

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MR. DAVID CAMERON HOPPER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. David Cameron Hopper of Russell County in the First District of Kentucky. Mr. Hopper recently celebrated his 90th birthday with a host of family and friends. Growing up in a household with nine other siblings, he learned the value of hard work and continued education.

In 1948, Mr. Hopper enlisted in the Navy, serving four years during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. *Aggerholm*. In 1955, he married Faye Smith and cared for her children, Pam Smith Adams and Gene Smith. He later graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Together, he and Faye would attend yearly reunions with his shipmates, visiting a new destination during each trip.

After graduating, he began working for McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri, where he helped complete a top-secret mission for the company. His family later learned he specialized in data analysis for the first manned space expedition, Project Mercury. During his tenure with the company, he also worked on the experimental F4H executive jet.

In 1961, he served as an electrical engineer for the East Kentucky Power Cooperative, which supplied power to sixteen owner-member cooperatives throughout the Commonwealth. Shortly after he was hired, he assisted with purchasing the cooperative's first computer and wrote their payroll and consumer billing programs. His leadership in these areas compelled him to serve as a founding member of the East Kentucky Employees' Federal Credit Union and later served as the organization's President for thirteen years. Upon his retirement from East Kentucky Power in 1992, he had risen to the position of Transmission Division Director.

Mr. David Cameron Hopper is a man of many interests, blessed with many talents. He could be described as a farmer, fixer of anything, electrician, entrepreneur, mechanic, fisherman, landlord, avid gardener and University of Kentucky fan, but his most treasured titles are those of a dedicated, generous, and proud father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle.

RECOGNIZING MAUNICA STHANKI FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, along with Subcommittee on Immigration and

Border Security Ranking Member ZOE LOFGREN, to thank Maunica Sthanki for her service to the Judiciary Committee.

Maunica has served as a counsel for the Committee since 2014. During this time, she has been a passionate and dogged advocate for women and children seeking asylum, for refugees from Syria, Africa, and other war-torn regions—indeed for all immigrants who come to America seeking a better life for themselves and their children.

For Maunica, immigration and protection of the most vulnerable is personal. While her family's story in many respects began in Uganda in the 1970s, it is an American story. In 1972, Ugandan military strongman Idi Amin issued an order expelling Asians living in the country. Her father, one of approximately 60,000 persons of Indian descent in Uganda at the time was left stateless. Her mother, who had a U.K. passport, was able to move to England. But thanks to America's generosity and a Jewish charity, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, her mother and father were able together to resettle in the United States. Like so many immigrants before them and immigrants who would come in the decades that followed, Maunica's parents came without much more than the clothes on their backs and settled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Maunica would be born.

Maunica attended Baton Rouge Magnet High School, one of the Southeast's most competitive public schools, Louisiana State University, and the University of Texas School of Law. She began her career in law representing migrants and children along the border, and became a professor of clinical law at the University of the District of Columbia, imparting to others her passion for the rule of law.

Maunica began her work for the Committee in 2014 just as we were experiencing an unprecedented increase in the number of unaccompanied children arriving at our Southern border. Within days she was responsible for organizing a congressional delegation to visit with parents in detention, children and adults in crowded Border Patrol stations, and attorneys on the ground. Maunica's advocacy skills and unbending sense of justice during that summer steeled her for fights to come. She became an advocate for ending family detention and a defender of laws that ensure that children have the opportunity to apply for asylum in the United States. That these laws remain on the books is a great tribute to Maunica's commitment.

After the Paris bombings of November 13, 2015, Maunica knew immediately that the U.S. refugee program—an ocean away and with an extensive vetting process—would be subject to the same xenophobic attacks that followed 9/11 and were the very reason she became an immigration lawyer. She, again, fought to preserve asylum and refugee protections—laws that set the standard around the world and provide a safe haven to the most vulnerable irrespective of their faith, ethnicity or nationality.

In January 2016, when the first Executive Order banned travel to the United States for

citizens of several Muslim-majority countries, she recognized it as what federal courts would later declare it to be—a Muslim ban so infected with racial and religious animus that it could not stand. Perhaps, again, it was personal. Maunica's husband, a man of Muslim faith, has dedicated his life's work to combating bigotry as a prosecutor with the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

Earlier this year, when the Trump Administration began separating children from their families, Maunica worked tirelessly to help draft the Keep Families Together Act, legislation to end family separation at the U.S. border. Her expertise made the legislation stronger, and her passion and commitment led 190 Members of Congress to cosponsor the legislation. Together, we mounted a campaign to stop the policy and reunite children with their families. Work that continues today. We thank her for her dedication and compassion to helping others.

Maunica is a vegetarian because of her faith, and as her daughter would tell you because animals are our friends, and she is also a rabid LSU football fan. She is an irrepressible spirit who has made great sacrifices to serve the Committee.

We wish Maunica Sthanki the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her outstanding service to the Committee and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOSOTROS RADIO

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Nosotros Radio. Located in East Syracuse, New York, Nosotros Radio has long served the Central New York Latino community by providing on-air entertainment and education.

Nosotros Radio was founded in 1994 by Fanny Villarreal, an immigrant from Peru. Ms. Villarreal formed the new radio network due to a lack of Spanish radio programming in Syracuse and sought to entertain and inform the Hispanic community. Once established, Nosotros began broadcasting to the broader Syracuse region in order to reach Hispanic audiences. The station successfully achieved this goal and has provided cultural enrichment to the area for many years. For its work and community contributions, Nosotros Radio was awarded the American Red Cross Good Neighbor Award in 2009.

Today, Nosotros continues to be operated under Fanny Villarreal's steady leadership. In addition to Latino music, the station airs many bilingual talk shows and educational on-air programs. The radio station also holds the unique distinction of also serving as a Non-Profit Organization, striving to further connect its Latino audience with the greater Syracuse community.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating *Nosotros Radio's* 25 years of serving Central New Yorkers. We must also applaud the efforts of community engagement workers like Fanny Villarreal around the nation, who work tirelessly to spread unique cultural viewpoints. It is my hope *Nosotros* continues to succeed in the future and further advances the Syracuse Hispanic community.

