in her arms or legs. With the support of her parents and loved ones, Jamie was dedicated to living a "normal" life and overcoming each obstacle she faced. She never met a challenge she didn't attack head on.

Jamie devoted her life to passing important legislation that would help empower those with disabilities and create the opportunity they deserve. Jamie's main goal was to help people who are disabled to gain independence in their everyday life. Through meaningful legislation, education, and advocacy Jamie achieved significant change that made many lives better. More than that, she made my life better. Her unwavering support of the issues she believed in was more than inspiring, it was paramount to the success of thousands of Delawareans and our state was made better for her work.

Please join me in extending our condolences to the entire Wolfe family. I hope that time and memories will help lessen the burden of their sorrow, and that they may draw some measure of comfort knowing that others care and celebrate her life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSION ON YOUTH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marion County Commission on Youth, whose tireless work over the past twenty-five years has benefited countless youth and families in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY) champions the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of those directly serving young people. As an intermediary organization, MCCOY focuses on developing the high-level, strategic partnerships and supports needed for youth to thrive. This vital work is accomplished in four key pillars: Advocacy on issues impacting young people and their families; capacity-building programming for youth service providers; convening opportunities for service providers and community leaders; and resources to connect young people and families to programming.

MCCOY acts as a catalyst for the positive development of youth in Marion County. Committed to partnerships and youth empowerment, the organization works alongside the nonprofit, business, and government sectors as well as young people themselves to encourage and nurture a landscape of robust youth development programming. For more than a decade, MCCOY has engaged local stakeholders in generating and supporting employment skills-building and work opportunities for Indianapolis young people. Today, the organization is a leading partner of Project Indy a project of the City of Indianapolis which gives thousands of local young people job experience and skills during the summer months. MCCOY has also played an important role in my own Youth Opportunities Fair, connecting young people with organizations providing work, volunteer, and other enrichment opportunities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Marion County Commission on Youth for its efforts to ensure every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage, and contribute.

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
HOCKEY TEAM AWARD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Colorado Mesa University Hockey Team for recently being awarded the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Community Service Award for 2017–2018. The American Collegiate Hockey Association chose them as their annual winner for their unwavering commitment to community service outreach.

The players and staff have organized and participated in numerous community outreach events. In 2017, they put together the 1st Annual Sledge Hockey Event for Disabled Veterans done in conjunction with the Grand Junction Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital as well as the 2nd Annual “Pink the Rink” Cancer Charity Game. In 2018, they led the 2nd Annual Grand Junction Coyotes Youth Hockey Outreach and the 4th Annual Hilltop Youth Home free entrance and VIP Treatment Event.

One of their greatest achievements was raising \$13,500 for cancer research, which beat their last year total of \$10,000. All of the proceeds were donated to the St. Mary’s Hospital Cancer Survivorship Program, which helps cancer survivors develop a care plan with their doctor to help them maintain their health once their treatment has concluded.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have these incredible students representing Colorado Mesa University and the people of the Third Congressional District in Western Colorado. They have proven themselves to be exemplary students and upstanding citizens in the Grand Junction community. I wish them luck in the future endeavors, and I am eager to see what they will accomplish going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA
SUDDUTH LEWIS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brenda Sudduth Lewis, recipient of the Community Builder’s Award presented by Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Brenda, a native of Westmoreland County, is a graduate of the local public schools and of Rappahannock Community College where she excelled as a nursing student. After graduation and after receiving her license, Brenda was employed for many years by Medical Facilities of America in Warsaw, Virginia providing high-quality patient-focused geriatric nursing care to members of the community.

Later, Brenda started work at Haynesville Correctional Center in Haynesville, Virginia. In her new position, Brenda transitioned to forensic nursing and has always provided the highest-quality services to those in her care and is a respected expert on the provision of medical care in a correctional setting.

Aside from her healthcare work and family commitments involving two children, Brenda is highly active in the community. She has volunteered her medical expertise and experience in service to the community as a member of the Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad in Callao, Virginia and as a supporter of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Brenda Sudduth Lewis for receiving the Community Builder’s Award from Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in honor of her work to advance the community. I also ask that you join me in recognizing Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 for its efforts in honoring this important member of the community.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our friend, Taiwan, as it commemorates the 107th anniversary of its National Day on October 10th.

The 23.5 million people on the island represent the only democracy in the Chinese speaking world. Taiwan has come to represent many of the same principles we hold dear. With its sixth successful direct presidential election in 2016, Taiwan continues to serve as a proud example of democratic success in the Asia-Pacific region.

Taiwan has been a reliable partner in East Asia. U.S. trade in goods with Taiwan reached \$68 billion last year, making Taiwan the United States’ 11th largest trading partner. More specifically, Taiwan is Utah’s 6th largest trading partner and last year received \$636 million in exports from Utah.

On Taiwan’s National Day, we reaffirm the strength of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and the United States commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act. Many years ago, I lived in Taiwan where I was able to learn its customs,

culture, history, and language. I developed a great personal appreciation for its people and their way of life. It is an honor and privilege to support our friend and partner, Taiwan, and highlight the bonds that connect us.

HONORING SAM WHEELER

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Wheeler, the tenth State Historian of Illinois and an alumnus of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

During his time at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Sam became an expert on the poetry of Abraham Lincoln, and completed an incredible dissertation on this unique historical literature. During this time he was also a teaching assistant and lecturer, focusing on Illinois history, the Civil War era, and President Lincoln.

Prior to his appointment as State Historian, he was a research historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and museum. I thank Sam for his contributions to preserving and celebrating Illinois history.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF JACK THOMAS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the accomplished career of Chief Jack Thomas. Born and raised in Southern California, it was here where Chief Thomas began his career, first serving as an Explorer for the Orange City Fire Department. In 1988, he was hired as a Firefighter and then two years later assigned to the position of Firefighter-Paramedic. It was through his great leadership and zeal that Chief Thomas would go on to assume various leadership positions with the Orange City Fire Department: Fire Captain, Administrative Captain, and Battalion Chief to name a few.

Chief Thomas demonstrated heroism by deploying out with his team, California Task Force 5, to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He is a brave and fearless man and has directed the actions of other fire engine companies during numerous wildland fires throughout California. Chief Thomas has been a hero to his city and community. He has been rightfully awarded the County Board of Supervisors’ Courage Under Fire Award, the Orange County Fire Authority’s Special Operations Citation for deployment to the Gulf Coast Hurricanes, and the Orange Rotary Manager of the Year.

Chief Thomas also serves as husband, father, and grandfather. He still resides in Southern California with his wife Lesa, their children, and grandchildren: I wish Chief Thomas all the best as he retires from a storied career with Orange City Fire Department. I thank Chief Thomas for his service.

HONORING MATTHEW CHANEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Matthew Chaney, a member of the Merced High School Class of 1978 who has been recognized for his dignity, grace, and courage. Since graduating high school forty years ago, Mr. Chaney has made numerous contributions to his family and community, particularly in the last seventeen years with his fight against ALS.

After high school, Mr. Chaney attended the University of California, Berkeley and earned a degree in physical education. After graduating, Mr. Chaney began his professional career, which has included work in product development and sales in the chemical industry.

For the last thirty years, Mr. Chaney has been a devoted father to two remarkable gentlemen, having spent many years supporting the activities of his sons and community. He has served as a little league board member and remained active as a coach for both baseball and soccer, despite having lost the use of his arms. In Lafayette, California, the "Chaney Field" at the Lafayette Little League stands in honor of Mr. Chaney's contributions to his community and family.

Mr. Chaney also holds a passion for environmental protection. As a co-director of Bluefish.org, he helps lead an organization committed to facilitating an open, honest dialogue between citizenry, business, and government concerning the plight of Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead.

Since his ALS diagnosis in 2000 at the age of 40, Mr. Chaney has been an advocate for those affected by the disease through his involvement in many local and national fundraising and awareness efforts. Some of these include Major League Baseball's "4ALS" initiative with the San Francisco Giants, "Runs for ALS" Lafayette Little League campaign, and most notably for the ALS Association's Golden West Chapter, which he fundraised over \$1 million for.

On June 3, 2016 Mr. Chaney was honored as the recipient of the Spirit Award at The ALS Association Golden West Chapter's Annual Champions for Care and a Cure dinner as celebration for his determination for his efforts in the areas of advocacy, fundraising, and public awareness of ALS.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the accomplishments of Mr. Matthew Chaney. The courage, dignity, and grace he has exhibited while confronting each of life's challenges is truly exceptional. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as the Merced High School Class of 1978 celebrates their 40th Class Reunion.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Community

Health Partnership ("CHP") and acknowledge its work and accomplishments in our Santa Clara County community.

Community health centers provide an important safety net for our most vulnerable populations. Founded in 1993, CHP's mission is to meet the medical healthcare needs of our diverse population of underserved patients. CHP pursues this mission through the collaboration of a range of member organizations with combined budgets of over \$64 million.

CHP's Community Health Centers and Clinics served approximately 240,500 patients (714,600 patient encounters) in 2017 with approximately 55 percent of patients covered by Medi-Cal, 10 percent covered by Medicare or private insurance, and 34 percent uninsured. CHP's participating health centers employ multi-lingual, culturally competent staff to administer primary care and a wide range of other health programs and services, including dental care, optometry, mental health services, family planning, prenatal services, health education, nutritional care, and recovery support groups, as well as outreach and case management.

CHP is an essential resource for local health centers to help them maximize investments in the health care safety net, improve technology tools, and navigate the changing health care environment, including the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. CHP's collaborative projects among a diverse group of organizations allow for the enhancement and expansion of available services for our low-income and most underrepresented patients.

Additionally, CHP participates in health care policy advocacy through close work with county partners on the implementation of health care reform and education of the public and relevant stakeholders regarding proposed legislation. As an active member of the California Primary Care Association, CHP offers insight on issues and policy that affect the medically underserved populations in our communities. To this end, CHP works closely with Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, Valley Health Plan, Santa Clara Family Health Plan, the South County Collaborative, and the Silicon Valley Council for Nonprofits.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend CHP for its work on improving health care access in our community. Today, we honor the Community Health Partnership for its 25 years of leadership and advocacy in the health care sector.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REV. DR. WALSDORF HAROLD JENNEFORD, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Walsdorf Harold Jenneford, Sr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and Pastor of Greater New Home Baptist Church, who died on August 25, 2018 at the age of 86.

Pastor Jenneford was born on July 14, 1932. He began his literary education at McCarty Elementary School and Gaudet Epis-

copal High School. He attended Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, only to be drafted into the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon receiving an honorable discharge in 1955, Pastor Jenneford continued his educational aspirations by earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Dillard University in 1959.

