

legislature, Bob was appointed to serve as Chair of the State Parole Board by Republican Governor Pete Wilson and, later, to serve as Secretary of Youth and Adult Corrections by Democratic Governor Gray Davis.

Senator Presley was predeceased by his first wife, Ahni Ratliff Presley. He is survived by his second wife, Susan Foreman Presley; his three adult children; Robert Presley, Jr., Donna Danielson, and Marilyn Raphael; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Presley family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Bob may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

HONORING THE YALE UNIVERSITY BANDS ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale University Bands—the first American University Band to present a concert tour abroad in 1959—as it celebrates its centennial anniversary.

The activities that led to the birth of the Yale University Band were organized by Joseph R. Ellis in 1918 when he was a lieutenant in the United States Army assigned to the Yale Student Army Training Corps. Prior to being stationed in New Haven, he had been posted in Washington, D.C. where his work was to secure players and leaders for bands throughout the training camps of the country. Upon his arrival at Yale, he started planning the formation of a band. Finding no funds available, Lieutenant Ellis took up a collection from the military units which were then in training. He secured the services of a professional coach, Charles F. Smith, a New Haven musician who had considerable band experience, a few instruments were purchased, and musical talent was recruited from the S.A.T.C. (Student Army Training Corps). This first Yale band provided music for military formations until the Corps was demobilized in December 1918, after the Armistice. The instruments were turned over to the University with the hope that they would provide the nucleus for a student band in the future.

Lieutenant Ellis remained at Yale and went on to become Registrar of Freshmen. On October 1, 1919, he and Charles Smith succeeded in persuading twenty students to form the Yale Band which played at some of the minor football games that fall. It was from those twenty students a century ago that the Yale Bands have expanded to include the Yale Jazz Ensemble, the Yale Precision Marching Band, and the Yale Concert Band—producing a combined thirty national and international concert tours.

In its one hundred years, the Yale Bands has been served by just six directors: Charles Smith, Alvin Etler, Keith L. Wilson, Keith Brion, Richard Thurston, and today's director, Thomas C. Duffy who has held the position for thirty-seven years.

The Yale Bands have amassed an impressive record of musical commissions, world

premieres, and service to civic, academic and national events, all combined with a commitment to music as a social force. Yale Bands have produced benefit concerts to raise relief money in response to natural disasters, have performed in a Syrian refugee camp in Athens, Greece, and regularly directs the talents of its members in performances that support philanthropic, educational, and social programs.

For its formative place in the development of the 20th-century American Wind Band, for its pioneering work with the commissioning of new band works from important composers, for its long-standing commitment to music as a social force and its impact on the local New Haven community and those around the world, I am proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Yale University Bands as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. I wish them all the best for another century of fine performances, artistic leadership, and service through music.

RECOGNIZING WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Westminster at Lake Ridge on its 25th anniversary and to commend the staff, residents, and volunteers for their commitment to the community and their dedication to the well-being of all who call Westminster home.

Although we are celebrating Westminster at Lake Ridge's Silver Anniversary, the origins of this exceptional community date back more than 40 years to 1977, when the late Myles Golbranson began his efforts to establish a Presbyterian-sponsored life-care retirement community in Northern Virginia. For the next 8 years, he led an Ad Hoc Committee to assist with exploring options. In 1985, it appeared that the unwavering efforts to establish a retirement community were within reach when Mr. S. Parker Oliphant offered to donate a 37-acre parcel of land located in Centreville, VA. Project design and site-analysis began, as did fundraising efforts for pre-construction expenses. In 1988, the project was suddenly derailed due to water management and zoning complications. Later that year, an alternate 62-acre site was identified in Lake Ridge, VA. In 1993, Westminster at Lake Ridge opened its doors, finally fulfilling Myles Golbranson's dream.