PREVENTING CHILD
EXPLOITATION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is considering H.R. 6847, the Preventing Child Exploitation Act, which includes a reauthorization of key provisions of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. As the original sponsor of the 2006 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, I have made a point to seek remedies to prevent the sexual exploitation of our nation's children. This law strengthened sex offender registry requirements and enforcement across the country, extended registry requirements to Indian tribes, increased penalties for child predators, and authorized funding for a number of programs to strengthen our defenses against child exploitation.

A primary component of the law is the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act ("SORNA"), which set minimum guidelines for state sex offender registries. SORNA also established the *Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website*, a comprehensive national system for the registration and notification to the public of sex offenders. Currently, this registry contains information on more than 600,000 convicted sex offenders in the United States.

But, as several widely-publicized scandals have shown, the fight against child exploitation is not over. The Justice Department reports that only 16 states, three territories, and 36 tribes have substantially implemented SORNA, despite a July 27, 2011 deadline for reaching substantial compliance. There are also an estimated 100,000 fugitive sex offenders across the United States who are unregistered or otherwise noncompliant with their registry requirements.

H.R. 6847 includes a five year reauthorization of the two primary programs of the Adam Walsh Act. These include the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program, which provides funding to the states, tribes and other jurisdictions to offset the costs of implementing and enhancing SORNA, and funding for the U.S. Marshals Service and other law enforcement agencies to assist jurisdictions in locating and apprehending sex offenders who violate registration requirements. The bill also reauthorizes grants for the treatment of juvenile sex offenders, as well as funding for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ("NCMEC"), a Congressionally-authorized not-for-profit corporation that provides resources for families and law enforcement officials to assist in the recovery of missing children and prevent the victimization of children.

By incorporating feedback from the states, the bill makes targeted changes to the SORNA requirements in order to facilitate the states' compliance with the Act. These changes include giving the States more flexibility in classifying sex offenders on their registry, lowering the period that certain juveniles must register to 25 years, and limiting public access to juvenile sex offender information.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400, and YEA on Roll Call No. 401.

CONGRATULATING BLAKE KEITH HUFF AND BENJAMIN M. HAWKINS FOR RECEIVING THE CARNEGIE MEDAL OF HEROISM

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Blake Keith Huff and Benjamin M. Hawkins for receiving the Carnegie Medal in recognition of their act of extraordinary heroism. Through their actions, Blake and Benjamin have shown themselves to be selfless, courageous, and indispensable parts of Michigan's First District.

The Carnegie Medal was established in 1904 by the industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It is given to recognize those who perform extraordinary acts of heroism in civilian life, and to provide financial assistance for those disabled and the dependents of those killed saving or attempting to save others. Since 1904, more than 10,000 awardees have been honored, with more than \$40 million given in grants, scholarships, death benefits, and other assistance. There is no doubt that Benjamin and Blake are deserving of this honor.

Mary Jo Tester, 50 and a paraplegic, was in her home's living room when fire broke out and began to spread in that room. Tester called for help. Huff, a 23-year-old police sergeant, and Hawkins, a 35-year-old deputy sheriff, both of Kalkaska, responded to the home after learning of the fire. Seeing flames through the living room window and black smoke issuing from the eaves, Huff and Hawkins entered the home. Huff crawled on his belly about 15 feet across the living room toward Tester, who was on the floor with flames nearby. Along the way he moved a recliner, which was on fire, from his path. Hawkins crawled inside behind Huff.

Reaching Tester on the far side of the room amid nearby flames, Huff grasped Tester by the ankles and crawled backward, dragging her. Hawkins grasped Huff's pant leg and pulled and guided Huff, Tester in tow, to the door. Huff and Hawkins lifted Tester and carried her from the home. While Mary Jo tragically died of smoke inhalation five days later, the heroic actions of Benjamin and Blake

serve as an inspiration for those in Michigan's First District. Their courage and devotion to public duty have touched the lives of countless community members, and the impact of their heroism cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Blake and Benjamin for their exceptional heroism and congratulate them for receiving the Carnegie Medal. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such selfless and courageous individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Benjamin and Blake all the best in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DAVID HILL

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor my good friend, Constable David Hill, for his fifty plus years of tireless service to the residents, businesses, and families of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas.

As a sixth grade student in Palestine, Texas, David first set his sights on a job in law enforcement after a career day presentation by the Border Patrol at his local elementary school. In 1967, David fulfilled this goal when he began working in Huntsville, Texas at the Texas Department of Corrections as a correctional officer. Shortly thereafter, David decided to join the Department of Public Safety (DPS), eventually becoming the second Trooper ever assigned to Magnolia. At first, David only planned on staying in Magnolia for a year, but he quickly fell in love with the area and decided to make Magnolia home—beginning his fifty-year relationship with the community he loved so dearly.

After some praying, in 1982 David made the life-changing decision to leave his position as a State Trooper to run for Constable of Precinct 5 in Montgomery County. Due to a policy by the DPS, David was required to resign from his current position to run for public office. However, David won the election for Constable—an office he has served in admirably since 1983.

Through his job and his personal life, David has shaped the Magnolia community for the better. During his time as constable, David held himself to the highest of standards and always allowed his Christian principles to guide his actions. His selfless service and the positive impact he has made on the Magnolia community has certainly not gone unnoticed. The impact of David's time of service will be felt for years to come, and I know his presence as Constable will be greatly missed.

David is excited to start his well-deserved, hard-earned retirement. He plans on traveling with his wife and visiting every state. The Magnolia community was blessed to have David for the past fifty years, and we are happy to see him begin this new chapter of his life.

I am proud to join his colleagues, friends, and family members in thanking David for his years of public service and wishing him the best as he begins his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY
EDWARDS WALKER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mary Edwards Walker, an abolitionist, physician, and service member from Oswego, New York. Walker dedicated her life to the practice of medicine and her country, serving as a surgeon with the Union Army throughout the Civil War. In recognition of her service to protect this nation, Mary Walker is the only woman to ever receive the Medal of Honor.

Mary Edwards Walker was born in Oswego, New York and grew up in the decades leading up to the American Civil War. Born the youngest of seven children, Walker was raised in a manner that was well ahead of its time. Determined that their daughters get the same education as their sons, Walker's parents established an elementary school that she attended in the late 1830s. After primary school, Walker would continue her education at Falley Seminary in Fulton, New York. Attending Falley Seminary would instill in Walker the motivation she needed to defy the norms of her time.