In 1956, Pastor Jenneford married the late Barbara Lewis. Three lovely children were born to this holy union, Walsdorf, Jr., Mallory, and Stacy Desire' Jenneford. Pastor Jenneford became a widower in October 1979.

In 1959, after graduation, Pastor Jenneford began a 29-year teaching career in the Orleans Parish School System. In 1974, he earned a Master of Education Degree from Tulane University. In 2001, he was bestowed a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Christian Bible College of Louisiana.

In 1974, Pastor Jenneford accepted the call to ministry. On July 20, 1975, he was ordained by the Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Association and installed as Pastor of Greater New Home Baptist Church the next month by the same association.

In 1982, Pastor Jenneford united in marriage to Helen Dright Johnson. This union made them proud parents of seven children, namely the late and beloved Stacy and Walsdorf Harold Jenneford, Jr., who served as Pastor of South Mountain Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona; Mallory Jenneford; James Jenneford, Sr.; Clarence Jr. and Regina Rodriguez; and Eric Johnson, Sr. In 2004 the revelation and confirmation of another of the Lord's blessings, in having given Pastor and Sis. Jenneford the oldest of his children, Herlin Riley, Jr. and his wonderful family.

Pastor Jenneford served as Pastor of Greater New Home Baptist Church for 41 years and President of Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Association for 20 years. He served on the Executive Board of the Ninth Ward Neighborhood Council and as First Vice Moderator of the Christian Ministers' of New Orleans and Vicinity. At the time of his passing he was Moderator of the Ninth Ward Ministerial Alliance.

Pastor Jenneford loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Pastor Jenneford, but surely, we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Pastor Jenneford's survivors include his wife Sis. Helen D. Jenneford; three children: Mrs. Mallory Porche and husband Gilbert of Peria, Arizona, James Jenneford, and Herlin Riley, Jr. and wife Patricia; and his daughter-in-law Cornella Jenneford. Survivors also include three step-children Clarence Rodriguez, Regina Baptiste and husband Dr. David of El Paso, Texas; Eric A. Johnson and wife Dana of Katy, Texas. He also has eighteen grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, and the Great New Home Baptist Church family.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Walsdorf Harold Jenneford, Sr.

CELEBRATING MOUNTAIN SUN'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, 25 years ago, Mountain Sun opened its doors as a single pub on Pearl Street in Boulder, Colorado. Now there are five operating locations throughout Colorado's beautiful Front Range. Through the years, Mountain Sun has been home to many up-and-coming musicians, made guests feel like family in their cozy dining rooms, crafted beer and food that not only fills bellies but gives back to the community and honored their philosophy of being a "gathering place with good food and drink, where conversation flows freely." Mountain Sun's story began in Portland, Oregon. Their proprietor Kevin Daly brewed his first beer at his favorite local pub. Soon his love of craft beer outgrew his desire to pursue a career in law and in 1993 Kevin opened up Mountain Sun Pub in Boulder. The brewery began as a six-barrel brewing system and their beloved ESB style beer, Colorado Kind, was the first beer crafted. Today, it remains one of their most popular beers.

Commitment to high-quality ingredients, community engagement, environmental stewardship, and employee equity are the driving forces behind Mountain Sun's business. In 2002, Southern Sun, a larger dining space and a ten-barrel brew system, opened in south Boulder. The operation continued to grow with expansion into Denver in 2008 with the opening of the Vine Street Pub. Under the Sun and Longs Peak Pub and Taphouse opened in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

I am proud that Mountain Sun calls the 2nd District of Colorado home. Mountain Sun's 25 years have given the community many great Scrabble games, stout months, and delicious burgers. Cheers to the next 25.

HONORING JAMES BAKER OF
ARLINGTON, VERMONT

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Baker of Arlington, Vermont for his distinguished career in law enforcement and his deep and abiding commitment to improving the lives of Vermonters.

Jim's exemplary career spanned 40 years. As commander of the Vermont State Police and director of the Vermont Police Academy, he put to good use his strong leadership skills and his noble commitment to public service. He worked hard to ensure the fair delivery of justice and an end to discrimination and misconduct whenever it arose.

Shortly after retiring from the Vermont Police Academy in 2009, Jim was recruited to fill important positions in communities in need of new law enforcement leadership. He served as acting police chief in Manchester, then took the helm of the Rutland Police Department.

In Rutland, Jim worked countless hours to tackle the opioid epidemic that hit the city hard. He played a major role in the creation of

Project VISION, an effective grassroots community collaborative that coordinates local efforts to combat addiction and crime. He also transformed the culture of the police department, while identifying and rooting out the causes of crime and addiction. Jim's lasting legacy is a coalition of hundreds of residents, active to this day, who address community challenges head-on to improve the quality of life in Rutland.

Jim's tenure yielded positive results for Rutland. Calls for police service dropped and the city experienced a double-digit decline in burglaries and property crimes. Resident surveys demonstrated remarkably higher satisfaction with their neighborhoods.

Most recently, Jim returned to Arlington to help revitalize his hometown, working with volunteers to ensure that no one falls through the cracks.

Jim Baker has earned his reputation as the "Mr. Fix-It" of the Vermont law enforcement community. Countless Vermonters have benefited from his tireless work, and our state is better off because of it.

And now, as he battles cancer, Jim is doing so with the characteristic grit, grace, determination, and sense of humor that all of us who have had the good fortune to work with him will recognize.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in sending James Baker of Arlington, Vermont our best wishes and thanking him for his lifetime of service to Vermont.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUDREY L.
BALL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Audrey L. Ball, recipient of the Community Builder's Award presented by Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Audrey, a native of Westmoreland County, is a graduate of the local public schools and of Howard University where she majored in chemistry. She has been employed by Riverside Tappahannock Hospital for more than twenty years and is a registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer. Audrey is married to Warren Ball and is the mother of five children.

Aside from her healthcare work and family commitments, Audrey is highly active in the community. She has been a member of Potomac Baptist Church for more than fifty years where she has served as a children's church teacher and former president of the nursing ministry. Audrey is also a member of the Westmoreland County Volunteer Rescue Squad and has served as an emergency medical technician and as an advisor to members of the junior volunteer rescue squad. Audrey, as a loving and dedicated mother, has also served in numerous civic organizations including as a committee member for Boy Scout Troop No. 252 and as a den mother and treasurer for Cub Scout Pack No. 207. She has also been a parent advisor for the Future Problem Solvers of Westmoreland County and the James Farmer Scholars.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Audrey L. Ball for receiving the Commu-

nity Builder's Award from Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 in honor of her work in supporting the community. I also ask that you join me in recognizing Westmoreland Masonic Lodge No. 212 for its efforts in honoring this important member of the community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE CHARTERING
OF THE LOS ANGELES HOST
LIONS CLUB

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Congressmembers MAXINE WATERS, GRACE NAPOLITANO, ADAM SCHIFF, JUDY CHU, KAREN BASS, and JIMMY GOMEZ to recognize the 100th anniversary of the chartering of the Los Angeles Host Lions Club. Not only was the Los Angeles Host Lions Club the first Lions Club chartered in Southern California, it is the oldest Lions Club in the entire state of California.

On January 13, 1913, Dr. Herman Beckwith met with his friend Philip Dodson for lunch at Marcus Godfrey's cafeteria on Spring Street near Fourth Street in downtown Los Angeles. He presented the idea of forming a luncheon club, and proposed the name Cirgonian, taken from the Latin words "Circum" and "Ago"—sort of a "round table" idea. By February 20 of that year, there were twelve men who became charter members of the Cirgonian Club of Los Angeles. During the next few years, the club grew and prospered.

Early in 1916, the Cirgonian Club officers exchanged a series of letters with Melvin Jones of Chicago concerning the founding of an international service club organization. As a result, a meeting was held in Chicago on June 7, 1917, at which the Cirgonian Club was represented, and a date was set for the first convention in Dallas, Texas. At that convention, on October 8 through 10, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Although the Cirgonian Club was not represented at this convention, less than a year later, its 85 members voted to affiliate with the International Association of Lions Clubs and became charter members of the Lions Club of Los Angeles. The Charter was presented on September 12, 1918, making it the first Lions Club in Southern California. In 1940, it was designated as the "Host Club" of Los Angeles County. Additional "host" clubs were added as the county grew.

Given that the L.A. Host Lions Club has directly sponsored 22 Lions Clubs over the years, beginning with the Pasadena Host Lions Club in 1920, it can be considered the parent and grandparent of nearly all Lions Clubs in Southern California.

For more than 50 years beginning in 1919, the L.A. Host Club was the principal sponsor of the Lark Ellen Home for Boys, a nonprofit corporation organized in 1895 for the benefit of orphan newsboys. The name Lark Ellen is attributable to a benefactor of the home, Ellen Beach Yaw, a noted opera singer of the day who some had said "sang like a lark;" hence, Lark Ellen. In 1950, the home relocated to more spacious facilities in Azusa (at a greater cost) where it operated for nearly another quarter of a century.

Due to an enormous increase in the costs of operation, the Boys Home was discontinued in 1973. Its assets were sold, and the proceeds formed the endowment fund known as the Lark Ellen Lions Charities. From that time until now, Lark Ellen has approved donations of approximately \$1.5 million for the benefit of inner-city youth.

After many decades of meeting in the Biltmore Hotel, the Los Angeles Host Lions Club currently meets at Taix Restaurant in the Echo Park community, just north of downtown Los Angeles, where it now concentrates its service activities.

Today, the Los Angeles Host Lions Club participates in many projects, including:

Providing volunteers at health fairs to work the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit, an RV vehicle outfitted so an eye professional can screen low-income patients for visual acuity and possible eye diseases such as glaucoma.

Sponsoring two Leo Clubs, teenage leadership development programs in conjunction with inner-city youth centers: The Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Center and El Centro del Pueblo in Echo Park. The sponsorship includes funding for travel and lodging for the Leos to attend regional leadership forums and other events.

Conducting community needs assessments to learn how the club can do the most good and serve more people.

Distributing food baskets/bags to families with children in inner-city schools.

Supporting district and multi-district projects such as Lions Camp at Teresita Pines, the Student Speakers Contest, Lions in Sight, and Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Participating in the celebration and recognition of Flag Day by distributing American flags with patriotic presentations at local elementary schools.

Sponsoring inner-city youth as participants in the California Youth Exchange Program, which provides them an opportunity to spend six weeks with participating Lion families in Japan and Europe. In exchange, the club hosts teenagers coming from other Lions clubs from Europe or Japan.

