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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WITTMAN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 19, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT J. WITTMAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Benjamin Hogue, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of grace unbounded, the most precious grace You give us is the grace to be ourselves. With Your extraordinary love, You call us to be authentic and whole. Enliven Your spirit within us to proclaim Your goodness in our lives.

Embolden us to continue in Your ways of liberation and peace. Help us to remember the forgotten, hear the silenced, and see the ignored. In all that we do, and in all that we are, make us believers in truth and seekers of justice.

Empower our work to reflect Your mission of reconciliation for the world. Continue to show us paths that will help heal our divisions, share our abundance, and spread Your divine love.

For all this and the blessings to be received this day, we give thanks.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution

1084, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 1084, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6564. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of its 2018 compensation program adjustments, including the Agency's current salary range structure and the performance-based merit pay matrix, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833b(a); Public Law 101-73, Sec. 1206(a); (103 Stat. 523); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6565. A letter from the Under Secretary, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

6566. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Summary Report to Congress of the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2017 Inventory of Con-

tracted Services", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2330a(c)(1); Public Law 107-107, Sec. 801(c)(1) (as amended by Public Law 114-328, Sec. 812); (130 Stat. 2269); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6567. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Vincent K. Brooks, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6568. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice to Congress of the anticipated use of Selected Reserve units that will be ordered to active duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12304b(d); Public Law 112-81, Sec. 516(a)(1); (125 Stat. 1396); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6569. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's 2017 Annual Report to Congress, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1691f; Public Law 90-321, Sec. 707 (as added by Public Law 94-239, Sec. 7); (90 Stat. 255); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6570. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Report titled, "Preservation and Promotion of Minority Depository Institutions" for FY 2017, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1463 note; Public Law 101-73, Sec. 308 (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 367(4)(B)); (124 Stat. 1556); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6571. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 2017 Annual Report to the Congress on the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2991b-1(g)(1); Public Law 88-452, Sec. 803A (as amended by Public Law 102-375, Sec. 822(2)); (106 Stat. 1296); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6572. A letter from the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Executive Director, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Annual Report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for FY 2018, pursuant to Sec. 114(e) of the Higher Education Act, as amended; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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6573. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2017 report titled, "Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 139511(b); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1875(b) (as amended by Public Law 110-275, Sec. 125(b)(4)); (122 Stat. 2519); ; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6574. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report to Congress titled "2017 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396 note; Public Law 111-3, Sec. 506(c); (123 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6575. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities that was declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6576. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115—162); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6577. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 18-42, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6578. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 18-0H, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6579. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-044, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6580. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-047, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6581. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-027, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6582. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-033, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6583. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-026, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Ex-

port Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6584. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-002, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6585. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-023, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6586. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 18-048, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6587. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-471, "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6588. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 22-472, "Public Housing Resident Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6589. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting notification of a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6590. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6591. A letter from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2020 budget request for the Office of Inspector General, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416); (97 Stat. 436); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6592. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting an Audit of House Purchase Card Program (Report No. 18-CAO-14); to the Committee on House Administration.

6593. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems report for 2019-2023, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47103; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6594. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's report titled, "Andean Trade Preference Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2017", pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3204(a)(1); Public Law 102-182, Sec. 206(a) (as amended by Public Law 106-200, Sec. 211(d)(2)); (114 Stat. 287); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6595. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report to Congress concerning the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility under construction at the Department's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South

Carolina, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 2566(a)(3)(A); Public Law 107-314, Sec. 4306(a)(3)(A); (116 Stat. 2747); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BYRNE (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 7073. A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 7074. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to reauthorize grazing advisory boards; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 7075. A bill to enhance protections of Native American cultural heritage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H.R. 7076. A bill to reinstate requirements pertaining to electronically controlled pneumatic brake systems on high-hazard flammable unit trains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 7077. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site of the Kettle Creek Battlefield in Wilkes County, Georgia, and adjacent property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Ms. FUDGE):

H.R. 7078. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a maximum contaminant level goal and promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for microcystin toxin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself, Mrs. WALORSKI, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. BASS, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. LANGEVIN):

H.R. 7079. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand a program to provide medication-assisted treatment, from arrest to release, to individuals incarcerated in the jurisdiction who are addicted to opioids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 7080. A bill to modify the expedited procedures in the House of Representatives under section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act with respect to consideration of joint resolutions prohibiting proposed sales of defense articles or services, prohibiting proposed licenses for exports of defense articles

or services, and prohibiting approval of United States commercial technical assistance or manufacturing licensing agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RENACCI, and Ms. FUDGE):

H.R. 7081. A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. FOSTER):

H. Res. 1129. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on October 21, 2018, as “National Chemistry Week”; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

264. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 181, memorializing Congress and the President of the United States to take certain actions to ensure that a woman can freely make reproductive health decisions and access reproductive health care, including abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

265. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, urging the federal government to assist with expediting the installation of positive train control technology on New Jersey railways; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

266. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, relative to State Joint Resolution No. 73, respectfully urging the Congress of the United States to pass the “Military Hunger Prevention Act”; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Agriculture.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 7073.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clauses 1, 4, and 18.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 7074.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 7075.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H.R. 7076.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, Congress shall have the power to regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

By Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 7077.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2, which states:

“The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States . . .”

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H.R. 7078.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 7079.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: “The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . .”

By Mr. TED LIEU of California:

H.R. 7080.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio:

H.R. 7081.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 134: Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 173: Mr. ESTES of Kansas.

H.R. 296: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 750: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 809: Mrs. HARTZLER.

H.R. 834: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 1318: Ms. CHENEY and Mr. REED.

H.R. 1515: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1697: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 1710: Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.

H.R. 1739: Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1757: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 1898: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. MCCAUL.

H.R. 1954: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 2015: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 2119: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire and Mr. BROWN of Maryland.

H.R. 2472: Mr. MCEACHIN.

H.R. 2498: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 2623: Mr. GAETZ and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 2801: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2856: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 3119: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 3197: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 3325: Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 3520: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 3781: Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 3988: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 4107: Mr. FLORES, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 4459: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 4691: Mr. VEASEY and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 4843: Ms. HANABUSA.

H.R. 4897: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 4932: Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 4993: Mr. HOLDING.

H.R. 5153: Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 5266: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 5609: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 5634: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 5780: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 5856: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 5942: Mr. CLAY, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 6016: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 6033: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.

H.R. 6051: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 6062: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 6093: Mr. HASTINGS.

H.R. 6103: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 6178: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 6510: Mr. MCKINLEY and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 6595: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 6631: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 6660: Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 6734: Mr. PALAZZO and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 6840: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 6980: Mr. KING of Iowa.

H.R. 7031: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 7049: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 7055: Ms. KELLY of Illinois and Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 7059: Mr. SCALISE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. FERGUSON, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. COOK, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana.

H.R. 7070: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE, and Mr. POCAN.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H. Con. Res. 138: Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. HASTINGS.

H. Res. 274: Mr. SOTO and Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H. Res. 864: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 910: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico and Ms. ESHOO.

H. Res. 926: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 944: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 960: Mr. CRIST and Mr. SCHIFF.

H. Res. 1013: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1033: Mr. KING of Iowa and Mr. GAETZ.

H. Res. 1038: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1061: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1090: Ms. STEFANIK and Mr. KATKO.

H. Res. 1114: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1116: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1120: Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H. Res. 1121: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. COFFMAN.

H. Res. 1122: Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. SABLON, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MOULTON, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H. Res. 1125: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. MOORE, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 3 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BILL CASSIDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2018.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BILL CASSIDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CASSIDY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2018, AT 4:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 35 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONSTITUENT COMMENTS ON SOBER LIVING HOME PROBLEMS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise again regarding the hearing held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on September 28, 2018 on the issue of sober living homes. At that hearing, I had the privilege of testifying in support of my bill, H.R. 5724, to restore local oversight over sober living homes. As part of my testimony, I submitted to the Subcommittee letters from many of my constituents about problems with sober living homes caused by current federal law preventing appropriate local oversight. For the benefit of my colleagues and the American people, I include in the RECORD the fifth group of these constituent letters:

Thank you for bringing our issues with Sober Living Homes (SLH) in our neighborhoods to congress. Here is the nightmare my husband, two young sons and I have endured over the past 1.5 years.

We live in downtown Huntington Beach that had been known for our lovely beaches and quaint surf culture community, now we are called Rehab Riviera. My nightmare began in April 2017, when the owner of the house across the street from me opted turn down \$3800 in rent per month to dozens of families wanting to rent it and instead he sold out the neighborhood for \$9000 a month in rent to a business, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was started by two addicts, [NAME] and [NAME] 1 year and 4 months out of a recovery. They have no special training, they are not licensed by the State of California, DHHS does not regulate their business and they especially do not have hand-picked doctors, per their website, taking care of the young lives at [ADDRESS]. On February 24, 2018, a handsome, sweet young man, [NAME], overdosed, in the care of [REDACTED], at [ADDRESS]. His body laid in his bed for over 8 hours before it was discovered. Then his fluid-soaked mattress laid on the sidewalk between the home and the wall separating the houses for 2 weeks before it was finally disposed of properly. On March 13, 2018 [NAME] co-owner of [REDACTED] overdosed at his home in Fountain Valley. According to the reports, [NAME] was apparently facing pressure on several fronts. Last year, a text exchange between [NAME]'s business partner, [NAME], and an addict, went public in that forum, laying bare an increasingly-common scam: Addicts demanding to be paid to get surgical implants of opioid-blocking drugs. The idea is that the addicts know rehab operators and doctors can bill insurance companies thousands of dollars per procedure.