Walker then studied at the Syracuse Medical College and graduated, with honors, as a medical doctor in 1855 and was the only female in her class. After marrying later that year, Walker and her husband joined together to establish a practice in Rome, New York. She would later attend Bowen Collegiate Institute in 1960 before returning to the medical profession full-time.

Though she was able to find eventual success in private practice, Walker answered to a higher calling and enlisted as a volunteer surgeon when the Civil War broke out. Though initially limited to serve strictly as a nurse, Walker would later be allowed to serve as an unpaid field surgeon during the Battles of Fredricksburg and Chickamauga. As the first female surgeon of the Union army, she later would be promoted to "Contract Acting Assistant Surgeon" and then appointed assistant surgeon of the 52nd Infantry of Ohio. In the spring of 1864, Walker was captured and arrested as a spy after aiding a Confederate doctor conduct an amputation. She was released four months later and spent the rest of her life in Oswego, New York, championing women's rights and suffrage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me to honor the remarkable life of Mary Edwards Walker. She was a trailblazing figure from Central New York who paved the way for future Americans. Her many contributions to her community and service to her country will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF DALE
STEENBERGEN'S SELECTION OF
DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR FROM
THE WYOMING CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Dale

Steenbergen for receiving the Chamber Director of the Year Award from the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce.

The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce annual award recognizes directors that have had an outstanding impact and made significant contributions to the community. His selection for this award is a sign of his dedication to our community and his support of F.E. Warren Air Force Base, and I thank him for all he does.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Dale Steenbergen for receiving the Chamber Director of the Year Award from the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES W. BOWSER,
ESQ.

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative ROBERT BRADY to honor an influential and dedicated man from Philadelphia, Charles W. Bowser, Esquire, a devoted public official, and former Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia. Mr. Bowser was born on October 9, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and dedicated his life and career to improving the lives of others through public service.

Mr. Bowser graduated from Temple University in 1952 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. After graduation, Mr. Bowser joined the United States Armed Services and served as an Explosive Disposal Expert in Korea from 1952 to 1954, earning the rank of Sergeant. Upon returning from Korea, Mr. Bowser graduated from Temple University Law School in 1957 with a Juris Doctorate.

Mr. Bowser began his lengthy career in public service in the 1960's under the tutelage of former United States Representative, Rev. Dr. William H. Gray, II and Samuel Evans. In 1964, Mr. Bowser served as Executive Director of the Philadelphia Anti-Poverty Action Committee. He was later appointed as the first African-American Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia by Mayor James Tate.

In 1968, Mr. Bowser became the first Executive Director of the Philadelphia Urban Coalition, now known as the Urban Affairs Coalition. Under his leadership, the total value of programs at the Urban Affairs Coalition had grown from \$3.9 million to \$12 million. This growth was a result of Mr. Bowser's innovative means of leadership and vision for the organization.

Over the course of his outstanding career and lifetime, Mr. Bowser remained a staunch supporter and advocate of the community. He served on numerous boards and commissions, including but not limited to, the MOVE Commission, 1985 and the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Reform, 1987 through 1988 and as Special Counsel to the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, 1998 through 2000. Mr. Bowser received numerous awards over the span of his career. These countless honors serve as a testament to Mr. Bowser's service to the city of Philadelphia.

Charles W. Bowser, Esquire passed away on August 9, 2010. He will be remembered as a force in local, state and national politics. He

was a treasured son of Philadelphia's African American community.

In recognition of his service we support the designation of, October 9, 2018 as "Charles W. Bowser Day" in the city of Philadelphia.

On behalf of the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia, we extend gratitude to the late Charles W. Bowser for his dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY CRISCI

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Crisci for his leadership in the LGBTQ+ community of Fairfield County. After five years, Anthony will be stepping down as the Triangle Community Center's (TCC) Executive Director.

Starting in 2013 as TCC's first full-time staff member, Anthony breathed new life into the organization, carrying a fresh perspective and boundless energy. Under Anthony's guidance, TCC's budget increased eight-fold and its staff quintupled, enabling it to expand its core mission to include case assistance, regular programming and educational initiatives for over 300 individuals. As a community leader, Anthony has also prioritized cultivating LGBTQ+ pride in our state. He worked to revive Pride in the Park, Connecticut's largest pride march, where thousands of individuals from around the region gather to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's accomplishments.

Through his dedication and advocacy, Anthony has worked tirelessly to ensure LGBTQ+ individuals feel welcome in Fairfield County, that their civil rights are upheld, and that their contributions to the community are celebrated. Anthony is a passionate advocate for equality, a pillar of the community, and I'm proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Anthony Crisci in the United States Congress. I ask you and our colleagues to join me in commending Anthony for his commitment to the TCC, the LGBTQ+ community, and the continuing effort for equality.

IN HONOR OF MAURO CALDERÓN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mauro Calderón for his dedication and passion in sharing Mexican cultural traditions with the world. Mr. Calderón has done this through a voluminous body of musical and artistic work that transcends genres and touches the lives of people all over the world. Twenty years of traversing the globe has gifted Mr. Calderón with unique experiences and insights that leave an indelible imprint on his music which resonates with all those who have the pleasure of listening.

Though his career has taken him far, Mr. Calderón has never forgotten those who have

come before him and offered him instruction and advice when he was just beginning his lifelong journey in music back in 1983. Now 35 years later, Mr. Calderón has taken those lessons and turned them into a successful musical career working with renowned artists and being recognized with numerous awards along the way. One such award that was especially fitting was his recognition as “Ambassador of Mexican Music in the World” after a successful tour in Japan.

I know the impact music has in solidifying cultural identity—by bridging generational gaps and expressing a community—and Mr. Calderón has worked effortlessly to enshrine the Mexican cultural identity in song. For this reason, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments and career of Mauro Calderón.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 400 and 401.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THE 107TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan as they celebrate the 107th anniversary of its National Day on October 10, 2018.

We just celebrated the 39th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) this past April. The TRA was intended by Congress to endure an important relationship between close friends and allies. I am heartened by the strengthening of ties that have taken place since the enactment of the TRA, notably Taiwan’s admission to the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in 2012. Travel from Taiwan to the United States has since increased by 50 percent.