Helping to decorate the Lions float appearing in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Participating with community partners on projects that focus on the environment.

The Los Angeles Host Lions Club has had a great 100-year tradition. The vitality of its members and their commitment to service assures us all that the motto of Lions, "We Serve," will be upheld for many years to come. On Saturday, September 29, 2018, the L.A. Host Club will hold its Centennial Gala Celebration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Los Angeles in Commerce. More than 300 Lions and friends from throughout California will attend to commemorate this significant milestone.

Mr. Speaker, Congressmembers WATERS, NAPOLITANO, SCHIFF, CHU, BASS, GOMEZ, and I ask our colleagues to please join us in celebrating the Los Angeles Host Lions Club's 100th anniversary. We also thank the Lions for their service, and for improving the quality of life of those they have worked with and helped.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY'S 2018 DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD HONOREE, MS. ANNIE SIMONIAN TOTAH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Armenian Assembly's 2018 Distinguished Humanitarian Award honoree, Ms. Annie Simonian Totah.

For over forty years, Ms. Totah has been a leading defender of human rights and a vocal advocate of Armenia, Artsakh and the Armenian-American community. Ms. Totah was the first woman to serve as Chair of the Armenian Assembly of America and she remains an effective spokesperson for Armenian issues on Capitol Hill. Her life as a community leader and activist has truly been a journey of dedication.

I have known Annie throughout my entire congressional career and I can say without hesitation that Annie's passion, dedication and commitment to Armenia and Artsakh is unparalleled. Since the demise of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, Annie has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress to help secure billions of dollars in assistance to Armenia. Her contributions with the Armenian Assembly have included efforts that saw the enactment of several pieces of legislation and Missions to Armenia that have raised awareness and understanding of key issues.

Ms. Totah helped mobilize relief efforts to provide temporary shelters for the homeless victims of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia, and collaborated with the Marshall Legacy Institute to help launch the "Mine Detection Dog-Partnership" program in Armenia. Annie was also involved early on in the creation of the U.S.-Armenia Task Force for Economic Cooperation, and continues to encourage trade and investment between the two countries.

Ms. Totah is the recipient of many honors and awards, including: The Ellis Island Medal of Honor; Medal of Appreciation by the President of Artsakh; and the Encyclical of Gratitude and Appreciation by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Annie Totah and the Armenian Assembly on this occasion and for its powerful voice and professionalism that has truly made a difference.

TRIBUTE TO LUKE GWARTNEY AND THE JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FALLEN OFFICERS MEMORIAL

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a young man in the Third District of Kansas for his hard work to ensure law enforcement officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our communities and uphold the law are not forgotten.

Earlier this month—on the anniversary of 9/11, I met 16-year-old Luke Gwartney, an Eagle Scout from Olathe West High School, at the dedication for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Fallen Officers Memorial.

I was inspired by Luke's story and hard work to create the Fallen Officers Memorial that brought us all together that day.

Luke worked tirelessly for months to find volunteers, get supplies, and receive donations to make this memorial a reality. In the end, he raised \$8,000 and was able to construct the memorial, which honors three exemplary police officers in our community who lost their lives in the line of duty over the last few years: Master Deputy Brandon Collins, Sgt. Willard Carver, and Det. Gerald Foote.

This memorial reminds us of the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers and continues to honor them with the gratitude and respect they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, join me in thanking Luke for adding this wonderful contribution to our community.

CELEBRATING DR. WADE MCLEOD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to celebrate Dr. Wade McLeod's forty-five years of incredible service to the Round Rock community. Dr. McLeod's life and career reflect hard work, activism, and dedication to what's best for Central Texas.

As one of four veterinarians in his family, it could be said that Dr. McLeod's passion for veterinary medicine is in his blood. Raised on a West Texas ranch near Sweetwater, he graduated from the Texas A&M University veterinary program in 1969 and opened Round Rock's first veterinary clinic in 1973. In no time, his practice became one of the most beloved animal clinics in the city.

While Round Rock has grown over the years, Dr. McLeod has nurtured a small-town feel at the clinic. His practice focuses on small pets and he employs tried-and-true business practices to keep costs to a minimum that translate into savings for his patients. Dr. McLeod's business acumen, work ethic, and commitment to putting customers first speak to the common-sense values that Texans hold dear.

This small business leader is also an activist who responds to those in need. Over the years, Dr. McLeod has worked with patients who could not afford medical care for their pets and provided treatment for injured strays. He donated half of his clinic space to volunteers who cared for stray animals before there was a shelter in the area. Through his selfless devotion to others, Dr. McLeod has impacted countless families and is a beloved pillar of the Round Rock community.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. I thank Dr. Wade McLeod for his service and dedication to his community. I proudly join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing nothing but the best for his richly-deserved retirement.

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY
(TAIWAN)

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, October 10, or Double Ten Day, is the national day of Taiwan. Given the warm ties between the United States and Taiwan, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

The United States and Taiwan, despite our lack of an official diplomatic relationship, are important economic and security partners. From a security standpoint, as pledged in the Taiwan Relations Act, we continue to support democracy in Taiwan through our arms sales. I would also like to call to attention the recent Taiwan related provisions, enacted into law in August of this year, in conjunction with the National Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year 2019. This newly enacted law reiterates that the TRA and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of our relations with Taiwan. In addition, it calls for the strengthening of defense cooperation with Taiwan to ensure Taiwan can maintain sufficient self-defense capability; for supporting Taiwan's acquisition of defensive weapons; and for more predictability with respect to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

Where trade and economic prosperity are concerned, our two countries have made great strides. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market overall and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. Taiwan imported \$3.57 billion of food and agricultural products from the U.S., representing more than 28 percent of total imports of those products. Taiwan regularly sponsors trade missions to the United States in pursuit of agricultural products. Last year those missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. Just in late September, another trade mission from Taiwan visited the United States in pursuit of \$300 million of soybeans purchases. Our two countries should and will continue to seek avenues where we can work together, and I hope my colleagues will join me in promoting this cooperation wherever possible.

I ask my House colleagues to join me in wishing the people of Taiwan all the best as they celebrate Double Ten Day.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCES AND
ROBERT NELSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Frances and Robert Nelson of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 23, 1953 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic.

Frances and Robert's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anni-

versary, 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 65th 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.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. BARR

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise and pay tribute to fellow Hoosier and American patriot Richard L. Barr. For ten years, Rick has tirelessly worked to engage, educate, and empower fellow citizens to take part in the American political process. He is the definition of an American Citizen-Statesman.

A lifelong Hoosier and Hendricks County resident, Rick is a man of deep civic conviction rooted in his love for American history and family. He is a dedicated husband, a loving father of 3, and a devoted grandfather of 4. It is Rick's love and concern for his children's and grandchildren's futures that drives him to volunteer so much of his time for the American cause.

As a founding member and current leader of the Indy Defenders of Liberty—West, Rick has utilized his leadership role to educate the public so that his fellow citizens are informed citizens. He spends hours researching issues and the historical context of those issues to invite knowledgeable speakers to the organization's monthly meetings. In addition, under Rick's direction, IDOL—West has also served the community by hosting several non-partisan candidate forums and many public meetings focused on local, state, or federal issues. I can personally attest that the relationships Rick cultivated, locally and statewide, have been successful in activating citizens. Oftentimes, my office has received calls or visits from constituents at Rick's suggestion.

Rick Barr is a good man and a good citizen. He is faithful in his belief that America is worth his time promoting limited government based on the United States Constitution.

Today, I am honored to acknowledge Rick Barr for his leadership, generosity, and dedication to our community, state, and country. I am proud to call him my friend.

IN ITS 50TH YEAR, ANNUAL MAINE
BALD EAGLE TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
COMEBACK OF AMERICAN ICON

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th running of an important annual event in my state that highlights the comeback of an American icon.

In 1969, Dick Anderson led his first trip for Maine Audubon to try to spot bald eagles in

Maine's Merrymeeting Bay. At the time, it was the last accessible place in the entire state to see a nesting pair—a result of the terrible toll the pesticide DDT had taken on the nation's bald eagle population, which had dwindled to just over 400 pairs in the continental U.S. in the 1960s.

Anderson continued to bring people to Merrymeeting Bay annually. In the early years, they were lucky to see one or two eagles. But as a national ban on DDT, the Endangered Species Act, and other environmental laws did their work, these trips yielded more birds every year. As Maine Audubon continues the annual tradition—holding its 50th cruise this month—participants can now expect to see at least 50 bald eagles.

What a sight it is to see these great birds soar high in the air, dive to snatch a fish from the water, or perch upon their massive nests. It's astonishing to think how close we came to losing this living symbol of our nation. This species' recovery from the brink of extinction is an amazing success story for federal environmental protections.

But this story is not yet over. I'm afraid a new chapter is now being written as efforts are underway, both in Congress and under the current Administration, to weaken the Endangered Species Act and other protections. Now is not the time to undo the progress we have made. In fact, with climate change and other environmental threats before us, we need these laws more than ever—not just for bald eagles, but also for the hundreds of wildlife species that remain on the threatened and endangered lists.

Again, I congratulate Maine Audubon on its 50th eagle trip and commend Dick Anderson and other conservation leaders for protecting the incredible natural resources in my state. I hope these trips continue to see more and more bald eagles every year—because that would mean we are still doing our job in Washington to responsibly steward the lands, waters, and wildlife that are in our trust.

SHERIFF RICK DUNLAP TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Rick Dunlap for his service to his community and nation.

Originally from Tennessee, Rick grew up in an impoverished family. A large part of his childhood was spent working in his family's tobacco fields, using those earnings to help support his family. It wasn't long before he realized there was so much to see and experience in the world, so he joined the United States Army at 17 to serve his country. Upon completing basic and advanced training, Sheriff Dunlap was sent to Vietnam. While overseas, he was attached to the 101st Airborne Division as a member of a helicopter platoon and later served in the Asha Valley for Operation Lam Son 719.

As the result of his heroic service during Operation Lam Son, Rick and his fellow crew members were awarded the Bronze Star and the Medal of Valor. Throughout his military career, Rick served in many roles including field artilleryman, helicopter door gunner, aviation

maintenance, recruiter, instructor at Fort Sill Oklahoma and training officer for a local National Guard unit. Later in his career, Rick was reassigned to an aviation unit in Fort Carson, Colorado. It was there where he met his wife of 42 years, Karen Starbuck Dunlap and together they have three sons and eight grandchildren.