I shared the above so you have an idea of the type of so-called Sober Living Home I am dealing with. A business opened by two addicts just to make money while they scam the system and allow young men to die and overdose (survive) in their care. After [NAME] overdose at the unlicensed home I was sure that someone on a state or federal level would have shut them down but noth-

ing happened. The house manager, known as [NAME] (no idea what his real name is) has allowed 2 more young men to overdose under his care but luckily both survived. When we asked [NAME] about them he stated they were kicked out of the house and if you have spent any time in Southern California lately, that just means there are now 2 more homeless addicts on the streets. All the clients at [REDACTED] have been flown here from other parts of the country and a few of them have told me that it was a one-way ticket and if they want to go home they have to do it with their own funds. They also tell me they get money whenever they bring in another client into the house. . . .

In addition to the above the neighbors and I have endured the following: drug deals going down on our street. The clients getting blow jobs while sitting in their cars parked in front of our homes. Constant foul language coming from the clients and their "friends" who come to visit. Young men wearing their pants down to their knees, ghetto music (music that is loud and contains profanity) blaring from their cars and out of the house. At times there are 14 cars on our block from the 7 clients and their 7 girlfriends so we cannot park in front of our homes. I have two young boys and I am constantly bringing in groceries or lugging out sports bags, so having to walk a block away to get to and from my car. Trash in the street and in the alley. Hypodermic needles have been found, one of them in the neighbor's backyard. The neighbors to the south of [REDACTED] are elderly and they can't have their grandkids come over and play outside anymore in fear of a hypodermic needle impaling itself into their little bodies when it comes flying over the wall between the homes.

In addition, the clients toss their cigarette butts over the fence into the same neighbor's back yard. The same neighbors can no longer leave their windows open to get fresh air since they are constantly bombarded with cigarette smoke.

Countless fighting going on in the house that has resulted in countless police visits. Intimidation from the clients. There have been many occasions when I am outside in front of my home and one of the clients will stand across the street, drawing on his cigarette, with his pants down to his knees, staring me down and glaring at my every move. My kids use to skateboard in front of our house, or toss the football, but now they don't want to be out there. We felt compelled to put up cameras, keep our doors shut and our window curtains drawn.

Increase in petty thefts. If we mistakenly leave our cars unlocked the content is stolen during the night. I watched two addicts (not from [REDACTED]) walking down the alley a few months ago tugging on every door handle they passed. Then they attempted to break into a shed on a neighbor's property while I had run home to get my phone and call the police.

When we (the neighbors) have complained to [NAME] he tells us to stop talking to his clients, they are grown men and there is nothing he can do about the issues. His big solution is to kick them out after they overdose, if they are lucky enough to survive. So, I don't understand how [REDACTED] can run a scam business in my neighborhood. I live a residential zoned neighborhood not in

a business zone. How can they stay in operations when the state knows they are unlicensed, their website was criminally misleading, and they are allowing young men to OD and die in their "care"?

I grew up in poverty, crawled my way out of it by going to college on Pell grants (thank you government for giving me a hand up, not a hand out), worked very hard to be able to buy my mother a home and then myself one in 1995. I have lived here for 23 years and before April 2017 it has been a quiet, peaceful neighborhood with thoughtful and kind neighbors. Now the SLH has greatly reduced the quality of life my family and I had once enjoyed in our home. We are no longer comfortable in our home, nor on our street. On August 13, 2018 we found out that a recently purchased home (at [ADDRESS]) 3 doors down from [ADDRESS] is also going to be a sober living home. We have two side-by-side in the [REDACTED] block of California street. Two more in the [REDACTED] block of Huntington street (one street over) and countless more throughout the neighborhood. We understand that a recovery center is building their headquarters in downtown HB. Seriously? Do you know how expensive real estate is in Southern California, and these guys can afford to build a high-rise headquarters 3 blocks from the ocean and a stone throw away from two blocks of bars. This is not about helping these addicts find recovery, this is about money, lots of money! They want to bring them here to this environment, so they stayed hooked on the drugs and they can continue to scam the America tax payers!

CATHERINE YOUNG,
Huntington Beach, California.

A Sober Living Facility has moved in next door to my house one and a half years ago. It has probably lowered the value of my house at least \$100,000 because no one wants to move in next to a facility like this. I live in Huntington Beach because of the cool coastal breezes and now I have to close my windows because they are constantly smoking in the back yard. There are often cigarette stubs on the curb and trash around the house. One girl overdosed there last year so the fire stations and the police were there. These sober living facilities should be closer to downtown and not in the middle of family neighborhood. We don't let our children play as much outside because we never know who may be coming and going from that house.

KAREN PESKO,
Huntington Beach, California.

I see that they have changed the name from Halfway Houses to Sober Living Homes.

I am against having these homes in residential areas. The people in these homes are either alcoholics or drug addicts. If they go "off the rails" they could potentially be a danger to innocent people. Let's take, for example, a recovering alcoholic living in a residential area. One day he/she gets upset and can't stop from drinking. He or she gets into their car drunk, in the residential neighborhood, and drives. In the drunken state, they have the potential to kill, adults and children. I'm sure your argument will be that drugs and alcohol are not allowed in the residences, but where there is a will there is a way! That won't stop them.

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My solution for the halfway house situation is for the addiction centers that currently treat these individuals to also build housing within the zoned business area where they are located.

LINDA HICKS,
Huntington Beach, California.

The presence of unregulated Sober Living Homes in our city has negatively impacted our residential communities. These unregulated businesses recruit and attract addicts requiring professional treatment for their issues and have no accountability for adequately providing necessary care for their clients. Residential areas, such as my neighborhood in Huntington Beach, are overrun with multiple such "homes" that bring additional crime, traffic, noise and nuisance to our peaceful communities. One of my neighbors, whom lives next door to a SLH, has reported active drug dealing on the front lawn of the house, in the presence of his minor children. These SLH are businesses profiting from loopholes in government oversight regulations that have robbed our communities and our citizens of our peace, in our own homes. Law abiding citizens and neighbors living in our residential communities should not have to co-exist and tolerate "businesses" that are operating under the radar of the law, in our own homes. Business should be located in areas zoned for business operations, not in residential neighborhoods. Please restore the peace and tranquility of our communities by eliminating SLH from our residential communities.

KRISTINE KOCH,
Huntington Beach, California.

Dear Congressman Rohrabacher, my family and I have seen the negative impact from influx of unlicensed sober living homes in our neighborhood. Common effects are loitering transients, public intoxication, public drug use and littering of used paraphernalia, prostitution, petty theft including stealing of packages on doorsteps, breaking into cars and at times residents homes.

I have been a resident of Orange County, California since 1979 and a resident of Costa Mesa since 1999. I can say firsthand the deterioration of Costa Mesa is evident the past 19 years. As a father three children and homeowner I strongly encourage action by our government to resolve and/or prevent of unlicensed sober living homes in our city and county. If this does not occur, then I like other similar families will look to relocate and raise our children in a safer, crimeless environment.

GRAHAM SHUTE,
Costa Mesa, California.

There is Sober Living home that opened on my street. I don't know why they're pretending to be a sober living home because they've already found a bag of heroin not far from the house. This house is located two doors down from a public middle school. Hundreds of kids walked by the house and are dropped off in front of this house daily. This such facility has no business in a family community. Neighbors complain that there has been strange people coming in and out of the house. Two of those strange people were knocking on resident doors and even jumped the fence and went into one of their backyards and walked into their house when they were being chased by the police. I believe sober living homes have no business in residential neighborhoods because they are bringing down the quality of life and safety for the residences around them.

GINA WALTERS,
Huntington Beach, California.

We have lived in our current residence on [REDACTED] for the past 16 years. It has

been an outstanding neighborhood to live in and raise our 3 children. Unfortunately, our peaceful little neighborhood has experienced a drastic change in recent months with the unwelcome addition of a sober living house right down the street. Since the arrival of the occupants, we have experienced a few notable incidents with the most recent being a few individuals that apparently were doing drugs around the corner and were quickly pursued by the Huntington Beach Police Department. This led to the individuals fleeing through multiple backyards and actually entering a residence in an attempt to hide from the police. The individuals were caught on video at one of our neighbor's houses which showed them moving around the perimeter of the residence as they were attempting to hide from the authorities. During that evening, the residents right next door to the sober living house were holding a sleepover for 8 young girls in their backyard. This is a little too close for comfort. In addition, there is a middle school located less than 100 yards from the sober living home and is in the direct foot travel path of children walking home from school. It is our understanding that the transient nature of these sober living homes will introduce new residents every 8 weeks. This means a whole new set of problems will rotate through every 2 months. For the safety of our children, the children at our local schools, and the safety of our own properties I am requesting action to be taken to place stricter oversight on the introduction of sober living houses allowed in residential neighborhoods and if possible limit the number of them being implemented. We have a serious problem here in California with criminals being released early due to budget reductions being placed on our correctional facilities and the good tax paying citizens of this state have to deal with that fallout. We need effective changes that protect our neighborhoods and our kids.

STEVE TRESKES,
Huntington Beach, California.

I grew up in a State Legislator's home, growing up as a Wolcott (Raymond Oliver Wolcott was my Grandfather, John B. Wolcott, his son, raised me). I had a decent upbringing. Later in life, I was ill prepared for my daughter's death from S.I.D.S. or crib death. She was 4.5 months old. My drinking and marijuana usage escalated to a point where I simply could not contain it. Mercifully, I discovered sobriety. So did the mother of our daughter. We were told by numerous doctors that getting pregnant again was improbable (as she had three living kids and previous problematic pregnancies before I met her) yet imagine our surprise to the birth of fraternal twin girls. No in vitro or otherwise modern birth science, just a sobriety miracle in our eyes. My twins are 19 and currently they're enrolled at a junior college in the Texas A&M School System. I am very certain sobriety and sober living assisted them in their development. Although I am divorced and have had three relapses, I also have had twenty two years of sober time in my life.