In the last 25 years, Westminster at Lake Ridge has grown significantly and is now home to approximately 400 residents. Amenities and services are available to suit the interests of the residents—whether it is joining a book club, participating in fitness classes, fishing in one of the two ponds, or strolling through the wooded trails to the Occoquan River. Residents are also actively engaged in the community—volunteering with local schools, hospitals, and at civic and cultural events. The Flying Fingers, a group of residents who knit and crochet items, has created countless articles of clothing and blankets for many charities including Ellie's Hats, which provides the handmade caps to children who

have lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatments.

The activities, amenities and health services provided by Westminster at Lake Ridge are guided by its mission: to provide a continuum of care to older adults that fosters independence, dignity, and self-determination. These core values have been central to every expansion of activities and health care services including the Memory Support Neighborhoods for those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. To ensure the safety of those suffering from debilitating memory issues, Westminster at Lake Ridge has partnered with the Prince William County Sheriff's Office on Project Lifesaver—a GPS program that can instantly locate a participating resident who may have wandered into an unsafe environment.

In 2015, in recognition of its exceptional care and opportunities for older adults, Westminster at Lake Ridge was fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities—Continuing Care Accrediting Commission (CARF-CCAC.) In the United States, fewer than 10 percent of all continuing care retirement communities have received this accreditation, which is granted only after successfully completing an in-depth, multi-day audit by CARF-CCAC. In addition, Westminster at Lake Ridge has received the highest rating possible, a 5-star overall rating from Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent this extraordinary facility. Westminster at Lake Ridge provides an exceptional quality of life for active retirees, as well as more intensive compassionate care when needed. I thank the staff and volunteers for their dedication to their mission and commend them as well as the hundreds of residents for their service. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Westminster at Lake Ridge on its 25th anniversary and in wishing all who live and work in this vibrant community continued success.

IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish all people celebrating Taiwan's National Day, a Happy Double Ten Day.

The United States and Taiwan are united in common interests and commitment to freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people share our values of human rights, adherence to the rule of law, and freedom of speech. Taiwan is a shining example of democracy, exemplified by multiple peaceful transfers of power following free elections.

In addition to our close cultural and political partnership, the United States and Taiwan also share a booming economic partnership. Bilateral trade between our countries surpassed \$86 billion in 2017, making Taiwan the United States' 11th largest trading partner. Taiwan is also a partner with the United States in our resolute efforts to combat global terrorism. For example, its contribution to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS will assist refugees as they return to their homes and begin rebuilding their communities.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recommitting ourselves to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, and in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

IN MEMORY OF KYLE ALAN
ZIEGLER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the following thoughtful obituary was published on September 26, 2018:

Kyle Alan Ziegler, age 59, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 26th 2018 after a recent diagnosis of brain cancer. He was born in Oberlin on Sept. 18, 1959 to Lyle and Dorothy (Upton) Ziegler and was a lifelong resident of Wellington.

Kyle graduated from Wellington High School in 1978 and attended Geneva College in Pennsylvania. He was a self-employed businessman, operating Ziegler Lawn Care, which he began as a teenager until his diagnosis. He also had other business ventures including a partnership in Wellington Self Storage and remodeling houses with his son Josh.

On Dec. 4 1982 Kyle married Jean Liles at Church of the Open Door in Elyria, Ohio. Together they raised their children. He was a faithful and loving husband, father, grandfather, and a good friend to many. Kyle enjoyed traveling, especially hiking and exploring in the western United States. He served God in many area churches over the years, and spent his last days sharing Jesus out on the porch with every visitor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Jean; son Daniel Ziegler (Rae-Lynn); son Joshua Ziegler; daughter Kylee Bogner (Kenneth); grandson Emmerich Bogner; granddaughter due in November; brother Mark Ziegler (Joyce); sister Marlene Hamilton (David) and several nieces & nephews.

Preceded in death by his father Lyle Ziegler, mother Dorothy Upton Ziegler Tegmeyer, and grandson Daniel Alan Ziegler Jr.

RECOGNIZING THE PASADENA
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO
VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Veteran's Committee in celebration of Military Appreciation Night.

The Pasadena Livestock show and rodeo, located in Pasadena, Texas has been entertaining the citizens of Pasadena and surrounding cities since 1949 with Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo action; livestock and home economics competitions; and concerts. One of the main goals of the Rodeo is awarding scholarships to students from Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, and Clear Creek school districts.