Having proudly served his country in the military for 21 years, and retiring young enough to continue a life of service, Rick embarked on a career in law enforcement. His law enforcement career began as a Deputy Sheriff at the Montrose County Sheriff's Office under long-time Sheriff Tom Gilmore. His hard work payed off and eventually he was chosen as Sheriff of Montrose County, a job he has thrived in ever since.

Sheriff Dunlap's service to his community has gained him tremendous respect not just in Montrose, but across the entire state of Colorado. He has brought the Sheriff's Office forward progressively during his tenure, with the implementation of the Professional Standards Office in the Sheriff's Office, the K-9 program, and the creation of the School Resource position. Additionally, he instituted crime mapping and updated policies and procedures in the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Third Congressional District of Colorado, I would like thank Sheriff Rick Dunlap for his commitment to the Montrose community and the nation. We are proud to call him a Western Coloradoan, and his integrity, intelligence and loyalty will be greatly missed. I wish him luck as he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

HONORING BETSY HODGES

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Betsy Hodges' honorable service to the City of Minneapolis.

During her time as Mayor of Minneapolis, Betsy Hodges advanced environmental justice, transforming policing and safety, and closing racial and economic disparities, including among our youngest children. Through her inspiring vision of "One Minneapolis," she reoriented the work of the City of Minneapolis and changed the citywide conversation to put racial equity at the core of both.

Mayor Hodges pushed Minneapolis to be one of the greenest cities in America, extending organics recycling to every neighborhood, developing a Zero Waste Minneapolis plan, winning incentives to keep pollutants out of our air and water, and pursuing environmental justice. Under Mayor Hodges' leadership, Minneapolis was named a Climate Champion city by the White House and won a coveted 100 Resilient Cities designation from the Rockefeller Foundation. Pope Francis recognized Mayor Hodges' and Minneapolis' leadership in fighting climate change when he invited her to the Vatican for a convening of world mayors that he hosted.

Because of Mayor Hodges' leadership, the City passed historic measures to help working people, including a \$15 municipal minimum wage with no tip penalty, and earned sick and safe time for everyone who works in Min-

neapolis, both of which were firsts in the state of Minnesota. Mayor Hodges laid a strong foundation for transforming the city's policing, including implementing the use of body cameras, reforming the municipal criminal-justice system, and appointing Minneapolis' first African American chief of police. She also assembled a groundbreaking Cradle to K Cabinet that developed a plan to prevent racial disparities for our youngest children.

Minneapolis continued to grow under Mayor Hodges' tenure: in each of her four years as Mayor, the City experienced more than \$1 billion in private growth, without public subsidy. The long-planned renovation of Nicollet Mall was completed on time and on budget, the City-owned Target Center was renovated at one quarter of the cost of building a new arena, and Minneapolis won both Super Bowl LII and the NCAA Final Four. Mayor Hodges fully funded a first-ever, 20-year tourism master plan for Minneapolis to build on these successes into the future.

Mayor Hodges also made significant investments in Minneapolis' infrastructure: a historic and fiscally responsible 20-year, \$800 million investment in the City's parks and streets, along with full funding for Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit and a network of protected bike lanes that contribute to Minneapolis' continuing to be the best bike city in America. She also made significant investments in affordable housing, including for families facing homelessness.

Mayor Hodges' nation-leading work was also recognized with a coveted Promise Zone designation for North Minneapolis, several significant federal grants to support Minneapolis' 21st-century policing efforts, a highly competitive Mayor's Innovation Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies to support racial-equity work, and with Minneapolis' participation in the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

Under Mayor Hodges' leadership, Minneapolis remained a well-run city. Mayor Hodges passed and presented four structurally balanced budgets that continued the foundation of fiscal responsibility that she laid while a Council Member and reoriented the work of the City around racial equity. Mayor Hodges' commitment to equity extended to hiring in her own office, where she hired half women and half people of color, including the first Somali-American and the first openly transgender person ever to work in the Mayor's office.

As an openly sober person and an open survivor of childhood sexual assault, Mayor Hodges has consistently given of her time to help more people than we will ever know find their own path to healing and has actively supported them in the process.

Before serving as Mayor, Betsy Hodges had an outstanding career in public service. As the Ward 13 City Council Member for eight years, she chaired the Ways & Means/Budget Committee and worked successfully for years to reform the City's closed-pension system that was unfair to taxpayers and pensioners alike. Mayor Hodges worked as an organizer in the non-profit sector for TakeAction MN and for the Minnesota Justice Foundation, and helped found the Women's Health Project in New Mexico to assist HIV-positive women. She also worked as an aide for Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman.

Mayor Hodges is also known for her sense of humor, as well as for her love of Wonder

Woman, the movie "Die Hard," giraffes, and Oxford commas.

Mayor Betsy Hodges' years of leadership and activism have shaped Minneapolis and Minnesota for the better. She has made a positive impact on the lives of so many, one that will be felt for decades to come. I would like to commend and thank her for her many contributions.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA AND DENNIS MASCHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gloria and Dennis Mascher of Farragut, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on August 24, 2018.

Gloria and Dennis' lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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.

IN HONOR OF KEN ROOS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ken Roos. A passionate activist, humanitarian, and volunteer, Ken was known to love a good protest and dedicated himself to social and economic justice through countless amounts of service to help hard working Granite State men and women. Ken, affectionately known as Uncle Kenny, also served with distinction in the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and as the Vice President of the local Service Employees International Union.

Through his career in public service, Ken promoted the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire. His volunteer work with the Red Cross ameliorated families' lives after difficult times such as 9/11, New Hampshire home fires, and Hurricane Katrina. Ken literally gave a part of himself to those whose lives he touched, including donating hundreds of pints of blood throughout his life. Ken advocated for many whose voices didn't always have a seat at the table.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I express my profound gratitude for Ken and his many years of devoted service to the Granite

State and its people. He will be greatly missed but his memory will live on through the kindness of everyone he touched and the lasting impact of the causes for which he fought. I am honored to recognize Ken and extend my condolences to his family. May he deservedly rest in peace.

HONORING FRANCISCO MUÑOZ III

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Francisco Muñoz III on the occasion of his retirement. For more than 43 years, Mr. Muñoz served as director of the dance and Ballet Folklórico programs at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Francisco Muñoz graduated from Pan American University—now University of Texas Rio Grande Valley—in 1975, double majoring in history and health, physical education and recreation. He went on to earn multiple graduate degrees at the University. Francisco began teaching dance part-time in 1977, and in 1982 became the first full-time instructor at the school to focus on folklórico.

On August 31, 2018, Francisco retired from his positions as director of both prestigious UTRGV performing arts programs. Francisco and his wife, Mary, built the dance program and the internationally recognized Ballet Folklórico company from the ground up. His work has forever transformed the dance department at UTRGV and enabled students from all over the Rio Grande Valley to share their talents on national and international stages. Francisco's colleagues and pupils were fortunate to receive instruction and encouragement from a leader like him.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent someone as hard-working as Mr. Francisco Muñoz III. The South Texas community is thankful for his work and dedication to enriching our culture. I wish him the best as he begins a new chapter of his life. May retirement suit him and his family well.

BILL HARRIS POST OFFICE BILL

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer legislation to honor a good man, a faithful public servant, a veteran, and a friend to the people of the great state of Ohio by renaming the Post Office in Ashland, Ohio after former Ohio Senate President, Bill Harris.

Bill served our nation as a United States Marine for 23 years. He completed tours of duty in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His actions led to him being awarded the Bronze Star twice and the Vietnam Medal of Honor. He rose to the rank of Major and retired in 1977.

Shortly thereafter, Bill found himself moving to Ashland, Ohio and opening a car dealership. It is still run by the Harris family. Bill was an active member of his community, serving

as chairman of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Board for the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University.

I got to know Bill when we served in the Ohio legislature together. While he was in the Senate, I served in the House. Bill was Ohio Senate President when he led them to enact major reforms to Ohio's tax code. He also had a passion for making Ohio's higher education system better and more affordable. But I also got to know Bill on a personal level. After Bill broke his leg slipping on ice in 2009, he was unable to drive. Since I lived the closest to him, I drove him down to Columbus while he was recovering. We spent many hours talking, sometimes about politics and state government, but mostly about family and life. He told me stories and imparted his wisdom on those drives from Ashland to Columbus and back.

Bill Harris dedicated his life to his family and friends, his community and country. I offer this legislation as a way to honor Bill's legacy and recognize his achievements. I ask for my colleagues' support of this bill to rename the Post Office in Bill's hometown of Ashland after him as thanks for his commitment to Ashland, the State of Ohio, and to America.

HONORING MICHAEL BEATTY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hoosier artist and Congressional Art Competition judge Michael Beatty.

He has shared his passion for artistic and creative expression with many throughout his career. Michael's work has been showcased across northern Indiana, giving our community the gift of cultural enrichment and a chance to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us.

The breadth of his work, which spans various mediums, publications, and international honors, stands as a guiding light for others. Michael is a role model, a leader, and an expressive visionary who inspires us all.

Michael has always been active in our community, and for the past several years has helped celebrate the hard work and incredible talent of local high school students as a judge in Indiana's 2nd District Congressional Art Competition. His participation in our annual competition gives young artists encouragement and the opportunity to continue pursuing their dreams. I want to thank him for the time and dedication he has given to support the next generation of Hoosier artists.

I am truly grateful for his positive contributions in northern Indiana and across the country. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michael's compassion, drive, and creative spirit. It is a privilege to represent Hoosiers like Michael Beatty, who helps make our communities vibrant and our futures bright.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR MURDER VICTIMS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, homicide is the leading cause of death

among youth, especially among people of color between the ages of 13 to 34. The Center for American Progress reported 17 young people are murdered every day in America. Imagine if 17 of our nation's best doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, poets, and politicians lay waste everyday due to gun violence. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, the murder rate has declined by 3.4 percent from 30 of the largest cities in America. The murder rate in Chicago also declined by 12.3 percent in 2017, but remains more than 60 percent above 2014 levels. Some cities saw their murder rates rise in 2017, such as Baltimore (7.8 percent) and Philadelphia (13.1 percent). This is the daily reality of America, particularly for urban cities like Chicago and Philadelphia. This issue should outrage us all.

Mothers In Charge, Inc. (MIC) is one organization that is here today in our nation's Capitol to inform Members of Congress of the impact of gun violence. MIC is comprised of impassioned mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and others who are committed to working towards saving lives and preventing another parent or guardian from having to experience their terrible tragedy. They advocate for families affected by violence and provide counseling and grief support services for families when a loved one has been murdered. One of the advocates is Mrs. Johnson-Speight, who is spearheading a movement to make the nation aware of homicide among young people. She works with juvenile offenders—some of whom are incarcerated for murder—using a cognitive skills development model titled, "Thinking For A Change". This program addresses the development of pro-social and proper decision making skills, violence prevention, and preparation for re-entry back into their communities.