I have a brief attached for a "Christian-sober living" that may appear rather convoluted, however its main highlights are: have events scheduled to keep residents away from the home (so as to minimize riffraff from visitors), cash and carry instead of billable to insurance (No cash on site method of payment), and a giving back mentality with nurses or doctors that are on call with on staff managers and graduates who need their hours tallied before accreditation. Thank You.

DEDER BARNES,
Huntington Beach, California.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE OHIO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Ohio Contractors Association, an organization of more than 500 members involved in Ohio's heavy, highway and utility industry, which turned 100 years on October 10, 2018. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, OCA is a recognized voice for needed transportation funding, rational regulatory and legislative accountability, workforce development, improving construction practices and relationship building within the industry.

While OCA has grown in membership, its mission, although expanded, can be traced to its origin when 50 contractors across the state signed an agreement to form the association. The first meeting of the "Ohio Road Contractors' Association" was October 10, 1918 in Columbus, Ohio. That initial meeting not only adopted a resolution to drop "Road" from its name and become the Ohio Contractors Association, it also created and individually voted upon the acceptances of 10 sections of its constitution.

Today, more than 200 Contractor Members and 300 Associate Members provide support, unity and leadership to Ohio's heavy, highway and utility industry. OCA maintains its statewide relevance through its nine, Ohio local chapters. Chapter events in combination with statewide committees, events and publications assure that members have the opportunity to provide input and interact with OCA staff so the association remains aware of the issues and concerns of its members and can represent them in a meaningful way. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize an organization that has and continues to lead the heavy-highway and utility construction industry in Ohio.

HONORING IRMALEE SCHUMACHER WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Irmalee Schumacher as a woman of the year. She is a sensational educator and dedicated volunteer who has long devoted herself to the betterment of Colusa County. As a teacher for Williams Elementary School and Colusa Preschool, Ms. Schumacher's passion for shaping young minds has been an inspiration to her students and fellow educators. Over the past 21 years, she has led and coordinated the Super Seven Awards Program which recognizes the top seven 11th and 12th grade students from Colusa High School for their outstanding scholastic achievement. Ms. Schumacher takes the time to write each student a highly individualized biography to present to them at their awards dinner where her attention to detail and light-hearted touch always manage to bring the event to life. Furthermore, Ms. Schumacher has been instrumental in coordinating and executing the

Colusa County Office of Education's Scholastic Appreciation Day, known as the 3+ Club. This year alone, she awarded over 275 children from across the county while also securing donations, promoting the event, and organizing a vast cohort of volunteers. Ms. Schumacher also generously co-funds a scholarship for Williams High School graduates who might otherwise not be able to move into higher education. In short, her cheerful personality, encouraging words, and leadership skills are of endless value to the students and residents affected by her work.

IN MEMORY OF TIM JOHNSON

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of a former staffer who served the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District for more than twelve years: Timothy Mills Johnson. Tim died on Sunday after a lengthy battle against multiple myeloma.

Tim was a native of Jamestown, New York, and took great pride in his hometown and his alma mater, Syracuse University. While at Syracuse, where he graduated with a double major in journalism and political science, he started working in radio. After graduation, he returned to Jamestown, where he anchored local radio and television broadcasts for many years.

A fellowship from the American Political Science Association brought him to Washington in 1994, where he began working for my predecessor, the late Congressman Michael G. Oxley. Tim handled a wide range of legislative issues for Mr. Oxley through the years, earning a reputation for professionalism in dealing with members, fellow staffers, outside groups, and constituents. He also put his communication skills to good use, working for several years as both legislative director and communications director.

Tim developed a solid grasp of finance issues during his time in Congressman Oxley's office, serving as liaison between the office and the House Financial Services Committee. Following Mr. Oxley's retirement, Tim moved to the staff of former Congressman Spencer Bachus of Alabama, Mr. Oxley's successor as the top Republican on that committee.

Tim was known all over the Capitol for his tireless work in support of the annual Congressional Baseball Game alongside Congressman Oxley, who played for and managed the Republican team throughout his congressional career. For two decades, Tim attended every practice, kept statistics, helped set lineups, and served as bench coach, in addition to working behind the scenes to coordinate press coverage and solicit donations for this exceptional charity event. He was a board member of the Washington Literacy Center, one of the many beneficiaries of the game's proceeds.

His passion for the sport of tennis rivaled his devotion to baseball. As president of the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, he introduced hundreds of congressional staffers to the game and encouraged them as they honed their

skills. He helped coordinate the annual Multiple Myeloma Charity Classic, a tennis and golf tournament for members of Congress and others that has raised more than \$1.2 million in support of multiple myeloma research.

Tim was widely praised as a mentor to younger staffers, always taking time to advise newcomers to Washington on how to be effective at their jobs and navigate the legislative process.

Tim's good humor, professionalism, and devotion to others will long be remembered. We are grateful that good people like Tim Johnson commit themselves to public service and actively inspire so many others to follow in their footsteps.

CONGRATULATING THE PICKFORD
COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOR WIN-
NING THE 2018 SCHOLASTIC SUM-
MER READING CHALLENGE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Pickford Community Library for winning the 2018 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Through its trusted service and dedication to its local community, the Pickford Library has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a free online reading program designed to help students turn the "summer slide" learning loss over the summer months into a "summer leap" by encouraging reading for fun. Schools, libraries, and local communities across the country participate in this 18-week challenge. Working with Pickford Public Schools, home school students, and readers throughout the eastern U.P., the Pickford Community Library helped a total of 152 local students read 338,057 minutes—making it the top library in the country. This success was thanks in part to the support of the local community, which helped the library operate its "piggyback rewards program" to incentivize reading and reward students for their efforts. Its dedication to this challenge and efforts to encourage summer reading are just the most recent examples of the Pickford Library's unwavering commitment to the growth and enrichment of the residents of the U.P. In total, the Summer Reading Challenge helped encourage more than 135 million minutes of reading by American students.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Pickford Community Library, its staff, and its readers for winning the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Day after day, they continue to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Pickford Library all the best in its future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FORT BRAGG'S XVIII
AIRBORNE CORPS DEPLOYMENT
TO IRAQ

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave members of the XVIII Airborne Corps from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who deployed September 13, 2018 to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Established in 2014, Operation Inherent Resolve continues to play an essential role on the front lines of the fight against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. This Combined Joint Task Force is comprised of elite soldiers who have supported many successful efforts, from rescuing Yazidi victims to defending strategic territories in Iraq and Syria, such as Baghdad and Mosul. These troops work closely with partner forces, such as Iraqi Security Forces and Syrian opposition fighters, delivering strategic blows to ISIS. Notable successes include Operation Tidal Wave II, which destroyed nearly 80% of ISIS oil collection infrastructure and the successful liberation of Ramadi, Iraq and Shaddadi, Syria. Today, Operation Inherent Resolve continues to execute successful operations and uphold its mission to defeat the threat of ISIS and to increase regional stability.

I am immensely proud of the members of the XVIII Airborne Corps of Ft. Bragg who will be deployed to support this mission and grateful for their tireless service. These brave men and women represent the best our nation has to offer and their bravery and dedication to our nation deserves the utmost respect. I would also like to acknowledge the sacrifice of their families, and commend them for their support throughout deployment.

HONORING JAYNE WILLIAMS WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jayne Williams as a woman of the year. She has dedicated her life to mentoring others and is an outstanding example of service to the community. Over the years she has given her time and talent to organizations aimed at helping people get through tough times, such as after-school programs for low-income children and families, a recovery group for those battling addiction, and Shoulder to Shoulder, a mentoring organization serving young men lacking positive male role-models. She also worked as a Sacramento Court Appointed Special Advocate, Sacramento County Sheriff's Chaplain for Grant High School, and consultant to Northern California teachers for the Anti-Defamation League. Since moving to her current community of Esparto, Ms. Williams has used her mentoring expertise in co-founding All Leaders Must Serve, a non-profit organization helping young adults pursue fulfilling careers. As Executive Director of All Leaders Must Serve, she has helped young

adults as they leave high school and enter the workforce to focus on job readiness, soft skills, goal setting, and self-sufficiency. Through this program, students gain a vision of the career they want along with the tools and confidence they need to pursue it. It has been Ms. Williams' vision that has allowed the organization to grow in its ability to serve young adults in Yolo County and make the biggest impact it can for students in the program. Her skilled, passionate, and dedicated approach to mentoring others has left a positive impact on countless individuals throughout her community.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR
PAUL COLLIER, U.S. ARMY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the retirement of an outstanding military service member, Sergeant Major Paul L. Collier, Jr.

For 40 years, Collier has shown outstanding leadership, professionalism, and technical ability while serving in the Mississippi Army National Guard. Born in Wurzburg, Germany, Collier began his career at Camp Shelby, then Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Sergeant Major Collier will retire from service at Camp Shelby in his most recent role as Logistics Senior Supply Supervisor of the Joint Forces Training Center.

SGM Collier served at home and abroad with great distinction. Deployments included Panama, Italy, and South America, as well as Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Highly decorated SGM Collier fully engaged in service, earning a collection of awards and decorations too numerous to mention. Among them are the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Armed Forces Service Medal.

Educational pursuits have been paramount to SGM Collier's successful military career. From the Sergeant Majors Academy, NCO courses, Army Combative Instructors Course, Airborne, Battle Skills, Basic Law Enforcement Academy, and Leadership Development, few soldiers rival SGM Collier's 40-year military education journey. In addition, he also holds a Bachelors' Degree in Business Management, and is an active member of VFW Post 3036—Hattiesburg, MSNCOA, and EANGUS, Association of Quartermasters, and the National Infantry Association. He is married to the former Paula Stuckey with whom he shares two sons and one daughter-in-law.