Since its inception in 2012, the Veteran's Committee has continually recognized local veterans and provided veterans and their families an opportunity to become more involved in

the Rodeo. Thanks to the work of the Veteran's Committee, veterans are picked up from the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston and provided a police escort to the rodeo grounds. At the rodeo veterans receive: a barbeque dinner, special tour of the agricultural barn, recognition during the rodeo performance, and VIP seating. Active Duty military personnel are also recognized on Military Appreciation Night.

In 2014, the Rodeo and Veteran's Committee started a new tradition when Army recruits received their Oath of Enlistment on the arena floor in front of the rodeo audience. This event has grown into a joint branch swearing in ceremony. Members of the Veteran's Committee and Active Duty military personnel join the recruits on the floor establishing a past, present, and future military presence during the ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, as a former guardsman and Air Force officer, and as the father of a highly-decorated Navy SEAL, it is a tremendous honor and privilege to be asked to administer the Oath of Enlistment to these young men and women on Saturday, September 29th.

This year the Rodeo is honoring heroes who were declared Missing in Action (M.I.A.). America must never forget these service members and their families.

May God richly bless our Nation's veterans for their sacrifice. May He continue to protect those who are serving and those who will be serving. My prayers are also with the families of those who lost love ones and those who are Missing in Action.

INNOVATIONS IN MENTORING,
TRAINING, AND APPRENTICESHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROGER W. MARSHALL

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5509, Innovations in Mentoring, Training and Apprenticeships Act, sponsored by my friend, Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY. With the creation of three competitive STEM grants under the National Science Foundation, this bipartisan bill will help meet the future workforce demands in STEM occupations and encourage innovative partnerships between academic institutions and local STEM employers.

In February, Dr. John Bardo, President of Wichita State University, testified at a Science, Space and Technology hearing on STEM education and careers. His testimony and examples of Wichita State's applied learning opportunities helped develop the grant program for undergraduate STEM students at 4-year universities. These opportunities provide students a chance to work for employers in their areas of interest and allow students to gain skills that better prepare them to make substantial contributions to their employers when they graduate.

We have an opportunity to pave a path to success and meet the needs of our growing technical workforce in order to stay globally competitive. This bill is a great step in that direction. I'm proud to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6157,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of the Conference Report for H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act of 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2019.

The legislation includes several provisions that I strongly support, including giving servicemen and women a well-deserved raise of 2.6 percent. Those who serve in uniform have made extraordinary sacrifices for our country and have earned and deserve a pay raise. The legislation also prohibits the use of funds in Syria and Iraq in contravention of the War Powers Resolution. As a co-equal branch of the federal government, the president must come to Congress to seek authorization for the use of military force. It also includes funding for Ukraine and Eastern Europe security initiatives to counter Russia's heightened military provocations and annexation of Crimea.

Despite these vital provisions, I have concerns with a number of provisions included in the Conference Report. This legislation authorizes more than \$606.5 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$67.8 billion to the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund, an account which is not counted in the budget and is not paid for. It adds to the deficit and is used as a slush fund by the Pentagon.

Unlike every other federal agency, the Department of Defense (DOD) has yet to complete a financial audit; taxpayers deserve to know how the biggest bureaucracy in the federal government spends their money.

Additionally, the bill prohibits the closing of Guantanamo Bay, which costs more than \$100 million each year to house 41 prisoners and has been used as a top recruiting tool by terrorists. The bottom line is that the prison has been a black eye for the United States, has eroded relationships with our allies, undermined U.S. missions abroad, and put U.S. citizens and our troops at risk of retaliation.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN VIR-
GINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 3rd Annual Distinguished Service Awards and to commend the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce for continuing to sponsor these awards. Celebrating the achievements of our veterans is important because our veterans in Northern Virginia and throughout our country have sacrificed so much for our community and our nation. It is our duty to support those who have served in uniform and to honor and uphold the