I commend all of the organizations and institutions working hard to bring attention to homicide, and their efforts to eliminate the threat of gun violence. In honor of the many precious lives lost as a result of gun violence, Congress, in 2007, designated September 25th as the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. On this day, every year, we are reminded of the lives lost, and the need to continue the fight against violence so their deaths are not in vain.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA AND LARRY
WEST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gloria and Larry West of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 17, 1968 in Harlan, Iowa.

Gloria and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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.

COLORADO FARM BREWERY AND
COLORADO MALTING COMPANY
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cody Family and the Colorado Malting Company and Colorado Farm Brewery of Alamosa, Colorado for their entrepreneurial spirit.

Over 80 years ago, Ray Cody moved his family from Oklahoma to the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado and started what is now known as the Colorado Malting Company. Almost four generations later, Ray's grandson and great-grandsons now own and operate the business he created.

Ray's son Bob eventually took over the then-humble farming operation and expanded it several times. Thanks to Bob's ambition, the business entered into a contract with Coors Brewing Company, growing high country barley for one of the world's foremost breweries. Along the way, Bob also started a dairy operation with the help of his sons. For many years, the Cody's lived and farmed on Henry Road, growing barley for Coors using malting equipment they made from scratch. In the early 1970s, Bob's son Wayne took over the dairy operation.

In 1994, Wayne sold the dairy cows and focused full-time on farming Coors barley and alfalfa hay. Almost 15 years later, Wayne, with the help of his friends and family, converted the old dairy barn into a malting facility. Now, Wayne's son Jason, who was one of the founders of Colorado Malting Company, runs the day to day operations of the facility, while Wayne's sons Joshua and Bobby have played active roles in the design and growth of the company in recent years.

The Cody family's tenacity has led to many accolades, including national recognition from the New York Times. Colorado Farm Brewery is also the first in the state to have a tasting room on location at the farm.

Mr. Speaker, the success of the Colorado Malting Company and the Colorado Farm Brewery is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Cody family. Their entrepreneurial spirit has paved the way for them to become one of Colorado's premiere brewing and malting companies, and it is my honor to recognize them. I look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN F. GIRARD

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, on August 12, 2018 the Town of Norwich, Vermont lost a longtime member of the community, John F. Girard. He was revered for his service to the town, its school and especially its children.

I would like to include in the RECORD the eulogy delivered by Dan Fraser, a former student and lifelong friend.

In Memory of John F. Girard—Aug. 25, 2018.

It has been a rough few weeks for all of us, especially the Girard, Adams, Capps and Culverhouse families.

Mr. G. was a man I knew extremely well. The family asked me to speak some about the time when his children were growing up. The Girard and Fraser families go back almost 50 years! The first four Girards and Frasers are all the same age—Johnny—sorry John—you will always be Johnny to me and my brother John, Lauren and I, Mikey—Mike and Rob, Linsey and Mat—something in the water that year? Linsey spelled with no D and Mat spelled with only 1 T. Then my sister Jen completed out the team.

Norwich was not as large as it is today, there was no internet—some families only had one car—like both the Girards and the Frasers. We grew up in a time without daycare and Mrs. G and my Mom stayed home raising all of us kids and I would say they did a pretty darn good job!

The Girards moved here in 1966 from Somerville, MA, when Mr. G was hired to teach at the Marion Cross School. My dad returned from Vietnam in 1972. Ironically enough, it was at St. Francis of Assisi Church where our families first met—right over there behind us. Mrs. G noticed my mom as a new comer at church and that was the beginning of a lifelong friendship that continues on among our families today. Every first communion, every confirmation, every wedding and birth—our families gathered to celebrate. In addition, every Christmas Eve—the tradition was that we went to mass and then back to the Girards for dinner and an evening of fun. All of us kids would wonder what gifts we might get in the morning. Mrs. G's famous homemade eggnog, spinach squares, shrimp, and lasagna were enjoyed by all. Mr. G would entertain us all or we would sit and watch a Boston sports team play on TV—he could never contain his excitement.

When there were not holidays or celebrations, it still meant we would go to the Girards to hang out or they would come to our house. In the winter, it was sledding and building snowmen outside. During the summer it was riding our Green Machine big wheels for hours on end tormenting the old ladies around Jones Circle with all the noise they made. Green Machines—the gift from last Christmas—Mr. G put together 4 of them for us to all share. And we rode bikes on the trails—in the wooded lot behind the Girard's house before Mascoma Bank put in their parking lot and paved it. Of course there were Lou's donuts on special occasions, with 9 kids we could polish off 3 dozen pretty quick. The Girards—are simply the best—as all of us here today already know.

Calendar squares—here in this envelope are calendar squares from the 2019 calendar. If there are not enough—just pick a date sometime next year. We are all here to pay tribute and honor Mr. G. We need this tribute to carry on so on your date—you do something for some member of his family. Send a card, flowers, make a phone call, drop off a dessert, a meal, or pay a visit and share a story. All year long the Girards will be reminded of how amazing Mr. G was and he will always be remembered.

Lauren—this one is for you: Now what about the jars of peanut butter and jelly and boxes of crackers. Mr. G's favorite snack—peanut butter and jelly on crackers. Thank you to everyone who brought one of these items—Lauren they are here, as you wished—enough for all the various Girard families to take home and any extra will be donated to The Haven in his honor.

As I look out across this field, I see a crowd, some old, some young, some locals

and some with roots here who traveled from great distances. Mr. G the impact you have had on so many, the footprint you have left, the learning and life skills you so enthusiastically shared will last for generations.

How do you honor a man like Mr. G—A legend in his own time who in his lifetime already has a scoreboard in Tracy Hall, the Marion Cross School gym and a road named after him. He was the first Citizen of the Year, and here we sit at Girard field.

It is often said that it takes a village. Well Mr. G, you for over 52 years, you have been here for our village—Norwich. Today, is pay-back! The village of Norwich is here for you and the Girard family. I am so proud of how Norwich has really rallied on this one. Thank you all who helped make this happen.

We are going to start backward with the youngest first:

Linsey—as a special tribute for you and your family to honor your father: on May 8, 2019 there will be a wine tasting to support The John Girard Fund established by you and your siblings at The Norwich Rec. Dept. This will be an annual Event.

Mike—as a special tribute to you and your family to honor your father, and to tie in with your work in education as a teacher, Marion Cross School has declared Nov. 4th to be John F. Girard Day and he will be honored each year on this date. This date was not chosen at random, but we know this date has a double significance to your family.

Lauren—as the most local, as a special tribute to you and your family to honor your father—it seems fitting that Dan & Whit's will have an ice cream cone day for Mr. G. We will donate 100% of sales today to the John Girard Fund at the Norwich Rec. Dept. established by you and your siblings in his honor. A wonderful Norwich couple will match all funds raised today. Please be sure to stop after this event to support the effort. This will be a yearly event, in the future it will be held on Aug. 12, the day of his passing so that his memory lives on forever.

John—as a tribute to you and your family to honor your father—Mascoma Bank has donated a \$2,500.00 Scholarship in honor of Mr. G. This will be awarded to a graduating Hanover High School Athlete or athletes. This individual must have attended Marion Cross School.

You all know for me, it is about keeping it local—so for the extended Girard family—as a tribute to you all, the businesses in the Norwich community have also been impacted by Mr. G and the Girard Family. Aug. 12, will be Mr. Girard Day in Norwich—the following businesses will contribute and make a donation based on sales in his honor to The John Girard Fund established by his children at The Norwich Rec. Dept.

The Norwich Inn, Carpenter and Main Restaurant, Diane's Casual Cuts, the Norwich Bookstore, Dan & Whits. I have not had a chance to reach out to all Norwich businesses, so we welcome all businesses from any town to join us and participate. The intent of this day is only intended to increase the funds in John Girard Norwich Rec Dept. account, the fund established by his children—please do not turn it into anything more than the business community supporting this effort. Please reach out to me for details. This will be an annual event.

Now for the Matriarch of this wonderful family: Mrs. Cathy Girard—Mrs. G—as a special tribute to you and honor your husband—this speech will be offered to the Norwich Historical Society and more importantly read on the floor of Congress and entered into the Congressional Record in Washington, DC. Mr. G will be eternally honored at the national level. Nothing could be more fitting. Special thanks to Norwich resident and Representative Peter Welch for making this happen.

Mr. G I know you hated being in the spotlight but look at what you have created. Mr. G you changed lives. Mr. G you may have left us, but your spirit will live on with us forever. Godspeed Mr. G.

Thank you,
Dan Fraser

HONORING BARBARA JOHNSON

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Barbara Johnson who represented the Fourth Ward of Minneapolis for 20 years, serving as the Council President for the last 12 years. Johnson became the longest-serving Council President in Minneapolis history.

Johnson's accomplishments as a Council Member and as Council President were extensive. She made public safety and the health of the Fourth Ward one of her main priorities, serving on the Public Safety & Health Committee and the Hennepin County Criminal Justice Coordination Committee. She assisted in crime prevention through job training and youth programs. As a registered nurse, Johnson was passionate about the growing healthcare sector in Minneapolis and supported using a public health approach to public safety.

Johnson was passionate about constituent service, always willing to pick up the phone to help get a pothole filled. She helped support local businesses in the neighborhood, including the opening of the North Market grocery store, and businesses across Minneapolis with projects like the Midtown Global Market. She also spearheaded an effort to merge the Hennepin County and Minneapolis library systems.

Johnson has a strong interest in parks and the environment. She served for 18 years on the Metropolitan Park & Open Space Commission, and served on the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area Commission. She helped negotiate a 20-year parks and street maintenance agreement that passed in 2016. She supported the development of the Webber Natural Swimming Pool. She also worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to reduce pollution on the Northside.

Prior to her elected service, Johnson was a founding member of the Victory Neighborhood Association (VINA) and was the Chair from 1994 to 1997.

Johnson's experience, hard work, and leadership has made a lasting mark on Ward 4 and across our community. I want to thank Barbara Johnson for her exceptional 20 years of public service and her dedication to the City of Minneapolis.

RECOGNIZING 107TH TAIWAN
NATIONAL DAY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th National Day of Taiwan.

Taiwan celebrates its national day every October 10th. As this special day approaches, I

would like to wish the people of Taiwan and all Taiwanese and Chinese Americans a happy Double Ten Day.