His numerous accomplishments and exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon our United States military. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Sergeant Major Paul L. Collier, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF STEVE
MOORE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Steve Moore of San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department and his more than 30 years of outstanding service and commitment to public safety in our community.

Sheriff Moore grew up in Ventura, California. He began his journey into law enforcement as a police explorer at the early age of sixteen. In June 1972 he graduated from Huehene High School joining the Oxnard police department as a cadet from shortly thereafter. He then served in the Fresno County Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy, starting in 1976.

In 1982, Sheriff Steve Moore joined the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office as a Deputy Sheriff. By 1986, he was sergeant in the custody training unit of San Joaquin County, a position he held until 1990. During his tenure, Moore has been in command of each of the major divisions in the County Sheriff's Office, including as a Sheriff's patrol area commander from 1999 to 2002. There he grew in his capacity as a leader, overseeing all private operations. In 2006, he put his considerable leadership skills to use and was elected Sheriff in San Joaquin County.

Sheriff Steve Moore earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology Law Enforcement California State University Fresno with a single-subject teaching credential. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy, 185th Session. He is a longtime board member and previously served as chairman on the California State Sheriff's Association Board of Directors for the Audit, budget, and finance committee. He is also a recipient of the Linden's Lions Club "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" as well as the California Peace Officers Association's "Award of Distinction."

In addition to all of this, Sheriff Moore is an active community leader and volunteer. He served on the California Council for Interstate Adult Supervisions, as well as the California Department of Boating and Waterways Commission. Steve Moore and his wife Robyn have two children, their daughter Stephanie and son Gregory. Mr. Moore enjoys working, traveling, running, dining with friends, and, above all, spending time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sheriff Steve Moore for his more than 30 years of service and outstanding contributions to San Joaquin County as well as our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTION FROM ALGAL TOXINS ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to help address the grave threat posed to human health from ingestion of microcystin toxins. Four summers ago, a massive algal bloom exploded in western Lake Erie, which generated microcystin, a

cyanobacteria that can cause liver damage, nausea, headaches, and skin blemishes in humans, and is known to be lethal to pets. Just in the last few months, "do not drink" advisories due to microcystin were posted in Salem, Oregon and Rushville, New York.

As elected officials, our first priority must always be the safety and health of our constituents. In that vein, this bill moves to ensure microcystin will no longer be a public health threat.

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act by specifying that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must make a final determination on a maximum contaminant level goal and to promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for microcystin toxin. It demands the EPA does this before or by the time the next round of determinations is due, in 2021.

I commend the EPA's work to date to generate a strategic plan for dealing with algal toxins and for publishing an advisory for microcystin. The strategic plan and current health advisory that EPA already released are a good beginning point. But we need a finalized regulation for the dangerous microcystin that endangers Toledoans every summer with Lake Erie's recurring algal bloom problem.

In addition to the threat they pose to public health, this bacterium casts a huge economic shadow over our vital and beautiful coast. Toledo's Water Crisis cost the city government over \$200,000 in cleanup costs alone, not counting untold millions in lost business and ultimately lost tax revenue.

This concern is not isolated to Lake Erie. Millions of Americans across the country rely on drinking water from natural sources that are similarly threatened by increasing levels of nutrient runoff, and the resulting toxic algal growth. A recent study from USGS showed that algal toxins are present in over 1/3 of all lakes nationwide. Additionally, the EPA recognizes harmful algal blooms as a major environmental problem in all 50 states, with severe impacts on human health.

No one should ever have to worry whether the water coming from their tap is unclean or unsafe, no matter if you're in Toledo, Ohio; Flint, Michigan; Rushville, New York; Salem, Oregon, or anywhere else in America. This bill will make us all safer and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING KATHERINE LADDISH
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katherine Laddish as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving Winters as an advocate, organizer, volunteer and committee volunteer. Demonstrating incredible dedication to her community, Kate Laddish is an inspiration in so many facets of life in Winters. She contributes to the community through volunteerism and contributes to the environment as a steward and a leader. She is an advocate for healthy communities, and as an In-Home Supportive Services advisory

committee volunteer member she inspired others to find their best selves in order to help those in need. Ms. Laddish has been an indispensable advocate for smoke-free, low-income housing and was successful in getting many low-income properties to go smoke-free. Outside of her public advocacy, Ms. Laddish has been a volunteer at The Palms Playhouse in various capacities since 2001; she also volunteers writing for the Winters Express as an Entertainment Correspondent. Despite facing a range of physical challenges, Ms. Laddish enjoys entertaining at local community events as a member of the Crawdads, a local jazz band ensemble. Playing such an involved role in her community's affairs has established her as a pillar of her community. Kate Laddish is generous, passionate, and dedicated to all the causes she devotes herself to. An inspiration to all who know her, Kate has a heart of service and exemplifies all the qualities of a consummate community activist and devoted public servant.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC) JOHN CALVIN COLLINS

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor the life and legacy of Private First Class (PFC) John Calvin Collins, USA, who was the only Morehead City, North Carolina resident to be killed in action in the Vietnam War.

John Calvin Collins was born to John and Della Collins in Morehead City, NC on November 14, 1948. He was a product of the public school system and attended W.S. King High School up until his senior year. His final year, however, John was among the first African Americans to integrate West Carteret High School. An exceptional student athlete, he immediately received recognition in baseball and lettered in football. In addition to athletics, he was a member of Boy Scouts, Troop #118, where he acquired countless leadership skills. Following a successful year and transition to a new school, John graduated in May of 1967.

Shortly after graduation, John registered for the draft on September 15, 1967, and was soon drafted. PFC John Calvin Collins enlisted in the United States Army on October 18, 1967, and reported for active duty the very next day. He received his basic military training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and continued Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The following spring, on May 24, 1968, PFC John Calvin Collins was killed in action as a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Air Cavalry Division, of the United States Army. Just a few short months after the Tet Offensive, PFC Collins became one of the 16,899 Americans in 1968 who paid the ultimate sacrifice. While he was tragically killed on May 24th, it was not until late August that the Army Casualty Notification Officer was able to notify the Collins family.

The military honors provided by the United States Army during the funeral services of PFC John Calvin Collins brought the Vietnam War up close and personal to the town of

Morehead City, North Carolina. During his short tenure as a Combat Infantryman, PFC Collins earned the following listed badge and medals: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. A brave young man, words will never be able to express our gratitude.

Upon the 50th year of the anniversary of his passing, I would like to recognize PFC Collins' ultimate sacrifice to our great nation. PFC John Calvin Collins set an extraordinary example for all of us to follow through his service and sacrifice, and I am so very proud of this American. John Calvin Collins shall never be forgotten by those who knew him or the citizens of Morehead City.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 107TH NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th National Day of Taiwan and its relationship with the United States.

The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a prosperous relationship, with our two countries working together in support of enhanced security, trade, and economic prosperity. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States and the 7th largest market for US agricultural products. Numerous jobs in the United States are supported by investment from Taiwan affiliates and by exports of U.S. goods and services to Taiwan. It is clear to me that, as we strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, we succeed in advancing United States interests.

People-to-people ties between citizens of the United States and of Taiwan form an important bond between the two nations. There are about 150 sister cities between the United States and Taiwan, connecting our two societies on a global level. In addition, travel for business and pleasure from Taiwan to the United States has increased 50 percent since Taiwan became a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in November 2012. Additionally, Taiwanese students represent a significant demographic of international students studying in the United States.

The formational policies for the United States' relationship with Taiwan, the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, were crafted almost four decades ago, and continue to be the foundation of this bilateral relationship. The people-to-people engagement and mutually beneficial commercial transactions are the mortar that fortifies the relationship. Today I remind my colleagues that we have a valuable ally in Taiwan.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARCO POLO FESTIVAL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Marco

Polo Festival, as it celebrates its 10th anniversary on October 20, 2018.

As a celebration of culture and heritage, the Marco Polo festivities around New York City remind us of the contributions of these two historical communities of immigrants and their joint history. Through the story of Marco Polo traversing the Silk Road, we can draw parallels to New York City's own vibrant history, including the shared experiences of Chinese and Italian immigrants coming to the U.S. and the establishment of a historic district celebrating both cultures.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Marco Polo Festival and its leadership, the Marco Polo Festival Committee and Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, on this special 10-year anniversary. These dedicated individuals exemplify outstanding leadership through their public service to the community. I wish the Marco Polo Festival continued success in many more years of service.

HONORING HEIDI SHELTON WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Shelton as woman of the year. She is a caring community advocate with a passion for providing resources to those in need. As the co-owner of NorCal Assets Solutions, a business founded, owned, and operated by women, Ms. Shelton is integral to providing seniors and families of the Yuba-Sutter area with information about a range of services, from Medicare planning and long-term care alternatives, to PG&E's Medical program, and safe retirement planning. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Ms. Shelton's history of service includes involvement with community groups such as United Way, the Alzheimer's Association, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, and the Salvation Army. She has also worked with 14 Forward, an organization that seeks to assist the homeless with temporary housing and can be seen regularly leading a variety of free workshops throughout the community. As a result of her diligent work and demonstrated ability, she has been a frequent recipient of awards for her service and ability to elicit effective outcomes for the seniors who seek out her expertise. Throughout her many years of service, Ms. Shelton has aided the people of Sutter County with fairness and dedication, proving her willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service.

HONORING EMMA HARTLEY, GULF COAST HEART WALK WARRIOR

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an impressive Gulf Coast philanthropist, Miss Emma Hartley of Gulfport, Mississippi.