Our close ties are underscored by our shared commitment to democratic values. With the success of its sixth direct presidential election in 2016, Taiwan continues to serve as a beacon of vibrant democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. There are now 150 sister cities between the United States and Taiwan. In 2017, Taiwan became the third in East Asia and twelfth worldwide whose passport holders are eligible for the U.S. Global Entry Program. In addition, Taiwan is the United States’ seventh largest source of international students. Correspondingly, many of our students participate in study abroad opportunities in Taiwan.

The United States has also forged an important bond with Taiwan in commerce. In 2017, trade in goods between the United States and Taiwan exceeded \$68 billion, making Taiwan the United States’ 11th largest goods trading partner. Just this past September, Taiwan sent an agricultural trade mission to the United

States in pursuit of \$300 million worth of soybeans purchases.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating our friend, Taiwan, on this significant occasion.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE’S CONEY ISLAND IN WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of George’s Coney Island in Worcester, Massachusetts on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, everyone from Central Massachusetts is familiar with George’s Coney Island. Since its opening in 1927, the restaurant has become one of New England’s most iconic eateries. I grew up enjoying their hot dogs, and still try to visit whenever I’m back home in Worcester.

George’s Coney Island is an important piece of Worcester’s history. George Tsagarelis opened Coney Island in 1927 after he bought an existing luncheonette. George ran it with his wife, Catherine, eventually passing ownership down to their children. The restaurant is now run by Kathryn Tsandikos, who is George’s granddaughter.

As for the hot dogs—the restaurant’s signature style is to smother them in chili and top them with mustard and onions. What many people don’t realize is that this style was made popular in the United States by Greek immigrants like George, who migrated to the U.S. during the early 20th Century.

Because so many immigrants passed through New York’s Ellis Island, they were familiar with Coney Island—this is how the Coney Island hot dog was born.

I’m especially grateful to George and Catherine for opening George’s Coney Island nearly a century ago. The restaurant has been a staple for visitors and locals alike. The dark wooden booths that line the sides of the dining room are covered with decades of graffiti as customers etch their names and initials into the booths.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of everyone that knows and loves George’s Coney Island, I’d like to offer a sincere “thank you” to Kathryn and her grandparents for making George’s Coney Island such a treasured landmark. For all of us in Central Massachusetts, their restaurant is a point of pride. I’m proud to represent such an iconic, beloved piece of Worcester.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW GRAFTON BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of New Grafton Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

New Grafton Baptist Church was established on November 10, 1915. It began as The Grafton Mission, named in honor of the Grafton Baptist Church in Grafton, Virginia. Reverend Silas Crowley, originally a member of Grafton Baptist Church, led his fledgling congregation in meetings at 1111 35th Street, Newport News, Virginia before they moved their services to Reverend Corsey’s home in 1916. After years of fundraising and growing in membership, Reverend Corsey was finally able to purchase a lot at 3913 Roanoke Avenue, and from there they began to build their new church. Reverend Corsey oversaw the construction of their new church building in 1918, and the name was officially changed from The Grafton Mission to New Grafton Baptist Church.

Reverend Corsey served as New Grafton Baptist Church’s pastor until his retirement in 1923. Following his departure from the church, he was succeeded by Reverend N. E. Jackson in 1924, Reverend Isaac Daniels in 1928, and Reverend R. H. Green, DD in 1933.

The New Grafton Baptist Church congregation continued to worship at their Roanoke Avenue location until 1963. Reverend W. M. Alston, DD, elected as pastor in 1937, oversaw the construction efforts and helped to ease the church’s transition into their new building.

New Grafton Baptist Church expanded again in 1988 under the leadership of Reverend S. D. Sparrow, who had ambitious plans for how to grow the church and give back to the local community. A number of choirs and ministries were established under his leadership, as well as the New Grafton Baptist Church Governing Board.

Reverend Dr. Michael L. Sumler became the church’s eighth pastor in 2000, and the church has continued to grow and expand since then. New Grafton Baptist Church now supports a variety of ministries and programs aimed at bolstering fellowship and strengthening the church’s community, including a Virtuous Women’s Ministry, Community LINK program, Boys and Girls Scouts programs, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Care Ministry, and more. Reverend Sumler also led the congregation as they renovated the church and built a new, larger sanctuary in 2006.

New Grafton Baptist Church enjoys a strong fellowship with Grafton Baptist Church—Dare Road and Grafton Baptist Church—Harris Grove, founded in 1777 and 1860 respectively. These three churches share a rich and deep common history, and their congregations regularly meet for joint picnics and worship services. Together they formed a Steering Committee, dedicated to celebrating their shared experiences as linked congregations that flourished in Virginia “from slavery to the present.”

Over the last 100 years, New Grafton Baptist Church has been served by many dedicated men of faith—Rev. Silas Corsey, Rev. N. E. Jackson, Rev. Isaac Daniels, Rev. R. H. Green, DD, Rev. W. M. Alston, DD, Rev. D. M. Willis, Sr., Rev. S.D. Sparrow, Sr., and Rev. Dr. Michael Sumler.

Mr. Speaker, as New Grafton Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia celebrates this historic milestone, its congregation can feel affirmed by 100 years of successful discipleship and service to both their community and to each other. I would like to congratulate Reverend Michael Sumler and all of the members of the church’s congregation. I wish them

another 100 years full of growth and prosperity.

H.R. 6545, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Act.

Today, more than ever, it is clear we as a nation must do more to protect our women and girls. The #MeToo movement has made it increasingly obvious that we are failing as a country to properly address and prevent sexual assault.

Sexual violence is particularly prevalent among women of color, who are often times victims to an oppressive combination of racism and sexism. Statistics show that by the age of 18, approximately 40 percent of black women report coercive sexual contact, and that Native American women are almost two times as likely to be assaulted than their white peers.

Today, I find it exceptionally important to stand as an ally to women, as Republicans attempt to push through a Supreme Court nominee who has been accused of sexual violence. I stand with my female colleagues and women across the country when I say—time's up. We must believe women and ensure our laws protect their safety and equality.

I support the Violence Against Women Act and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October 10, or Double Ten Day, 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.