These occasions remind us to reflect on our past successes and look forward with renewed commitment to what we may accomplish together through our shared commitment to liberty and democracy.

Taiwan was America's 11th largest trading partner in 2017 and strives to respect the intellectual property rights that protect American innovation. In this and other areas, we see that our nations share a special bond, forged by mutual respect and a steadfast commitment to one another's security and prosperity.

Through the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 and President Reagan's deliverance of the Six Assurances in 1982, the United States and Taiwan cemented a strong friendship deepened by mutual strength in the face of hardship.

I believe the United States and Taiwan must continue to prioritize investment in defense capabilities that will secure its peace and fight global terrorism, but also want to recognize that the commitment to the bond between our nations extends to humanitarian support.

I would like to extend thanks to President Tsai Ing-wen and the people of Taiwan for their generosity and friendship, and again wish them a Happy Double Ten Day.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMENIAN GENERAL ATHLETIC UNION AND SCOUTS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, commonly known as Homenetmen, upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

Founded in 1918, Homenetmen has been a global phenomenon that has served hundreds of thousands of youth worldwide. Over the years, this extraordinary organization has mentored outstanding youth and has encouraged members to work towards achieving individual as well as collective excellence.

Homenetmen has continuously expanded over the last century and is currently the largest Armenian scouting and athletic organization in the United States. In 1922, when Homenetmen chapters in Constantinople were forced to close, its leaders dispersed across the world. From there, a network of chapters began appearing globally. The first chapter in the western United States, the Homenetmen Los Angeles Chapter, was founded in 1968, and its prosperity led to the formation of other chapters across the region.

Homenetmen Western USA presently comprises 19 chapters; several within California's 28th Congressional District, which is home to a large Armenian-American community. Throughout the years, the organization has preserved the Armenian spirit by exposing Armenian-American youth to the rich Armenian culture and heritage, and has provided them with physical, moral and social education. It conducts scouting and athletic activities which foster dedicated and outstanding individuals and helps members develop leadership and

life skills. Through its scouting program, scouts actively engage in physical, team-building and educational activities, coupled with community service and outdoor scouting expeditions. A highlight of the organization is the Navasartian Games and Festival, which is an annual event that attracts thousands of community members and boasts the participation of many athletes and scouts.

The time, effort, and care that Homenetmen has given to the global Armenian community is invaluable, and many have benefited greatly from their dedicated work. The organization has championed shaping our children into responsible and thriving members of society, who become shining examples of Homenetmen's motto—"Elevate Yourself and Others With You."

I ask all Members to join with me in commending Homenetmen for one-hundred years of dedicated service.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY
PROCLAMATION

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan will celebrate its 107th National Day on October 10. I would like to congratulate my Taiwanese friends on this important occasion.

Taiwan has long been a trusted ally of the United States in the increasingly important Indo-Pacific region. We share many common values including the rule of law, democracy, a market economy, and a commitment to human rights. We can be certain that Taiwan's democracy and resulting development are an example to the entire Indo-Pacific region. We can also be certain that the United States, Taiwan, and all of our other like-minded partners can work together to strengthen the rules-based fabric of this region. Lastly, we can be certain that the United States' commitment to the security and democracy of the Taiwanese people has never been stronger.

Taiwan is currently the 11th largest trading partner of the United States and one of the largest export markets for the great state of Tennessee in Asia. The United States is Taiwan's second largest trading partner. Based on these figures and through our continuing hard work, I am confident that our ties will only grow stronger over time.

I wish our Taiwanese friends a wonderful 107th National Day and a fruitful year ahead.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
LATRELL E. JUAREZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Latrell E. Juarez of Des Moines, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Latrell is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 40 of the Mid Iowa Council.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately

five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Latrell earned more than 40 merit badges and served his troop well with leadership and volunteering roles. Latrell's Eagle Scout Project was completed for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Iowa. He designed and built a portable can redemption shed that has raised more than \$500 for hospitalized veterans at the Des Moines VA Hospital. The work ethic Latrell has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Latrell and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

RECOGNIZING KADANCE
FREDERICKSEN AS RECIPIENT
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kadance Fredericksen, recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, for her outstanding community service contribution of over 122 hours this year.

Driven by her desire to help others, Kadance has organized events at her school including a canned food drive for the Crestview Homeless Shelter during which she was able to obtain 18.5 pounds of canned goods for donation. Additionally, she organized a "GO GOLD" day in her school to raise awareness for childhood cancer. This "GO GOLD" day is now a yearly event at her school.

Outside of school, Kadance has collected and delivered over 200 teddy bears for the Children's Coalition of Florida, delivered sandwiches, chips, and cookies to local police departments, and assisted with the Princess of Paradise special-needs pageant.

An organization that has a particular place in Kadance's heart is the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida. Kadance spends much of her time here getting to know staff and families along with cleaning the facility, donating to the wish list, and hosting pizza parties for the families. In 2016 Kadance opened a lemonade stand to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Through this, she has since raised \$13,000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

In 2017, Kadance won the title of Little Miss Northwest Florida where she raised aware-

ness for the Ronald McDonald House. She has also used her pageant career as a platform to launch a campaign against bullying. She is currently Jr. Miss Sugar Sands and will compete for the title of Jr. Miss Northwest Florida in January 2019.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Kadance Fredericksen for her outstanding contributions to the community and for earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HOOPS FOR YOUTH FOUNDATION

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20-year anniversary of the Hoops For Youth Foundation and their achievements in helping and supporting at-risk kids in Washington, D.C.

Since 1999, the Hoops for Youth Foundation has brought together lawmakers, congressional staff, community leaders, and the lobbying profession in a bipartisan effort to help give children in our Nation's Capital a fighting chance with educational, family, hope, and career opportunities through countless hours of community service.

Mr. Speaker, the Hoops for Youth Foundation dedicates its support for organizations like Healthy Babies, Inc, a Washington, D.C. based non-profit, which supports at-risk families to have healthy babies and move out of the cycle of poverty. Healthy Babies reaches out to high-risk, low-income, substance-abusing, pregnant and parenting women, men, and their families. It removes barriers for health and success by helping clients identify what they need. Healthy Babies works with service provider partners to connect women and families to resources including health care, housing, nutrition, mental health services, educational support, skills building, substance abuse support, and employment. They stay with families long-term to give them the best chance for success.

The Foundation also supports important schools like The Cornerstone School of Washington, D.C., which provides a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education to the children of Washington, D.C.; and St. Anthony's, which continues to be a family and neighborhood tradition. The curriculum and environment at St. Anthony is based upon the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ as understood by the Catholic Church. They are proud to offer a rigorous, standards-based academic program to students in Pre-K3 through grade eight.

Finally, the Foundation dedicates its support to Washington Jesuit Academy, which provides a high quality and comprehensive education to boys from low-income communities, offering them a safe, rigorous academic setting and advancing their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical growth. The guiding vision of the Washington Jesuit Academy is to create an education model that addresses the cycle of poverty that plagues our students' communities, and replaces it with a cycle of hope, determination and success. In order to challenge the city's widening achievement gap

and bleak graduation statistics for low-income males, WJA incorporates the Magis ("the more") and asks the important question: What more can we do for our students, our families and our community to change the face of urban education?

Mr. Speaker, the commitment and achievements over the past 20 years of the Hoops For Youth Foundation, Members of Congress, congressional staff, community leaders, and the professional lobbying community, should be recognized, for their incredible dedication to ensuring at-risk kids in our Nation's Capital have the opportunities to become the next generation of leaders.

We must also recognize those efforts to promote strong family values and commitment to success by programs like Healthy Babies, St. Anthony's, Cornerstone School of Washington, D.C. and the Washington Jesuit Academy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELIZABETH KAY GUNTER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks one year since the passing of an outstanding conservative leader from Clarke County, Virginia, Elizabeth Kay Gunter, and, on this occasion, I rise to celebrate her extraordinary life with you and our colleagues.

Kay Gunter was a formidable champion of conservative political values, especially regarding the Right to Life. She was always an enthusiastic ally of those candidates and causes she championed and a formidable adversary of those who she opposed. To have influence in the political arena, Kay successfully ran for and served ably in the capacity of: Chairwoman of the Clarke County Republican Committee, member of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, Chairwoman of the Winchester-Frederick-Clarke Republican Women and Virginia Delegate to the Republican National Convention. Kay's interest in doing what she could to protect the sacredness of life led her to also serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the ABBA Pregnancy Care Center in Winchester. In recognition of her remarkable and long-lasting influence over politics in Clarke County, the important policy forum sponsored by the Clarke County Republican Committee, is now called the Nolan-Gunter Policy Forum.

While Kay Gunter dedicated much time and energy to politics, the foundation of her life was always her relationship with God. Although she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina, Kay's Christian discipleship led her to define and honor the profession of homemaking, during which, over a 55-year career, she successfully created a strong household of faith for her husband, Sam, their three children and their many grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Elizabeth Kay Gunter, whose courage and tenacity as a Christian disciple led her to extraordinary success as a political activist and homemaker.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE AND JIM LONG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joyce and Jim Long of Essex, Iowa for being selected the Grand Marshals for the Essex Labor Day parade. They were chosen by fellow members of the Essex Community Club for this honor.

Joyce and Jim have lived in the Essex area for almost six decades. The couple graduated from high school in 1954 and married a year later. Jim served in the military and operated the family farm. Joyce enrolled in nursing school and was employed by the Montgomery County Hospital for 24 years. Joyce and Jim have three children and have been active in the Essex community. Jim served on the city council and on the Page County Landfill Board. Joyce is a member of the quilting crew at St. John's Lutheran Church. Joyce said, "giving back to the community is just something you do. We don't think anything of it." Jim added, "Essex has been a wonderful place for us to live and raise our children. It's an honor and nice to be recognized."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Joyce and Jim Long for being selected the Grand Marshals for the Essex Labor Day parade. They are shining examples of how hard work and dedication can affect a community. I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Joyce and Jim on receiving this honor, and I wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL
ALOYSIUS RYAN**

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service and legacy of Master Sergeant Michael Aloysius Ryan. Born on May 15, 1946, Master Sergeant Ryan dedicated his life to his country through his service with the Armed Forces. Earning his High School GED through the United States Armed Forces Institute, he went on to serve two tours in Vietnam and one in the Persian Gulf.

Throughout his service, Master Sergeant Ryan earned many decorations, medals and commendations, including two Air Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Army Rifle MIG Expert Badge.