My district is nicknamed "Mississippi's Fighting Fourth," earned for Mississippi's spirit and

the residents who call her “home.” Most Mississippians have a warrior spirit, a tenacity, a willingness to do whatever it takes to live and nurture each other with compassion and intentional care. These qualities embody one of Mississippi’s youngest and most determined warriors—ten-year-old Emma Hartley.

Emma was born August 2, 2008, missing a heart valve. Less than 24 hours after her birth, Emma underwent the first of what would become many surgeries. Perhaps it was an innate fighting spirit and a purpose to persevere for the sake of loving others that brought Emma and her heart safely through that first critical surgery. Perhaps she knew then that she would need to grow strong and develop a voice to encourage others to face tough battles with a smile. Perhaps it is simply that God has big plans for this little girl. What is known is that Mississippi’s Gulf Coast is blessed by Emma’s heart, beating now for over 10 years, and Emma’s desire to make a difference in the lives of those facing similar health challenges.

Emma has outlived the expectations of many of her doctors, and she will soon undergo her fifth surgery. Before age 18, she is likely to face several more; but, she endures each procedure with courage and grace. From an early age, Emma participated with her mom, Lisa Northrup, in fundraising efforts such as Rock Your Scar, the March of Dimes, Mended Little Hearts, and the Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. Now, with the support of family, friends, and her church, Emma champions her own efforts, working hard to raise funds, give speeches, and boost awareness of these causes in her local communities.

Crafting and creating artwork, two of Emma’s hobbies, are incorporated into her philanthropic efforts, too. For one of her fundraisers this year Emma sold handcrafted wood signs, some of which were ordered from far away. Also, Emma’s artwork has been reproduced in awards given to the top Heart Walk high achievers.

This year’s Gulf Coast Heart Walk is on September 22. Emma will offer the opening prayer to start the event. Mississippi is fortunate to have such a brave, talented, ambitious, and inspiring warrior, like Emma Hartley.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BISHOP JAMES WALKER HOOD
ON THE ONE HUNDRETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF HIS PASSING

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legendary Bishop James Walker Hood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing. Bishop Hood is credited with establishing the North Carolina African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Conference, the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, and Livingstone College, all in my home state of North Carolina.

On May 30, 1831, James Walker Hood was born to Levi and Harriet Walker Hood on the farm of Ephraim Jackson in Chester County, Pennsylvania, nine miles from Wilmington, Delaware. Hood’s parents instilled their love of

the church and a spirit to help fellow African Americans improve their lives in their twelve children. Hood’s father was a Methodist minister and his work moved the family around the country as he served various churches. Together, Hood’s parents became involved in the AME Zion church, established as the Methodist church for Blacks.

Upon coming of age, James Walker Hood’s moral and religious convictions led him into ministry. In 1856, Hood secured his license to preach from the New York Conference of the AME Zion Church. In the following years, Hood moved to Connecticut and Nova Scotia to preach and work as a missionary. In early 1864, following the path of the Union Army, Hood was appointed to missionary work in North Carolina, recognizing that legal slavery would soon end. He would then stay in North Carolina for the remainder of his life.

Although Hood was met with strong opposition in establishing the North Carolina Conference of AME Zion Church for African Americans, he persuaded the Black Southern Methodist congregations in New Bern and Beaufort, North Carolina to affiliate with the AME Zion Church. Among the more than 300 churches he successfully established in North Carolina are St. Peter’s AME Zion Church (New Bern), Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church (Fayetteville), and St. John AME Zion Church (Wilson).

After becoming a Presiding Bishop in 1872, Bishop James Walker Hood resided in Fayetteville until his death on October 30, 1918. He is interred in Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville. Hood helped establish Zion Wesley Institute, now Livingstone College, in Salisbury, North Carolina to train African American students for the ministry and to become productive citizens in North Carolina. He presided over the school’s board of trustees for over thirty years.

Bishop Hood was politically active on behalf of his people. In 1865, he presided over the first statewide political convention for African Americans. In 1868, he participated in the state constitutional convention, which abolished slavery, provided universal male suffrage, and established free public education for all children. He also held several government positions, including magistrate and assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Freedman’s Bureau.

Bishop Hood was a man of courage, conviction, and persistence. He was unwavering in his commitment to the cause of Christianity and the establishment of the AME Zion Church in North Carolina. It is remarkable that Bishop Hood, who had little formal education, would publish five books, including *The Negro in the Christian Pulpit* (1884) and *Sketch of the Early History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church* (1914).

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, Bishop James Walker Hood left an indelible mark on North Carolina that is still recognized one hundred years after his passing on October 30, 1918.

On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop James Walker Hood’s life, work, and legacy on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his passing.

HONORING ROBERT HOOKS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Robert “Bobby” Dean Hooks, a native of the District of Columbia, for his lifetime of empowering African Americans in the arts and for his contributions to race relations in the District.

Robert Hooks’ lifelong passion for theater began at the age of nine with his first play, *The Pirates of Penzance*. He later honed his stagecraft at West Philadelphia High in classical works by playwrights such as William Shakespeare and Samuel Beckett. In 1959, Mr. Hooks pursued acting professionally in New York City with works such as Lorraine Hansberry’s *A Raisin in the Sun* and LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka’s *Dutchman* in his repertoire. Mr. Hooks simultaneously launched his award-winning television career with his groundbreaking role as the first African American lead on the original N.Y.P.D. series. He is recognized for his over 100 roles in film and television in a career that spanned over 40 years.

During his time in New York City, Mr. Hooks also started the Group Theater Workshop and the Negro Ensemble Company, both of which offered free training in the arts to underprivileged New York City youth.

Following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mr. Hooks returned to the city of his birth—a move he made after meeting with radio host Pety Greene and then-City Administrator Walter E. Washington about the riots of 1968, which had engulfed the District. In 1970, Mr. Hooks unveiled his plans for the DC Black Repertory Company, an all-black theater company in the District, as part of a plan to harness what he believed to be the socially transformative power of theater.

Mr. Hooks executed his plan in partnership with D.C.-area black theater professionals and students at Howard University. The DC Black Repertory Company directly contributed to reducing community tensions during those tumultuous times. The group produced more than 20 plays, telling black stories that had not been told. The DC Black Repertory Company was dissolved in 1976, but its legacy continues through The Rep, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Robert Hooks for his lasting artistic and social contributions to the African American community and to the District of Columbia.

HONORING MARY LOU BATCHELOR
WITH CALIFORNIA’S THIRD DIS-
TRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Lou Batchelor as a woman of the year. She is well-known in Solano County as a community leader, activist and public

servant. Serving two separate terms as the President of the Soroptimist International of Dixon, Mary Lou Batchelor has worked tirelessly to advance the status of women and girls, continually advocating for equality and opportunity. She also served as chair of the Soroptimist's countless events, programs, local projects, and fundraisers. She has been instrumental in bringing positive and significant changes to her community. She is especially devoted to generating financial support for cancer survivors and for the families of those who have lost their battle with cancer. Mary Lou was also a former President and is the current Treasurer of the Women's Improvement Club of Dixon, and as an active member of Dixon Advocates for Seniors, Mary Lou was recognized as the 2017 Dixon Senior Citizen of the Year. Her passion for volunteerism in the community is evident in her role at the League of Women Voters, helping to encourage and engage women in the community to become informed voters. She currently is involved in the city of Dixon's Volunteer Program in which she will be assisting agencies such as the Police Department, Fire House, or City Hall when needed. Mary Lou is hard-working, responsible, compassionate, and an effective community leader who truly cares about her community and embodies all the qualities of a true public servant.

IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN MARIO
BELTRAMO

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman JIMMY PANETTA to honor the life and memory of Benjamin Mario Beltramo who recently passed away.

Ben was the middle child of five born to Mario and Linda Beltramo. He grew up in Fresno where he attended catholic schools throughout his lower education. Upon graduating from high school, Ben decided to follow in his father's footsteps and attend the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in English. After completing his undergraduate studies, Ben again followed in his father's footsteps and chose to become a lawyer by gaining entrance into Berkeley's prestigious Boalt Hall School of Law. Soon thereafter, Ben accepted a job with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, to begin after completing a clerkship with a federal court judge in southern California.

On November 12, 2002, Ben officially began serving the citizens of Alameda County and the State of California as a Deputy District Attorney. He joined his brother Matt there, who in part had inspired him to join the District Attorney's Office. In less than a year, Ben's work ethic, intelligence and commitment to justice was recognized when Ben was asked to sit second chair on a high-profile case involving corruption in a local police department. Ben impressed not only the Senior District Attorney assigned to the case but gained the respect of the defense attorneys and the judge presiding over the case. Ben played an active role in the prosecution of that case and was subsequently assigned to the Felony Trial Team at

the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland. During his career, Ben held a variety of important assignments; specifically, he was assigned to the Law and Motion division, the Strike Team which targeted dangerous felons within the City of Oakland, and Felony Trial Staff on three separate occasions. He also headed the Narcotics Task Force, and on November 22, 2013, was assigned to the Alameda County Gang Team. He served on the Gang Team until his untimely death.

An effective trial lawyer is equal parts effort, determination, intelligence and charm. In all of these aspects, Ben excelled. Even before his untimely passing, Ben was often described as "the best of us" by many of his friends and colleagues. Ben successfully handled several high-profile cases as a trial lawyer. In August 2006, Ben obtained a guilty verdict in the brutal beating death of a homeless woman in Berkeley. In February 2010, Ben prosecuted the murder of a 17-year-old young man who was tragically killed a short time before he was scheduled to attend the University of Oregon on a football scholarship. In May 2014, Ben prosecuted two gang members responsible for the fatal shooting of three-year-old victim Carlos Nava. Ben treated victims and their families, defense attorneys and their clients and the process with the utmost professionalism.