Over the years, Taiwan has proven its leadership on the global stage—despite its unique political status—through its commitment to democracy, its contributions to global health initiatives, international development, and humanitarian missions. Taiwan delivered critical aid and supplies following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and the 2013 Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. During the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Taiwan donated funds and protective gear so that doctors and other health workers could meet the unique challenges the disease posed at that time.

Taiwan is a key security and trading partner of our nation, and it is important that Congress and the administration redouble their support for Taiwan's standing and meaningful participation in international bodies. Taiwan consists of 23.5 million highly educated and highly skilled people who are experienced in dealing

with the challenges faced by our global community. Indeed, a number of these professionals fall them within the purview of international organizations such as the WHO, ICAO, and INTERPOL. It is to the benefit of us all that experts from Taiwan can share their knowledge and experience with their colleagues in these international forums as they seek to address challenges including global pandemics, aviation safety and security, international crime, and terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in wishing the people of Taiwan all the best as they celebrate Double Ten Day.

HONORING SPC ROBERT A. WISE

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a life that was lost too soon. Florida National Guard Specialist Robert Allen Wise of Tallahassee was killed in Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated in November 2003. He was the First Florida National Guardsman killed in action to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Specialist Wise chose to selflessly serve our country at 17 years old. He was enrolled at Tallahassee Community College, when he answered the call to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. When his father asked him if he was sure he wanted to go, Wise told his father "I would rather face them there than here."

Specialist Wise was known to his family and friends for his contagious laugh, infectious smile, and unwavering sense of duty to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Specialist Robert A. Wise and all of our fallen heroes who gave 'the last full measure of devotion' to this country to make Americans safe at home and abroad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present and voting for the following roll call votes due to a family wedding celebration. Had I been present, I would have voted: No. 399: YEA; No. 398: YEA; No. 397: NAY; No. 396: YEA; No. 395: YEA; and No. 394: YEA.

CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE OF BRUSHTON ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 200th anniversary of the Village of Brushton.

The Village of Brushton was first settled in 1818 by a small group of pioneers. In 1835, a

landowner named Henry N. Brush purchased several mills that had developed on the Little Salmon River, which he then named Brush's Mills. The community's economy became distinctly agricultural, linked to the rest of the North Country's developing industry through its location on the Rutland Railroad. Brush's son, Henry Corbin Brush, proceeded to build upon his father's legacy and further develop the industrial attributes of the community. In 1877, the village was officially named Brushton and has continued to prosper ever since.

Currently, the Village of Brushton is part of the Town of Moira in Franklin County. Although small in population, the people of Brushton are very proud of their village's rich heritage and tight-knit community.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate the Village of Brushton on its 200th anniversary. I wish all its residents the best as they celebrate this important milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. I missed two votes on September 25, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 400, and YEA on Roll Call No. 401.

TAIWAN'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the founding of Taiwan, also known as the Republic of China.

As a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I long have been impressed with how this island of twenty-three million people punches above its weight and has become an economic powerhouse. It is home to Foxconn, one of the world's largest electronics manufacturers, as well as other large technology companies such as ASUS, Pegatron, and Quanta Computer. In fact, Taiwan is known as one of the Four Asian Tigers whose rapid economic expansion has served as models for other developing countries.

The United States and Taiwan also enjoy a strong albeit unofficial relationship which is maintained by the American Institute in Taiwan. According to the United States Trade Representative, Taiwan is the United States' tenth largest trading partner and the United States is Taiwan's third largest trading partner (after China and Hong Kong). U.S. goods and services trade with Taiwan totaled an estimated \$84.7 billion in 2016.

My home state of Georgia also has a strong relationship with Taiwan. Last year, Georgia exported more than \$400 million in goods to Taiwan including heterocyclic compounds, civilian aircraft engines and parts, poultry, data processors, cotton and kaolin clays. There

are a number of Georgia companies spanning across multiple industries that have operations in Taiwan.

Our relationship, however, is much deeper than just trade. Two Georgia cities have sister city agreements with Taiwan—Atlanta (Taipei) and Columbus (Taichung). In addition, the wife and sisters-in-law of Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China, all attended Wesleyan College in Macon in the early 1900s.

The hard work, ingenuity, and tenacity of the people of Taiwan are to be commended on the 107th anniversary of the Republic of China. I look forward to many more years of continued cooperation and goodwill between our two nations in the years to come.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, childhood cancer is a horrific illness plaguing not only our nation, but all nations of the world. In 2017, despite childhood cancer being the No. 1 cause of death by disease in the U.S., research funding specifically for childhood cancer was less than 4 percent of all national cancer funding. Earlier this year, Congress passed legislation that would provide more funding for research and development to combat childhood cancer. Yet more must be done in our communities. For this reason, I rise today to commend the actions of a family dedicated to raising awareness of childhood cancer, pushing for more involvement from the community, and highlighting the troubling effects this epidemic has on those diagnosed and their families. This is a family that has gone through the process of diagnosis, treatment, and—in this case—remission themselves.

Lt. Richard Jankovsky III, a DPS patrol officer and President of the Department of Public Safety Officers Association (DPSOA), has worked tirelessly to protect those on our highways and enforce the law. Yet his biggest challenge came when he experienced the effects of childhood cancer firsthand as his daughter Kaitlyn grappled with the disease for years.

Kaitlyn was diagnosed with leukemia in August of 2014 when she was only 13 years old. Kaitlyn underwent chemo, countless transfusions, and multiple surgeries, including a complete hip replacement, on her path to remission. Her last chemo treatment was on November 10, 2016. Now a senior at Woodsboro High School, Kaitlyn has challenged high schools across the state to wear gold ribbons this month, following Governor Greg Abbott's proclamation recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

A major issue many children like Kaitlyn face is access to blood for treatments. Cancer patients often need to replenish the blood lost during treatments, such as chemotherapy or radiation, which requires blood from healthy donors. In fact, the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center reports there is less than a two-day supply on shelves, which is why the Jankovsky family has helped the DPSOA host blood drives for the past few years. They know the importance of having clean blood for

treatments and have strived to bring their community together to help solve this problem.

The Jankovsky family has exhibited perseverance and selflessness, and it is an honor to recognize this extraordinary family and their commitment to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

HONORING CHIEF DANNY D. BOWMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a servant leader in my district who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands in Forsyth County, Georgia. For over 50 years, Chief Danny D. Bowman has served as a Georgia firefighter displaying the values of selflessness, honor, and patriotism.