Returning home to transition into the Air Force Reserve, Master Sergeant Ryan continued to serve his nation as a member of the 106th Rescue Wing of Westhampton Beach, New York. Once again answering the call of

duty, Master Sergeant Ryan stepped up in the immediate aftermath of September 11th as a part of the search and recovery mission at the World Trade Center. Within one week of working the pile at Ground Zero, Master Sergeant Ryan contracted an incurable lung disease, one he would succumb to nearly seventeen years later.

Master Sergeant Ryan was kind, loving, dedicated, funny, intelligent and a passionate sportsman. He was a loving husband, loyal brother, amazing father and caring grandfather, but most of all he was an American hero. Having dedicated centuries of his life to serving his fellow Americans, he did not hesitate to step up even in our nation's darkest moment. For his bravery and heroism, and the sacrifice of his family, our country will be eternally grateful. Let his memory serve as a promise to always care for our nation's veterans, first responders and all those who stepped up in the aftermath of September 11th.

**FRANCE RECOGNIZES TEXAS AS
AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC**

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Texas is distinctive in many ways. Texas was an independent nation for nine years. In fact, some Texans still think we're an independent country.

Texas had gained independence from Mexico in 1836 and had immediately set up a republic. The reason for the call for independence was because Mexico had abolished its democracy and set up a dictatorship with Santa Anna as the Supreme Dictator. Texans and Tejanos—Mexican or Spanish person born in Texas—were determined not to live under an imperial dictatorship and went to war with Mexico to gain independence. This was a fight for liberty. Independence was gained on April 21, 1836, at the Battle of San Jacinto where General Sam Houston and his boys defeated a superior Mexican army under the leadership of Santa Anna.

After Texas set up a government, it then built an army and a navy. Texas then sought official recognition of the Republic of Texas from other nations.

On this day, September 25, 1839, King Louis Philippe of France formally recognized the Republic of Texas. This was the first country after the United States to recognize the republic. This treaty allowed Texas commerce to be admitted to France on a most favored nation basis. Great Britain soon followed in recognizing Texas as an independent nation. Texas would proceed to engage in commerce with the United States, Mexico, France, and Great Britain.

Dubois De Saligny of France was appointed as chargé d'affaires and soon moved to Austin. He bought 21 acres just east of the Texas Capitol in Austin and began construction of the house known today as the French Legation. Today, there is a similar site where the Texas Legation was in Paris, France. The French residence is now a historical site in Texas. It acts as a reminder that Texas was once a country.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ERIC ACCIME

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Accime, a highly successful executive with more than 20 years of experience in the building and engineering industry and a generous philanthropist, who has had an outsized impact on underserved and impoverished communities around the world.

Mr. Accime, a product of Florida International University, participated in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project I founded to intervene in the lives of at-risk boys of color and steer them onto a pathway to success. I am extremely proud that Mr. Accime has utilized the mentorship and assistance he received as a springboard to personal and professional success while remaining committed to giving back and serving those in need.

After graduating from FIU, Mr. Accime returned to the 5000 Role Models as a staffer and helped mentor other boys and young men of color, working to instill in them the same skills, confidence, and vision that has served him over the course of his career.

Since entering the private sector, Mr. Accime has built an impressive body of work and been recognized for his outstanding contributions. His expertise spans the development and construction management of large multi-use real estate, municipal and commercial projects. To date, he has spearheaded various high-profile projects valued at more than \$600 million. His accolades include the National Award of Excellence for a project built in Tampa, Florida, which was designated one of the two best projects in the United States for fiscal year 2000.

Although remarkably accomplished, Mr. Accime has retained the same values of service and community that drove him as a young staffer with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. His professional and philanthropic endeavors have helped significantly improve conditions, particularly for underserved children, both in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Accime has been integral to numerous relief efforts, having partnered with USAID, Habitat for Humanity, the Breaking Point International Corp., and the National Society of Black Engineers of Alexandria, Virginia, to provide resources and build vital infrastructure.

Following the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Mr. Accime worked to help design and build a new National Campus of Health and Sciences there in collaboration with USAID. The project utilized cutting-edge design and delivery techniques to ensure the facility's sustainability, which was vital to Haiti's recovery and was estimated to produce approximately 1,500 doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other health practitioners over a 10-year period.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Accime for his exceptional achievements and humanitarian contributions. I am proud to call Mr. Accime a friend and can personally testify to his generous and hardworking spirit.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA WATTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laura Watts of Winterset, Iowa for being honored as the Rotarian of the Year by the Winterset Rotary Club.

Ms. Watts has been a member of this club for 35 years and has earned her Paul Harris Award and Paul Harris Plus pin. She has also been incredibly active, volunteering with events such as Husky Help Day, Birthday in a Bag project and assisted with the rotary Youth Exchange program.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Laura demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with her community. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Laura Watts for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

IN HONOR OF SARAH AND ROBERT WILKINSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the loving generosity of a family, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson, as the 2018 Angels in Adoption from the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia.

Earlier this year, the Wilkinson family was recognized by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as the 2018 Loudoun County Foster Parents of the Year and, as a member of Congress, I am very pleased that the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, through its national public awareness campaign, has given me the opportunity to recognize this family for their demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

The Angels in Adoption tradition is well established in the Wilkinson family. When Sarah was six, her parents began fostering children who would eventually become her brothers and sisters. Within a year of their wedding in 2005, Sarah and Robert became foster parents to a teenager. Since then, the Wilkinson family have served as foster parents for nine children, and they have provided respite services for countless others. Sarah and Robert have four birth children, have adopted two children, and are currently in the process of adopting another child.

In addition to setting a stellar example for others by creating a beautiful family of fostered, adopted and birthed children, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson spend countless hours supporting other foster and adoptive parents. They lead a monthly support group for foster parents in Loudoun County, and Sarah leads a support group of moms living in the greater Northern Virginia area. The Wilkinsons also take part in the final session of the Loudoun

County's foster parent training program, offering practical ideas and encouragement to people who are about to embark on their new lives as foster parents.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to count among my constituents, Sarah and Robert Wilkinson. I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating them for being recognized as the 2018 Angels in Adoption from the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the 70th anniversary of one of Ohio's premiere educational institutions: Ohio Christian University.

The true story of this University is growth. From its humble beginnings on East Ohio Street in Circleville in September of 1948, the University quickly grew beyond its location, and moved to its current, 40-acre home on U.S. Route 22. In recent years, that growth has continued, with adult degree programs offered online, and satellite campuses in Chillicothe, Columbus, Dublin, Lancaster, Washington Court House, and Wilmington.

While its consistent expansion is impressive, the most important "growth" is the growth of the students who attend Ohio Christian University. With a Christ-centered, biblically-based, ministry-motivated curriculum, University students grow into capable and well-rounded leaders who are ready and able to "serve effectively in the church and society."

As Ohio Christian University enters this new decade, there are already ambitious plans in place to continue its growth. From fostering "an academic and community environment" to preparing "world-impact societal leaders," this is an institution that is not content with the status quo, and I applaud the continued efforts of Dr. Jon S. Kulaga, Dr. Hank Kelly, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students.

Ohio Christian University is an essential thread in our Ohio tapestry, and I am grateful to have it as a committed partner in our community. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ohio Christian University on its 70th anniversary, as well as wishing the entire community a happy Homecoming.

HONORING ELIZABETH GLIDDEN

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Glidden's 12 years of service as a Minneapolis Councilmember. She has served as a distinguished leader on the Council, including as the Council Vice President, and Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Ms. Glidden has an extensive list of accomplishments from her time in office. She has

been an advocate for workers' protection, helping lead the push for a \$15 municipal minimum wage and for paid sick and safe leave to provide job protections to up to 100,000 Minneapolis workers during illness. She is a champion for affordable housing, and was the chief author of the 2017 Minneapolis ordinance that prohibited discrimination against the 5,000 Minneapolis holders of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

Ms. Glidden led the pioneering effort to bring ranked choice voting to Minneapolis in 2006 to help avoid plurality outcomes and elect majority winners. It has since been used successfully in three Minneapolis elections.

A proponent of clean energy, she created the first-in-the-nation Clean Energy Partnership between Minneapolis and energy utilities to help promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in support of the city's Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Glidden helped direct city efforts on racial equity, including the development of One Minneapolis One Read, a reading program to encourage family and friends to have conversations about race, family relationships, and neighborhood history.

In addition to her contributions on the Council, she previously worked for ten years as an attorney practicing employment and civil rights law. Ms. Glidden has been a Board Member of Local Progress, a Board Member of Gender Justice, and serves on the Alumni Board of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Ms. Glidden is set to continue her advocacy on behalf of the residents of Minneapolis and Minnesota as the new Director of Strategic Initiatives and Policy for the Minnesota Housing Partnership.

On behalf of her Ward 8 constituents and the broader community, I want to congratulate Elizabeth Glidden on her many years advancing creative change for the City of Minneapolis, and on her tireless activism as a voice for equity, justice, and economic opportunity.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND JIM LENTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Betty and Jim Lents of Greenfield, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 7, 2018.

Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60 years 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.

RECOGNIZING JORGE RAMOS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jorge Ramos, one of our nation's leading voices in Hispanic media who recently announced his retirement after nearly forty years with Telemundo 47.

Jorge has been with Telemundo 47's news team since the beginning, serving as an original founding member of the station's news operations. Throughout his time at Telemundo 47, Jorge helped the station achieve many milestones, including historic ratings. In both July and August of this year, the 11pm edition of Noticiero 47 Telemundo anchored by Ramos was ranked as the most-watched local newscast in the entire New York market, regardless of language.

Jorge began his media career in 1972, working at the radio station WKVM in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He later joined Telemundo 47 in 1979 where he served as the station's first field reporter. His talent and tenacity on camera was rewarded shortly thereafter when he was named news anchor—a position that he has held ever since.

Jorge is the recipient of seven Emmy awards for journalistic excellence and worked closely with the Tri-State's Hispanic community for over 35 years. Throughout that time, he has collaborated with many community organizations, non-profits and charities, in addition to serving as grand marshal and godfather of numerous parades throughout the Tri-State region.

Mr. Speaker, multiple generations of Telemundo 47 viewers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut look at Jorge as an extended member of their families. He has been a steady, calming and always-smiling presence at their dinner tables and in their living rooms for nearly forty years. Finally, Jorge is the proud father of a former Marine and has been a steadfast advocate for Hispanic veterans as they return into civilian life.

Mr. Speaker, Jorge Ramos has served our community and our country well. I would like to thank Jorge for his service and I am proud to recognize his many professional accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE 180TH BIRTHDAY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 180th birthday of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Georgia.