Even with the professional accolades and quiet contentment Ben received from his accomplishments, he would argue, and convince everyone, that his real success was in his personal life. On October 7, 2006, Ben married his amazing wife Shara Mesic Beltramo. The two of them met at work as Shara was also a Deputy District Attorney. Ben often remarked how lucky he was to have found Shara. From their union, Mateo, age 8, and Luke, age 6, were born. Anyone who saw Ben with his boys knew that he had no greater joy than being a father. Ben loved spending time with his family and was always the proud father and husband. In addition to all of these remarkable qualities, Ben was a bit of a renaissance man. He really enjoyed the outdoors and working with his hands. He worked diligently to remodel his family home, removing and replacing most of the woodwork in the house, as well as installing skylights in his master bedroom. Making his and Shara's house a home was foremost among Ben's many goals.

On October 8, 2018, Benjamin Beltramo's family, the citizens of Alameda County and everyone touched by Ben's life, suffered a tremendous loss. Despite this loss, we are made better by having known Ben.

HONORING CHIEF KEN ARNOLD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Ken Arnold, on his retirement as the Chief of Police for Napa Valley College in Napa, California.

Chief Arnold was born in Orlando, Florida and raised in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. In 1983 he graduated from Napa Valley College with two Associate of Science degrees in Law Enforcement and Private Se-

curity. Chief Arnold also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College of California in 1991. From 1979 to 1997 he served in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant First Class.

Chief Arnold has served Napa Valley College as Chief of Police since 1990. He also is the head of parking services and emergency management, among many other responsibilities that are essential to keeping the students and college safe. Chief Arnold is an adjunct professor at the Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center. He teaches first aid for law enforcement, cultural awareness, emergency management and campus law enforcement, among other courses. In addition, Chief Arnold coordinates the Napa Valley College police academy and in-service training programs. Since 1989, he has also taught emergency preparedness and trained other instructors for the Napa County Community Emergency Response Team training program.

During the October 2017 wildfires, Chief Arnold displayed incredible leadership and greatly assisted our community. He set up a temporary shelter at Napa Valley College for fire evacuees when the fire first broke out and included a kennel for displaced animals. At the college, Chief Arnold led the coordination of emergency operations, community donations, distribution of food and clothing, staff shift management and volunteers.

Chief Arnold has held numerous leadership roles. He is the former president of the California College and University Police Chiefs Association and Napa and Solano County Training Managers Association and was Board Chairman of the Napa chapter of the American Red Cross. He has also served on the board of Saint John's Lutheran School.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Arnold is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving and protecting our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Chief Ken Arnold here today.

CONGRATULATING DAN ROACH ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ILLINOIS
STATE POLICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Roach, who is retiring from the Illinois State Police. Mr. Roach has a diverse background in police work, and has been an asset to the community.

Mr. Roach has served as an Illinois State Police law enforcement professional for 26 years, including over 21 years of investigations, patrol, and administrative leadership experience, retiring as Captain. Mr. Roach served as the Deputy Chief of the Schaumburg Police Department for the last 4 years, where he oversaw the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division, and the Special Operations Division. Mr. Roach has accrued extensive experience in team-building, and interpersonal and management skills such as employee development, problem-solving, and networking with diverse groups of people at all levels. I commend Mr. Roach on an outstanding career of public service and wish him

the best as he begins to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Dan Roach that I am especially proud to serve Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Dan Roach for an exceptional career and thank him for all of his contributions and service to the community.

HONORING VERNEAL BRUMFIELD
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Verneal Brumfield as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving her community and devotes her time to help further the development of Solano County. She retired as a Correctional Administrator with 28 years of service to the State of California, where she was responsible for thousands of inmates and staff over the years. She has gone on to become actively involved in many community service organizations where she advocates for causes she believes in. She has served in leadership positions with the National Council of Negro Women, the Tri-City NAACP, the Solano County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and Democratic Women in Action. During her time as President of the Solano County Chapter of Links, Inc., she worked to secure a large grant which funded a STEM collaboration benefitting Solano County students. She also worked with the National Council of Negro Women and Campfire Girls of America to put on an event providing a holiday meal and gifts to underserved children in her area. Throughout her years of service to her community, Ms. Brumfield has been an integral part of many such projects benefitting the people of Solano County. She is always willing to serve wherever there is need and consistently does so with kindness and compassion.

CONGRATULATING LTC(RET) NICHOLAS
M. LAIACONA ON RECEIVING THE 2018
VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LTC(RET) Nicholas Laiacona on receiving the 2018 Veteran of the Year Award.

Each year, the Friends of the NYS Military Museum and the Capitol District of NY Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) recognize an outstanding veteran from the local community. This year's awardee, LTC Laiacona, has made distinguished contributions to his country as a soldier and to his community as a veteran.

LTC Laiacona entered the Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the Mobile

Riverine Force, 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. After returning home, he transferred to the Ordnance Corps, fulfilling assignments in the United States, Germany, and Korea. In 1985, he was selected as one of the first certified U.S. Army Material Acquisition Managers and became one of the first officers in the Army Acquisition Corps. LTC Laiacona retired in 1991 with over 24 years of service and numerous awards and decorations, among them the Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars.

After retiring, LTC Laiacona continued to contribute to the Army by applying his expertise to several corporations in support of U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering. He also remains active in several Veterans organizations, including the AUSA where he served as President of the Capital District Chapter and continues to serve on its Executive Committee.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate LTC(RET) Nicholas Laiacona on his well-deserved award of 2018 Veteran of the Year. We are thankful for his service and dedication to both his country and community.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Representatives DEBBIE DINGELL, PAUL MITCHELL, MIKE BISHOP, SANDER LEVIN, DANIEL KILDEE, FRED UPTON, JOHN MOOLENAAR, and JACK BERGMAN to recognize Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, on the occasion of its 150th—or sesquicentennial—celebration. Located in the heart of Detroit, Wayne State University is ranked among our nation's best research institutions, educates over 27,000 students among 13 schools and colleges, and is the eighth-largest employer in the city of Detroit.

In addition to educating and training leaders in research, the arts, law, and medicine, Wayne State University has for over 150 years, consistently served the people of Detroit, the great state of Michigan, and our nation. Wayne State University began, and has remained, in Detroit—a city that has seen the highest heights and the deepest depths, and is now reinventing the very definition of the great American city.

Through the tireless work and effort of its first university president, Dr. Edward W. Jenks, to the current president Dr. M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University is the embodiment of public service and access to education. Under the direction of Dr. Wilson, Wayne State University has dramatically increased its overall six-year graduation rate, with African American graduation rates double what they were just a few years ago. Today, Wayne State University attracts, and is composed of, many of the best and brightest students and researchers, with an excellent team of administration, faculty, and staff professionals. They remain firmly rooted in the community while preparing their diverse student body to impact locally and globally making the university a thriving hub of innovation and academia.

Wayne State University has also cemented its status as a leading research institution and a champion for women and children in our nation. In fact, Wayne State University is the only site outside of Bethesda, Maryland, that houses a branch of the National Institutes of Health. Thanks to the Perinatology Research Branch, over 20,000 women, children, and families have received access to world-class prenatal health care that they might not have otherwise been able to access.

Through the Integrative Biosciences Center (iBio), the University is reimagining the way science approaches urban health issues. iBio was named the 2017 Renovated Laboratory of the Year by R&D Magazine and Laboratory Design. This 127,000-square-foot, \$90 million facility is dedicated to studying and eliminating the many health disparities that plague residents of Detroit and communities across the country. iBio includes faculty with expertise in environmental sciences, bio and systems engineering, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and bio-behavioral health. Opened this fall, the Mike Ilitch School of Business, further expands the Wayne State campus into The District Detroit while adding academic programs in the business of sports and entertainment.

The mission of Wayne State University is to create and advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities. We congratulate and thank Wayne State University's student body, Board of Governors, President M. Roy Wilson, faculty and administrators for living out the passion and principle of their mission statement. Reaching their 150th anniversary is a milestone, and we eagerly look forward to what the University accomplishes in its next 150 years.

Wayne State University has been, is and will always be Warrior Strong.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. IRENE
WHITLEY MARCUS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a civil rights hero in the greater Kansas City area for her dedication and determination to ensuring the success of the African American community through equality and opportunity. Since the mid-twentieth century, Ms. Irene Whitley Marcus has worked feverishly to demolish anti-Black sentiments and discriminatory policies, in order to create accessible housing in the Kansas City community. During a time when segregation laws disproportionately afflicted Black Americans and civil unrest persisted, Ms. Marcus held firm to her belief that all of America's children were deserving of the liberties and rights guaranteed under the constitution, regardless of their skin tone.

Through her memories and experiences, the history of the Black community in Kansas City is preserved and respected. World War II provided many Black families an opportunity for upward social mobility in the workforce and created the opportunity for minorities to purchase homes. Ms. Marcus tells of a time when Black businesses were rare and social life existed only in Black American homes due to

segregation laws that prohibited Blacks from eating at restaurants, attending clubs, and seeing movies in theatres.

In an era when Black Americans worked twice as hard for subpar housing and employment, Ms. Marcus never gave up the fight for equality and opportunity. After a long day of work in 1958, she could be found amongst protesters, picketing the racist segregation policies that were commonplace during the time. For two months, she continued to challenge the current system as a member of the Twin Citizens Social Club alongside the Community Committee for Social Action, until three establishments caved into their demands and banned segregation. The butterfly effect of this united front had begun. Many more establishments followed suit to remove such policies, and in 1963 Black activists in the city pushed to pass an ordinance effectively banning discrimination practices in all establishments available to the public.