Chief Bowman is an Atlanta native and veteran of the United States Air Force. He began his career as a firefighter in Atlanta in 1968. After serving with the Atlanta Fire Department, he joined the Fulton County Fire Department in 1977. Bowman came to Forsyth County as a division chief in 2001 and began serving as the county's director of emergency management in 2002. He took the reins as Fire Chief in 2003. Forsyth County Commission Chairman Todd Levent credits Chief Bowman with "making the local department what it is today."

Chief Bowman will officially retire this October, and I want to thank him for his service to Forsyth County and the great state of Georgia. Chief Bowman's commitment to making Georgia safer spans over half a century, and I commend him for a career of sacrificial service to our region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. FRANK EDWARD CHRISTIE

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Frank Edward Christie who passed away August 19, 2018, at the age of 96.

Frank Christie lived a life of service to the American people—from his time on the beaches of Okinawa and Leyte Gulf to his passion for education back home, and dedication to his church.

In 1943, Mr. Christie enlisted in the U.S. Army and would later be awarded two Purple Hearts and the Silver and Bronze stars for Valor in Action for his heroic actions as a medic during World War II.

During his 35-year education career, Mr. Christie left his imprint across the states of Georgia and Florida. He served as the Terrell County school superintendent in Dawson, GA and would go on to help start the Terrell County Recreational Program. Through his service to the school system, Mr. Christie was at the forefront of a peaceful and successful desegregation of the public schools during the mid-sixties.

On Sundays, you would find Mr. Christie and his wife singing in their church choir. For 26 years, Mr. Christie served as the Song Leader at his last church home in Alligator Point, Florida—Mission-By-The-Sea.

Frank Edward Christie will be missed by many. May his service to our country always be remembered and venerated and may he rest in peace.

HONORING CAPTAIN ANTHONY ERIC GHISLETTA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Anthony Eric Ghisletta, upon his retirement from the Martinez Police Department after twenty-eight years of service.

Captain Ghisletta was born in the Bay Area and grew up in Martinez, California. With a commitment to public safety, he graduated from the police academy and the FBI National Academy. In 1990, Captain Ghisletta began his law enforcement career as a Police Trainee in the Martinez Police Department. Over the last twenty-eight years, he has served our community as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Commander, Interim Chief of Police and Captain. Captain Ghisletta has been a K9 Handler and his knowledge has been vital to the expansion of the Police Department's canine program. Additionally, he spent many years as a Hostage Negotiator on the Hostage Negotiations Team and has spearheaded many functions of the Team.

Captain Ghisletta's work has positively impacted the citizens in our community. His strong commitment, leadership and professionalism is deeply respected and supported by his peers and the City of Martinez. He has assisted countless residents throughout his tenure with the Police Department. Captain Ghisletta's file is full of letters and commendations from community members that he has helped over the years.

Captain Ghisletta is married to Sara and they have three children—Russell, Reid and Caroline. Captain Ghisletta has spent many hours coaching youth sports and mentoring youth in our community. His compassion and consistent engagement have made a positive impact on Martinez.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Ghisletta is an admirable leader who has dedicated his career to serving our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING JULIUS TERRY FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE WAR OF 1812

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Navy War of 1812 veteran Julius Terry.

Julius Terry was a free African-American who worked on a local farm near Sackets Harbor and belonged to Captain Elisha Camp's

volunteer artillery company. He bravely served on the gun crew defending Sackets Harbor at the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in July of 1812, and later served on the crew of the armed schooner, Julia, on the St. Lawrence River to protect schooners trapped at Ogdensburg. Julius is remembered today for having served with remarkable courage, especially as part of the 25 percent African-Americans who made up the U.S. Navy during the war.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to honor Julius Terry for his bravery and commitment to his country during the War of 1812. His service provides an excellent example of the important role that African-Americans played in wars throughout our nation's history.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
REP. LEONARD BOSWELL

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my colleague and friend, Leonard Boswell.

Leonard and I served together as members of the Agriculture Committee throughout his time in Washington, and he served as Subcommittee Chair for Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. We worked together through good times and bad, and I always respected his upfront and straightforward approach to his work.

Leonard was about getting stuff done, which is what I liked so much about him. He was relentlessly bipartisan and always looking for a middle ground. He had a gruff exterior—and if you were on the wrong side of an issue, he'd let you know—but beneath it all was a person who understood and deeply cared not only about the issues, but even more about the people he represented. Leonard fought for those people as passionately as anyone I've ever worked with.

He is a man who answered the call to serve in every aspect of his life. After college, he was drafted into the Army where he earned an officer's commission and flew hundreds of missions as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. When that service ended, he served his southern Iowa community in the state Senate for more than a decade. Always one to keep pushing, Leonard went on to serve Iowa's Third District for 16 years in Washington. He left in 2013, but at almost 79, he still wasn't done. Then-governor Terry Branstad appointed him to serve on the Iowa Transportation Commission. He also served on the commission for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, which will open next spring.

Leonard's was a life lived for others—for his wife Dody, for his family, for his community and state, and for farmers across this country. One of my fondest memories of Leonard was deer hunting with muzzleloaders in Centerville, Iowa in the rain. We missed the deer but had a great time and it was the beginning of a great friendship. There were so many things that made Leonard a great public servant, and there were many more that made Leonard and I friends, and I will miss dearly what he brought to this body.

TRIBUTE TO CLAUD AND MARY
VIRGINIA JACOBS

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join the Boy Scouts of America South Texas Council in commending Claud and Mary Virginia Jacobs, a married couple who have dedicated their lives to community service and charitable efforts. Throughout their 54 years of marriage, they have served as role models for countless members of the Victoria and Yoakum communities through their faith, work ethic, and dedication to serving their community.

Claud Jacobs is a partner at Lodestone Financial Services with an Associate's degree from Victoria College, a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, and a chartered life underwriter designation from the American College of Life Underwriters. Mr. Jacobs has been the recipient of numerous awards during his career, including the Paul Gustwick Community Service Award from the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Victoria College, the University of Houston-Victoria's People Who Make A Difference Award, and Citizen of the Year from the Victoria Rotary Club.