While it is difficult to find written histories, biographies, memoirs, and other accounts of religious life in the South prior to abolition, Rev. Clarence M. Wagner has identified historical evidence that a group made up predominately of freed slaves organized Gainesville's First Baptist Church in 1838. Rev. Wagner details

his findings in the book Profiles of Black Georgia Baptists.

In 1901, under the Rev. Jack Nichol's leadership, the congregation erected a new church building on the corner of Gainesville's Pine and High Streets. Rev. Nichol answered the call to ministry around 1877, and he is the first person known by name to pastor this body of worshipers, shepherding the flock from 1877 to 1903.

The First Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1923 under the leadership of Rev. William Dorsey. Today, the church gathers at 1810 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, where Rev. Isaac Whitehead Jr. pastors the congregation.

I join the First Baptist Church in celebrating their 180 years of worship in Northeast Georgia and wish the church many happy years of ministry ahead.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DEEPA WILLINGHAM

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Deepa Willingham for receiving the 2018 United Nations Association of Santa Barbara Peace Prize.

Mrs. Willingham was born in Kolkata, India and received her primary and secondary education under the stewardship of Mother Teresa. After receiving an undergraduate degree from the University of Calcutta, she moved to the United States to pursue Masters and Ph.D. degrees.

Mrs. Willingham has dedicated her life to empowering girls and women through education. She founded Pace Universal, a non-profit organization that works to end human-trafficking, elevate women and children from poverty, and uplift communities. She opened an environmentally sustainable school for more than 200 girls at the Piyali Learning Center in the rural Indian village of Piyali Junction.

Mrs. Willingham has been a leader in Santa Barbara County through her roles as President of Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley as well as Rotary International District Governor. While president, she was named Rotarian of the year and chaired two Rotary Districts Annual Poverty Conferences, during which she helped to initiate its 5-point poverty-eradication plan. Mrs. Willingham has participated in volunteer efforts internationally by attending National Immunization Day in India and traveling to Mexico to construct cement floors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the United Nations Association of Santa Barbara in celebrating the exemplary career of Deepa Willingham as she receives the 2018 Peace Prize.

RECOGNITION OF MS. EVANGELINA MENDIOLA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to honor Ms. Evangelina

Mendiola, for her extraordinary contributions as an adoptive and foster parent in Broward County, Florida.

Ms. Mendiola was recognized as a 2018 Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). Currently in the process of adopting her fifth child, she also regularly opens her home and heart as a caring foster parent. Indeed, she is admired in her community for her steadfast commitment to the welfare of children. Ms. Mendiola's long-standing dedication truly exemplifies the values of the Angels in Adoption program.

Founded in 2001, CCAI is a nonprofit organization with the vision that every child should know the love and support of a caring family. Every year, CCAI selects a small group of outstanding individuals, families, or organizations across the nation to be recognized as Angels in Adoption. These honorees have gone above and beyond to demonstrate commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Evangelina Mendiola is a member of our community, whom we can all admire and respect. I commend her for her inspiring commitment to the welfare of children, and wish her the very best as she continues to make the dream of a family a reality for the children she has given a warm and loving home.

TRIBUTE TO MARY HELEN PETERSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mary Helen Peterson of Red Oak, Iowa on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mary Helen celebrated her birthday on August 24, 2018.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mary Helen's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mary Helen has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mary Helen in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mary Helen on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STERLING WOMEN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristina Bouweiri, the founder of Sterling Women and CEO of Reston Limousine,

and members of Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary.

Sterling Women was founded in 2008 to provide a new networking opportunity for business women in the Sterling, Virginia area. The organization focuses on enhancing opportunities for women in business and creating fellowship among women by empowering, celebrating, and supporting women in their professional and personal endeavors.

Mrs. Bouweiri's legacy of fostering a positive environment for women is remarkable. She encourages each member to develop leadership skills and discover new paths toward self-enrichment, having often been a mentor and bringing women out of their comfort zones. Through her leadership, Sterling Women elevates the standard for working women to actively build and maintain relationships between fellow members and within the community.

Women of all ages with diverse life experiences have combined their skills to make the Loudoun County community a better place. The Sterling Women is a true testament to the dedication to our community and their passion toward helping others. Under Kristina's leadership, the club has raised \$250,000 for local charities.

I am impressed by the Sterling Women and how in just a decade they have transformed Northern Virginia. From 80 women at their first meeting, to 150 today, they have made a tremendous impact upon many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sterling Women as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. I look forward to their ongoing contributions to the community and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI ROTC FIGHTING MULES BATTALION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the University of Central Missouri Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Fighting Mules Battalion's 50th Anniversary. Since its creation in 1968, over 800 cadets have graduated and obtained the rank of second lieutenant. Also known as the University of Central Missouri's Military Science and Leadership Department, the program combines scholarly learning with military training to prepare students from across the country to become officers in the U.S. military.

Through the ROTC program, cadets get hands-on experience with platoon movement and tactical training. They help support local High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and assist with recruiting events. Not only will these cadets be graduating with a commission in the U.S. Army, but they will also leave this program with a sense of honor and pride.

Across the nation the battalion has performed with distinction at events including the Ranger Challenge, Ranger Buddy, and Bataan Memorial Death March. Additionally, the Fighting Mules will be traveling for the first time to Washington, D.C. for the second largest 10-

mile race, the Army Ten-Miler in October. Our community takes great pride in the work of the Battalion and cadets like Da'Vontae Hair. Da'Vontae is a constituent, previous intern, and graduate from the historic Truman High School in Independence. Da'Vontae and his fellow cadets raised funds to help the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2513 in Warrensburg, MO by creating the Annual Patriot 5k Run/Walk.

This program is responsible for the commission of hundreds of distinguished military graduates and is recognized both locally and nationally as a top ROTC Battalion. The Fighting Mules Battalion has produced seven general staff officers. Those who hold this rank represent the top one percent of those who serve in our nation's Armed Forces.

For the past 50 years, the mission of the "Fighting Mules" ROTC Battalion has been to select, train, and commission future leaders for the U.S. Army. With over 275 ROTC programs in the United States, I am honored to note that the University of Central Missouri Fighting Mules Battalion is now ranked seventh in the nation. After being ranked 230 just four years ago, this tremendous accomplishment is a great example of the type of transformational leadership provided by Lieutenant Colonel Jason C. Christenson and his cadre team.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating and recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Fighting Mules Battalion at the University of Central Missouri. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation of the Battalion's accomplishments and service.

HONORING WILLIAM HAWTHORNE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Hawthorne, CEO and president of the consulting firm D/I Solutions. Over the course of his remarkable career, Mr. Hawthorne has made invaluable contributions to advancing corporate diversity and the wellbeing of his community.

Prior to his current position, he held the posts of senior vice president, chief diversity officer, and vice chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Business Council at Macy's, Inc. In this capacity, Mr. Hawthorne implemented and oversaw an expansive diversity and inclusion strategy, spanning many of the organization's functions.

Mr. Hawthorne's distinguished career has also included stints as deputy general counsel and national practice leader at Macy's Inc. attorney for the City of the Atlanta Solicitor's Office, trial attorney for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Emory University School of Law.

Mr. Hawthorne's commitment to values of inclusion, diversity, and expanded opportunity extends beyond the boardroom and is reflected in his involvement with numerous community-based organizations. He serves as a board member and committee chair of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, sits on the steering committee for the New York City

Center for Youth Employment, and serves as a mentor in the 5000 Role Model of Excellence Project.

I founded the 5000 Role Models program in response to a pattern of young men of color being incarcerated or dropping out of school in my home county of Miami-Dade and am grateful for the outstanding example that Mr. Hawthorne sets.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the extraordinary achievements of William Hawthorne, a dynamic and hardworking leader who has made his impact felt at each stage of his career.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Malnutrition Awareness Week. Every 60 seconds, ten hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, and many of these patients are older adults.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organization, multi-pronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat malnutrition earlier, educate consumers to discuss their nutrition status with their healthcare providers, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery. There are common-sense solutions that can help close the malnutrition care gap.

We currently do not know the full extent of the malnutrition problem plaguing the senior population. Screening measures for malnutrition are not a part of our national health surveys, and malnutrition is not included in the national health indicators and goals for older Americans that help shape public health programs and guide healthcare professionals.

We cannot expect older adults and their families to take steps to address malnutrition if we don't give guidance on identification of and interventions for the problem as well. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional guidelines have never addressed the issue of older adult malnutrition. We also cannot advance malnutrition care and promote improved patient recovery if we don't align the identification of and interventions for malnutrition with healthcare quality incentive programs. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, fragility, disability, and increased healthcare costs, yet nutrition status is rarely evaluated and managed as individuals transition across care settings.

Therefore, this Malnutrition Awareness week, I call upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to routinely include malnutrition screening measures in national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among national key health indicators and Healthy People 2030 goals for older adults. I call upon HHS and the USDA to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition and the closely-aligned problem of age-related sarcopenia (loss of strength and muscles) in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Finally, I call on the Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services to include malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures in Medicare quality programs as well as include measures related to malnutrition in care transition programs.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of Malnutrition Awareness Week. I wish to also salute the many groups and organizations who are involved on a daily basis in the fight against malnutrition, especially the bipartisan Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

RECOGNIZING ALEX BARRIO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Mr. Alex Barrio, the District Director of Flor-

ida's Ninth Congressional District. Alex is a dedicated public servant who has committed his life to the betterment of others. For over a decade, Alex has been at the forefront of fighting for Florida's constituents and the injustices they face. As District Director, Alex has continuously found ways to advocate for Florida's most vulnerable communities.

After the Trump administration implemented the "Muslim ban" barring citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States, Alex immediately went to the Orlando International Airport to defend the rights of Central Florida's Muslim community and ensure their safe return to Florida.

In late September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria destroyed areas of Puerto Rico, forcing tens of thousands of families to flee the island and move to Florida's Ninth Congressional District. Without hesitation, Alex united local community leaders to provide the necessary support for the victims of these natural disasters. For over a year, Alex has led

the charge to guarantee that recent arrivals from Puerto Rico had the resources they needed to find affordable housing, helping thousands easily transition into the Central Florida community.

In April 2018, the Trump administration launched a "zero tolerance" policy on America's southwest border causing thousands of children to be separated from their parents. In the face of this devastating impact on families, Alex's persistence prevailed when he demanded answers from the Department of Health and Human Services and successfully urged them to comply with a federal judge's order to reunify these children with their parents.

Alex has proven time and again that he will not hesitate to fight for what is right. His hard work and dedication are a testament to his values and commitment to improving the lives of others. I thank Alex for his continued service to Florida's Ninth Congressional District.