Ms. Marcus's vigilance opened doors for job-seeking Black Americans and allowed her to build the home she still lives in to this day. The Kansas City ordinance banning discrimination predated the Civil Rights Act, though it was not until the Act was passed that hundreds of Black Americans truly began to exercise their newly granted rights.

She has seen her neighborhood, community, and city progress and continues to provide first-hand knowledge of the hardships many Black Americans endured and continue to face. Currently, Ms. Marcus is in possession of the largest photo collection of historic Black Kansas City. Her noteworthy contributions to establishments such as The Black Archives of Mid-America, the Kansas City Star, and the State Historical Society of Missouri have immortalized the hard work of countless Black civil rights activists. The entire district, myself included, is grateful to have such a devoted and determined social justice advocate in our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Ms. Irene Whitley Marcus for her commitment to social justice and her historic contributions to the Black community both in Kansas City and nationwide. It is with great respect that I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to Ms. Marcus for her unwavering dedication to protect Black history and civil rights.

HONORING MARYAH STOOT'S WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maryah Stoots as a woman of the year. She is a parent advocate with a heart of service and a strong desire to help others. She is Vice President of the Williams Parent Teacher Organization where she fundraises for school spirit wear and educational programs. She was instrumental in the introduction of Learning Dynamics, an early learning reading program designed to promote childhood and family literacy. She is also a parent

representative on the elementary school Site Council, a coalition of teachers, parents and employees who work closely with the school principal to develop, review, and evaluate school improvement efforts. She has been successful in securing funding from the Colusa Board of Supervisors for playground improvements and bringing the National Archery in School Programs to Williams Unified Schools. Above all, Ms. Stoots played a very important role in advocating for the implementation of a bullying prevention program to the elementary school in Williams. Outside of work, she volunteers for the Little League where you will often find her working the snack bar, pounding nails on the bleachers, or assisting with maintenance efforts. In 2016, Ms. Stoots was elected President of Citizens for a Better Williams, a non-profit focused on promoting community improvements. Whether she is fundraising for childhood education programs or volunteering in the community, Maryah Stoots exemplifies the qualities of selfless service and embodies the qualities of a public servant.

HONORING THE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD MAHACEK

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Richard Mahacek, a longtime Merced resident. His 35 years of shaping the character of the Merced County 4-H community as well as his national leadership in developing curricula for 4-H youth have earned him a spot in the 4-H Hall of Fame. Mahacek's lifelong commitment to instilling values such as working together and experiential learning has made immeasurable positive impacts on our Merced community.

Beginning when he was 10 years old, Mahacek's involvement as a 4-H youth member included participating in projects in electricity, woodworking, and raising cattle. He also worked on his family farm and managed a 120-home newspaper route for six years. Using money made from his paper route, Mahacek earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts at San Jose State University in 1974. Following graduation, he chose to pursue a career that allowed him to give back to the 4-H community that had given him so much. In 1976, Mahacek was named the 4-H Youth Development Advisor for Merced County.

Mahacek made his most notable contributions to 4-H in the field of science. His engagement with the youth and his development of curricula and activities in science processes, robotics, computers, GIS/GPS, bio-security, and environmental issues have played a critical part in the development of 4-H. He was a member of the team that developed the 4-H Science Experiences and Resources for Informal Educational Settings (SERIES) curriculum. SERIES was the first science education curriculum to join 4-H's traditional projects. In 2004, Mahacek served on the national leadership team for 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET), a project which aims to stoke young people's interest in developing the knowledge and skills necessary for the 21st Century's technically-oriented careers.

Mahacek has received distinguished service awards from the state and national 4-H associations. The Merced County Farm City Ag Business Committee presented him with its "Agri-Education Award" in 1992. In addition, Mahacek received the "Hands-On Heroes Award" at the Merced County Children's summit. On October 19, Mahacek was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding citizenship, leadership, character, and career accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Richard Mahacek for his dedication and service over the past 4 decades. He has made a real difference and left a remarkable impact on Merced County and the congressional district I have the honor of representing. I wish Richard and his family continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK 2018

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe Malnutrition Awareness Week which was September 24 through 28, 2018.

Access to proper nutrition is critical for all Americans, especially our seniors. Every 60 seconds, ten hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, and many of these patients are older adults. The malnutrition awareness outreach effort is a step in the right direction to defeat this problem that plagues vulnerable populations.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organizational, multi-pronged effort created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to: educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat malnutrition earlier; educate consumers and patients about the need to discuss their nutrition status with healthcare professionals; and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

The Malnutrition Awareness Week campaign also highlights the need to focus on common-sense solutions that can close the care gap, thereby helping to reduce premature morbidity and mortality as well as hospitalizations, re-admissions and other variables that may increase the cost of care. We can begin by measuring the scope of the problem and by adding metrics for older adult malnutrition to national dietary guidelines. I believe increasing awareness will help our nation educate families and help seniors live healthier lives for years to come.

RECOGNIZING NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND HER NEW PRESIDENT, DR. LISA C. FREEMAN

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about one of my alma maters, Northern Illinois University, and her new president, Dr. Lisa C. Freeman.

Dr. Freeman was appointed by the NIU Board on September 20, 2018, to serve as the university's 13th president and first woman president—lucky number 13.

As a proud NIU alum, earning my PhD in political science from NIU in 2004, I'm excited to welcome Dr. Freeman to her new, and finally, official role. She previously served as acting president since July 2017.

Dr. Freeman has dedicated her career to the promotion of social excellence and engagement in teaching and learning, research and scholarship, creativity and artistry, and outreach and service.

I have no doubt that her inspiring nature and example will surely lead NIU to greater heights under her steadfast and visionary leadership.

Her commitment to the academic excellence of the students and faculty at NIU will maintain NIU's leadership as a world-class institution. Throughout her career, Dr. Freeman has fostered an inclusive learning environment where students and faculty can live, grow and thrive.

As a proud NIU alum, I can recount the moments throughout my educational journey where men and women, like Dr. Freeman, helped pave a way for me and others to succeed, in the classroom, in our careers and in life.

In my current role as the Congresswoman for Illinois' 2nd District, it encourages me to see the broad-spectrum collaboration and participation underway at NIU, from science and mathematics to political science, business and the arts.

My office and constituents have certainly benefitted from the great educational experience available at NIU. In fact, a number of my current and former staffers and interns are all NIU alums, and they work hard every day to serve the great people of the 2nd Congressional District.

As our institutions of higher learning face 21st century challenges, I know that NIU, under Dr. Freeman's leadership, will rise up and not only meet but also exceed these challenges.

In particular, Dr. Freeman's own personal examples as a barrier-breaking researcher in the STEM field will certainly inspire many young people to find their own place and path in the dynamic, growing and innovative STEM fields.

As a proud Husky, it's my honor to welcome Dr. Freeman as the 13th President of Northern Illinois University. I am confident that under her leadership, NIU will continue to flourish as an innovative and world-leading, student-centered, research-focused public university.

Welcome once again and go Huskies.

HONORING NATALIE AUDAGE WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Natalie Audage as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving her community through her career as a Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator for Yolo County Children's Alliance. Her down-to-earth and en-

gaging personality and commitment to professionalism enable her to bridge divides and affect positive change in social service sectors in Yolo County. Through her work, Ms. Audage produces a guide of resources that aims to prevent child abuse by providing parents and caregivers with skills that encourage healthy interactions with their children. As a coordinator of Yolo County Children's Alliance's Family Strengthening Network, she spearheaded the effort to train collaborative providers on the World Café model, an initiative which brings parents, leaders, educators, agency staff, and students together to pursue improvements in county systems. This model ensures that people of all communities are reached and offered the opportunity to reach their potential and thrive. Ms. Audage also worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, where she researched and produced resources related to violence prevention and the adverse effects of child abuse across the lifespan. She brings this expertise to her work fighting for families in Yolo County. She is a passionate and dedicated advocate for children and is leaving an indelible mark on Child Abuse Prevention in Yolo County. I commend Natalie Audage for her passion and commitment to keeping children safe and in healthy family environments.

SCARSDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, first responders are the heroes of our local communities. We in the 16th Congressional District of New York are fortunate to have had the Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for the past 125 years, and I want to honor them on reaching that amazing milestone.

Established in 1893, the Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 started with a handful of dedicated volunteers as they hooked a couple of horses to a wagon attached with fire extinguishers, and were without a fire station until the following year. Now, the Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Company is one of three fire stations throughout the Village of Scarsdale comprised of 47 career members and 70 volunteer firefighters across 3 different fire stations.

In 2016 alone, the Scarsdale Fire Department responded to 1,499 alarms, which included 42 structure fires, 139 motor vehicle accidents and victim rescues, 268 hazardous condition requests, and 258 public assistance calls. The skill and professionalism of the Scarsdale firefighters is evident in their average response time of 3 to 4 minutes per emergency. This has made the Scarsdale Fire Department one of the best in Westchester County, and within the top 10 percent of fire departments in New York State.

I want to commend Fire Chief James E. Seymour IV for his outstanding leadership as well as all the career firefighters and volunteer firefighters who dedicate their time and service for protecting the Scarsdale community.

Mr. Speaker, every community unknowingly relies on the dedicated service of unsung he-

ros. The Village of Scarsdale is fortunate to have the amazing first responders of the Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Company protecting them for over a century.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the National Adoption Day celebration that will take place in Ector County on November 16th at the Crossroads Fellowship Church. Throughout the day, local courts in Ector County will finalize the adoption process for families in the community.