Mary Virginia Jacobs holds a Bachelor's in Nursing from Incarnate Word College, a family nurse practitioner degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Jacobs is the recipient of various awards, including the "Who's Who of Nursing" in 1990 and 1991, the Texas Nurses Association District 20 Distinguished Nurse Award, 2000's Volunteer of the Year award from the Hospice of South Texas, Volunteer of the Decade in 1999 from the Hospice of South Texas, and the University of Houston-Victoria's People Who Make A Difference Award in 2015, to name a few.

The couple has a mission statement of sorts that they use to inspire other members of the community to volunteer: "Volunteer an hour a week in your school, church. Just an hour, you'd make a difference in somebody's life." It is an honor to recognize this extraordinary couple who have worked valiantly to make a difference in everyone's lives, one hour at a time.

HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY TO THE
PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 10, Taiwan will celebrate its 107th National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to the people of Taiwan in advance of this occasion.

Taiwan is a friend, an ally, and an important economic and security partner of the United

States. Trade ties between the U.S. and Taiwan have grown rapidly over the last 30 years and Taiwan is now our 11th largest trading partner. But U.S.-Taiwan relations are much broader than just trade. The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) and the Six Assurances are the cornerstones of U.S.-Taiwan relations and are a key to sustaining peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

I am pleased that the United States and Taiwan remain close allies, and I would like to again wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, as rice farmers in Arkansas' first district work tirelessly to harvest their rice crop, it is timely that September marks National Rice Month. National Rice Month is a time to recognize the important contributions of the 125,000 Americans who work in the U.S. rice industry.

In Arkansas, the rice industry is a major economic driver. In fact, Arkansas' first congressional district produces half of the rice consumed in the United States, making us the top rice producing district. Rice farmers contribute \$2.3 billion to the state's economic output and support almost 15,000 jobs in the Natural State.

Rice isn't just good for the economy, it is also good for you. This nutrient-rich grain provides more than 15 vitamins and minerals and beneficial antioxidants. It is a good source of protein, fiber, and energy. Rice farmers take great pride in knowing they supply the United States and over 120 other countries with such a nutritious food.

While September marks National Rice Month, in Arkansas we see the value of the rice industry throughout the year. I urge my colleagues the next time they enjoy risotto, a rice crispy treat, or gumbo to think about the hardworking men and women in our rice industry who make that meal a reality.

One of those hardworking people is Carl Brothers, who recently retired from Riceland Foods after 53 years working for the company. It is timely that I take a moment during National Rice Month to recognize Mr. Brothers for his 53 years of work in the rice industry and wish him the best in his retirement. Mr. Brothers started at Riceland as a sortex operator and eventually became the vice president and chief operating officer. Mr. Brothers' career has led him to be an expert in trade expansion efforts and a valuable resource to our state and the U.S. rice industry. He has served in various rice leadership positions and been a trusted advisor to those of us in Washington for many years. While his retirement concludes his career at Riceland Foods, the legacy he leaves has positively affected the rice industry for many years to come.

I thank Mr. Carl Brothers for his service to the rice industry.

TRIBUTE TO THE WISCONSIN
BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MU-
SEUM

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the renowned Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum. On November 3, 2018, the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Much of the success of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum can be attributed to its founder and Director, Clayborn Benson III. He worked as a photojournalist for 39 years at WTMJ-TV News. When Benson was an adult student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1987, he produced a documentary, "Black Communities," for a film class. The three-part film follows a grandfather as he shares stories with a young girl about black history in the United States, Wisconsin and Milwaukee. The project reignited Benson's love of history. In producing the documentary Benson discovered that the records and documents concerning the history and roots of African American people in Wisconsin were widely scattered and poorly preserved. Benson felt the stories had to be told.

The Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum, located on the corners of North 27 and West Center Streets, opened its doors and its heart to the community, city and state in 1987 and remains at this location. In 1988, the Museum became an affiliated member of The State Historical Society. The building, constructed in 1898, was the Engine No. 2 Fire Station. It was converted into the Center Street Library in 1928.

Mr. Benson founded the Society/Museum to instill cultural pride and self-worth based on the premise that a people who know their history will grow to love and appreciate themselves more. The mission of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is to document and preserve the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin. The Museum exhibits, collects and disseminates materials depicting this heritage. The Society/Museum serves as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin's rich African American heritage and encourages and promotes family, community and cultural activities. He not only teaches at the museum, but also at schools. Further, he encourages people to write down their own stories, so they can be passed down for generations. Mr. Benson really loves history and states that history fits his spirit and understands this is what he was supposed to do in this lifetime.

The Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is a true Wisconsin treasure. The Society/Museum through its many exhibits has shown despite the limitations often placed upon them, African Americans were pioneers, leaders and great contributors to the growth of this nation and to the settlement of Wisconsin. They were men and women who made enormous impacts, strived for freedom, and were leaders in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum hails from the 4th Congressional District and I am pleased to give praise to Clayborn Benson III on their 30th anniversary. I wish them many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 400 and 401 on September 25, 2018, due to recent surgery. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 400, I would have voted "yes," and on roll call vote number 401, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN H.
JONES FOR HIS DEDICATED CA-
REER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and give thanks to a lifelong public servant and deeply valued member of my staff, Mr. John H. Jones. On Friday, September 28, 2018, John will bid his final farewell as my Chief of Staff to pursue opportunities presented through his years-long public service as a congressional staffer. Since his first day on the job in February of 2014, John has overseen operations in my legislative office in Washington, D.C., as well as my district offices in Kansas City, Independence, and Higginsville, Missouri. Over the past four and a half years, John has dedicated his time to serving the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri with the utmost integrity and class. Now is my opportunity to give thanks on behalf of myself and the constituents he has so honorably served.

John was born and raised in northern New Jersey. Following his graduation from high school, John attended Clark Atlanta University, a historically black university, in Atlanta, Georgia. At CAU, John received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, graduating with honors and Cum Laude. He then attained his Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations as well as Master of Arts in Corporate and Public Communications at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations. But John's pursuit of higher learning wasn't finished there. Just last year, while serving as my Chief of Staff, John earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. If ever there was an example of education leading to success, look no further than John Jones.

Professionally, John's first post-grad opportunity came from the distinguished Congressional Black Caucus Foundation as a Legislative Fellow. After his year-long fellowship, John moved to Copenhagen, Denmark to work for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as an International Research Fellow. Following two years of working internationally, public service and home came calling.