It is no coincidence that National Adoption Awareness Month falls in the same month of Thanksgiving. During this time of year, we reflect on the many blessings in our lives, such as family. Our families play an instrumental role in our lives by helping shape our character, providing unconditional love, motivating us through challenging times, and giving us a lifetime of memories that we will always cherish.

Sadly, over 100,000 children are waiting to find their permanent home. Many of these children have various medical, developmental, and emotional needs that require special nurturing from parents and families. Our world is fortunate enough to be blessed by people who open their hearts and homes to these children. These selfless individuals provide an important service not only to these children, but also to our communities and country.

These new families hold a special place in my heart because I am adopted myself. My father adopted my little brother, sister, and me, so seeing other children who have the benefit of a loving family warms my heart.

I want to thank the Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Permian Basin and other adoption organizations across the nation that make National Adoption Day possible. I also want to thank the dedicated individuals who make a powerful difference in the lives of children through adoption.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST 5 MADERA COUNTY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of First 5 Madera County. Since its creation in 1998, First 5 Madera County has embarked on a mission to promote an integrated system of care with the purpose of ensuring that every child has a safe and nurturing environment to grow. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor the work of First 5 Madera County and celebrate their many accomplishments throughout the past 20 years.

Since its inception, the goal of First 5 Madera County has been to provide services to children and families in the Central Valley.

Among the many services they provide include early childhood education, public policy advocacy, and community outreach.

First 5 Madera County has been a committed partner to many community groups, working toward prevention and early intervention systems that promote optimal health and development for infants and toddlers. Partnerships such as First 5 and Madera County Workforce have been essential in supporting families with young children to ensure access to professional opportunities that will help them further develop their social emotional learning and family support.

In twenty years, First 5 has increased public participation and efforts to bring awareness to issues affecting families and their children. They have focused on the elimination of persistent disparities in the community. Dedicated staff and volunteers have also created educational workshops for underserved families to help them have the tools necessary for success.

In recent years, First 5 Madera County has continued to demonstrate its independent leadership while recognizing the value of establishing meaningful partnerships. They have succeeded in educating the public on the importance of child advocacy, further developing research issues affecting infants and toddlers and promoted health and education for young children.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring First 5 Madera County on the occasion of their 20th anniversary. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work together to further First 5 Madera County's mission. Once again, congratulations on this special milestone.

HONORING PAMELA DAGROSSA
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pamela DaGrossa as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving her community and dedicates her time to support the underserved and less fortunate in Colusa County. As a court appointed Special Advocate for Glenn County, she devotes her time to mentoring foster children and advances their best interest in court. Ms. DaGrossa also works as an Animal Control Officer with the Colusa County Sheriff's Department and generously volunteers at the Friends of the Colusa County Animal Shelter working to save the lives of abused and neglected animals. The Friends of the Colusa County Animal Shelter organization provides numerous services to Colusa County's underfunded shelter, and as a volunteer Ms. DaGrossa saves countless shelter animals by providing foster care, medical treatment, vaccinations, and providing transportation to rescue organizations. Ms. DaGrossa is also central to empowering and encouraging her community to have a strong voice in local and national politics. As the chair of the Colusa County Democratic Central Committee and active member of Indivisible Colusa, Ms. DaGrossa aims to inform voters and encour-

age individuals to be active in politics. Her dedication to improving her community, positive attitude, and compassion for all are just a few qualities that make Ms. DaGrossa a truly extraordinary individual.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERTO S.
JUAREZ AND HIS 40 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO CLINICAS DEL CAMINO
REAL, INC.

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Roberto S. Juarez, one of Ventura County's most notable leaders and engaged citizens, on the momentous occasion of celebrating his 40th anniversary as Chief Executive Officer of Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.

Throughout these four decades, Roberto has been tremendously effective and absolutely indispensable in serving as a voice for those who are underserved by our healthcare system. With Roberto at the helm, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc. has provided quality, integrated, and comprehensive health care services at 13 locations in Ventura County that are accessible to the least advantaged in our community.

Roberto is a man that came from very humble means. As a son of immigrants from Mexico, he was the first in his family to attend college. He studied business administration, receiving degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles and California Lutheran University. Roberto's tenacity and ability to overcome obstacles played an instrumental role in all of his achievements.

Roberto has not only distinguished himself as a highly regarded citizen in our community, but also as a model and courageous patriot of our nation. From 1966 through 1970, Roberto served in the United States Army's elite Ready Reactionary Force. After serving courageously and with distinction in Vietnam from December 1966 to December 1967, Roberto was awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding admirable achievement, and the Purple Heart. These awards reflect credit upon him and are in the keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.

Roberto maintained his commitment to community by obtaining a position as an administrator at Ventura County Hospital shortly after being discharged from his military service. Soon thereafter, he assumed the role as Chief Executive Officer of Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc., which, at the time, consisted of only five employees while serving 1,300 patients a year.

Roberto's unparalleled vision, leadership, and desire to bring quality and affordable care to the residents of Ventura County quickly expanded the non-profit to a staff of well over 700 that now serve countless of patients over 370,000 visits a year. Under Roberto's direction, Clinicas not only treats illnesses and injuries, but it also has an emphasis on education and prevention that promotes wellness to help people lead healthier lives. Roberto's holistic approach to health care has been a model for Ventura County and the State of California.

For these reasons, it is with great enthusiasm that I offer Roberto Juarez my heartfelt appreciation for his years of outstanding service to Ventura County. I am so pleased to join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating his accomplishments and thank him for his unwavering service to our community throughout the past 40 years. I wish him continued success and only the best in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COX TOYOTA'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Cox Toyota in Burlington, North Carolina. Founded by the Cox family, Cox Toyota has remained a family business and has become a key part of the Sixth District. For five decades, Mr. Don Cox has used the success of his family owned business to serve the community, through his work with organizations such as Toys for Tots and the Wounded Warriors project. I am proud to represent businesses such as Cox Toyota who have had such a positive impact on our local economies as well as our communities in need. I offer my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Don Cox and the rest of his family and the Cox Toyota team on this amazing milestone.

H.R. 1551, THE MUSIC
MODERNIZATION ACT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, thanks to the hard work of both Judiciary Committee staffs, a formal conference to resolve the differences between H.R. 5447 and S. 2823 was unnecessary. On behalf of the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, I have posted to the House Judiciary Committee website an amended background and section by section that would have been included in the official Conference Report to H.R. 1551 had the bill been subject to a formal conference committee. This document can be found at <https://judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Music-Modernization-Act.pdf>.

HONORING RAPHAEL "RAE"
TURNBULL WITH CALIFORNIA'S
THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raphael "Rae" Turnbull as a woman of the year. She is a mother, grandmother, author, teacher, artist, and gallery director with an exceptionally wide range of personal and

professional experience. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Carnegie Mellon University, where she met her husband, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Alongside her husband, Mrs. Turnbull raised two accomplished children who excel in their work, volunteer in their communities, and devote time to their families. She taught her children by example. For 20 years she wrote a syndicated poetic essay column which appeared in major newspapers throughout the country. Her essays and short stories have also appeared in popular magazines, and she ultimately published several books of her collected essays. Mrs. Turnbull is also an educator whose career has spanned 60 years. She has taught at a wide variety of schools across the country and within the California State University system. She had the honor of being featured as a Multiple Year Honoree in the national edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She also devotes time to her community by serving as the Chairwoman of the Orland Arts Commission and the Gallery Director for the Orland Arts Center where she uses her many artistic talents to teach others. Mrs. Turnbull is an accomplished woman who has put her education, artistic gifts, and hard work towards a long and distinguished career. She is an outstanding and inspirational example of talent and dedication for her family and people throughout her community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LILIA
GONZALES CHAVEZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career achievements of Ms. Lilia Gonzales Chavez. Lilia is being honored by Arte Americas with the Armando Rodriguez Legacy Award, in honor of her dedication and commitment to the preservation of the arts of California's Central Valley. This award is given to a person who has broken barriers in civil rights, education, and/or the promotion of the arts to the broader community and selflessly promoted the advancement of the underrepresented. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Lilia today for her years of service to our Valley.

Lilia, a native of Fresno, attended California State University, Fresno and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development and a master's degree in Administrative Leadership from Fresno Pacific University.

In 1987, Lilia co-founded Arte Americas and for nearly ten years served as their director. Arte Americas is currently the Valley's largest non-profit Latino Cultural Center. After her time at Arte Americas, Lilia took on a new challenge. In 2011, she was appointed as the

Executive Director of the Fresno Arts Council. Lilia has also served on the board of the Fresno Art Museum, the board of the Fresno Arts Council and is a key member of the League of Mexican-American Women in Fresno where she serves as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

Lilia has worked as an educator at Fresno City College where she taught child development and psychology. Lilia also worked with the County of Fresno as an Administrative Analyst and Coordinator of the Inter-Agency Council for Children and Families, where she assisted many underserved communities throughout Fresno County.

An achievement that Lilia is most proud of was being appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as a Trustee on the Board for California State Summer School for the Arts, serving on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Department of Arts and Humanities at California State University, Fresno and the California State University Summer Arts Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Mrs. Lilia Gonzales Chavez for receiving the Armando Rodriguez Legacy Award. Lilia has been an inspiration, not only through her professional achievements, but also through the community leadership throughout the years. I ask that you join me in wishing Lilia and her family continued success and prosperity.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:03 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:35 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to exam-

ine the nominations of Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Thomas P. Barber, and Wendy Williams Berger, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Corey Landon Maze, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Rodney Smith, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 7073–7081, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1129, were introduced. **Pages H9438–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9439**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wittman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9437**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Benjamin Hogue, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC. **Page H9437**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet at 4:30 p.m. in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.

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