In 2006, John began his steady climb up the ranks on Capitol Hill, beginning as a Senior Legislative Assistant for my good friend, Congressman AL GREEN. After a three-year stint focusing on homeland security and energy

issues in the House of Representatives, John decided it was time for a move to the upper-chamber, landing a job in 2009 as Director of National Security Policy for current Minority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER of New York. For the next six years, John would focus on a legislative portfolio that included foreign affairs, national security, energy, and homeland security, while also serving as the lead Banking Committee staffer on issues pertaining to economic sanctions along with terrorism and financial intelligence—all the while managing a group of Legislative Aides, Legislative Correspondents, and a Military Fellow to achieve excellence on behalf of Senator SCHUMER.

Although his portfolio has contained a wide array of issue areas, John is one of a very limited number of people with policy expertise in the intersection between financial services and technology industries. That, along with his litany of accomplishments—both professionally and academically—left me no choice but to make him my Chief of Staff when an opening arose in 2014.

John's first year as my Chief of Staff was a busy one. Following the tragic death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August of 2014—in an effort to increase transparency of police tactics—I wrote a letter to President Obama, urging the President to secure funding for body cameras and community policing. On February 2, 2015, I announced, and am proud to say, that the President included \$22.5 million of funding for body cameras in his FY2016 budget. Over the next four months, John played an integral role in helping me push H. Res. 295—sponsored by myself and Congressman AL GREEN—through the House of Representatives. This bill, highlighting a report by the U.S. Department of Justice entitled "Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras," called for support of local law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras, and I'm proud to say it was approved by the House on June 10, 2015.

That same year, I led an effort to close the digital divide within different neighborhoods of Kansas City. The digital divide, at its heart, is an issue that only perpetuates existing social and economic inequality. Again, John played a critical role in urging then-Secretary of the U.S. Department of Urban Housing and Development (HUD) Julian Castro to select Kansas City as one of the demonstration cities for their new ConnectHome digital inclusion program. Yet again, I am proud that Kansas City was chosen to participate and has reaped extensive rewards from its inclusion in the program.

As many of you are aware, I've dedicated much of my time in Congress to promoting social and economic equality while fighting for an end to discrimination on several fronts. In 2016, there were reports of discrimination against African Americans and other minorities who attempted to book rooms on the room-rental company "Airbnb, Inc." John served as the staff-lead in my successful campaign to convince Airbnb to conduct a comprehensive review of discriminatory practices employed by some of its users. In a letter to the company, I urged Airbnb to conduct a review of the accusations, pinpoint how the issue was occurring and put an end to such practices. The CEO, Brian Chesky, responded by hiring former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to help conduct a thorough review of discrimination within the Airbnb platform. By January

2017, Airbnb had implemented non-discrimination policy changes that made great strides to ensure all consumers are treated equally when using Airbnb services.

Among other efforts to root out racism and discrimination, particularly in the wake of the Unite the Right white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017, which was organized on social media, I sent a letter to social media giants Twitter and Facebook, raising questions about diversity issues related to social media platforms. John assisted in leading the congressional effort to convince Facebook to implement standards to curb abusive and hateful on-line content. While there is still much work to be done in eliminating racism and discrimination on social media platforms, I'm happy to say that progress is being made.

I have also consistently supported and fought for the inclusion of minorities in positions of leadership. Last year, with John spearheading my initiative, we were able to persuade the Internet Association—a prominent technology group that represents the interests of some of Silicon Valley's largest companies—to announce a new Diversity and Inclusion Initiative and Director Position aimed at conducting inclusion efforts and confronting the potential challenges of artificial intelligence and algorithms in technology, including financial technology.

During my time in Washington, I have worked diligently to protect American consumers from fraudulent or discriminatory lending practices, and John has played a pivotal role in many of these efforts. Over the past year, John has worked tirelessly to help me provide a report on the lending practices of financial technology companies, otherwise known as FinTech companies. Thanks to his tireless research and outreach to numerous FinTech entities, I was able to release a detailed and revealing report on the small-business lending practices of the rapidly-expanding field of FinTech. Although there is more work to be done, this report was an important step in the right direction to ensuring these relatively new companies are promoting fair lending practices.

The last, but maybe most important, accomplishment I would like to note came in 2015 when I co-authored H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act. This legislation was a comprehensive housing bill that made long-needed changes to public housing and the Section 8 rental assistance programs, as well as programs within the Federal Housing Authority and Rural Housing Services. With John's help implementing a legislative strategy to manage the bill through the House, I am proud to say it passed with unanimous bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Obama. It was the largest public housing overhaul in three decades, and I could not be more appreciative of John's leadership in shepherding it through the House with unanimous support, something almost unheard of for a bill as extensive and impactful as H.R. 3700.

These are but a drop in the bucket of the various projects, events, and initiatives that John successfully managed while overseeing my congressional office. Since 2014, John has helped me manage everything from navigating legislation through the arduous process of becoming law to implementing communications strategies to investigating and addressing con-

stituent concerns back home. As everyone in this chamber understands, a Member of Congress is only as good as the staff they surround themselves with. I can say, without a doubt in my mind, there is not a single member in this esteemed chamber that wouldn't be extremely fortunate to have John Jones running their office.

Having known John for years now, I can say he is a patriotic, intelligent, and compassionate individual. He's a loving father and as hard-working and caring as they come. As he leaves the halls of Congress for other opportunities, Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing John Jones for his dedication to public service and for all he has accomplished for our great nation. On behalf of the Fifth District of Missouri, thank you.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

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

SD-226

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Russia's role in Syria and the broader Middle East; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine threats to religious liberty around the world.

SD-226

OCTOBER 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine implementation of positive train control.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census, and Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine big bank bankruptcy, focusing on 10 years after Lehman Brothers.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of sound and transparent science in regulation.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine protecting United States amateur athletes, focusing on examining abuse prevention efforts across the Olympic movement.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Children and Families

To hold hearings to examine rare diseases, focusing on expediting treatments for patients.

SD-430

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Government Accountability Office reports relating to broadband internet availability on tribal lands.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

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

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities for small businesses through the tax code.

SR-428A

OCTOBER 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform.

SD-538