

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND PHIL
HARDEE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Janice and Phil Hardee of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 26, 2018.

Janice and Phil's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MARILYN SHULT WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marilyn Shult as a woman of the year. She has consistently proven herself a valuable and tireless presence in service to the Glenn County senior community. Having served over 25 years at the Passages Adult Resource Center, she has been an asset to the seniors and caretakers she has worked with. Ms. Shult has also given her time working with the Glenn County Hospice Program to ensure those living with life-limiting illnesses receive compassionate care to improve their quality of life. Additionally, she has worked extensively with the Salvation Army in administering the REACH Program which assists families in need with paying their utility bills. Her impact on her community can be seen in numerous organizations where she was always willing to lend a hand. Ms. Shult also raised three sons, always dedicating time to chaperoning field trips and school dances, baking for school bake sales, and generally being present for her children every step of the way. It is this compassion and desire to help others thrive that sets Ms. Shult apart as a devoted community servant.

CONGRATULATING MR. JAMES
BORREGO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. James Borrego on becoming Head Coach of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets. Mr. Borrego is the first head coach of Hispanic heritage in the history of the league.

A native of Albuquerque, Mr. Borrego attended Albuquerque Academy and led the basketball team to two state championships. He went on to attend the University of San Diego, where he walked on to the team and later served as a graduate assistant coach. He earned a bachelor's degree in English as well as a master's degree in Leadership Studies.

After leaving the University of San Diego in 2003, Mr. Borrego joined the San Antonio Spurs organization, where he began as an assistant video coordinator and eventually was promoted to assistant coach. During his tenure with the Spurs, he was a part of two NBA Championship winning teams.

In 2010, Mr. Borrego moved to the New Orleans Hornets and served as an assistant coach for two seasons. He then became an assistant coach for the Orlando Magic, which included a stint as interim head coach in 2015. In 2015, Mr. Borrego returned to his original NBA team as an assistant coach for the Spurs.

Mr. Borrego has noted that his upbringing in Albuquerque taught him to value the Hispanic culture he grew up surrounded by while also appreciating the opportunity to live in such a diverse community. The people of Albuquerque are so proud that one of their own has had such an accomplished career and reached the top of the NBA's coaching ladder.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. James Borrego for making history by becoming the NBA's first Hispanic head coach. I wish him, his wife, Megan, and his children, Grace, Zachary, and Nicholas the best of luck in this new chapter of their lives.

IN HONOR OF LATINO HEALTH
ACCESS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Latino Health Access, a community organization that has been devoted to helping underserved communities in Santa Ana for the past 25 years. Over this time, Latino Health Access has become an important pillar of the community by working to fulfill their mission of providing culturally appropriate health programming and civic engagement re-

sources. This work has been invaluable to the city of Santa Ana as many of the individuals served by their programs may otherwise not have had the ability to get the care they needed.

Latino Health Access' "Promotores Program" is a shining example of the level of community engagement for which they have become known. Santa Ana residents have built lasting meaningful relationships with staff and volunteers from Latino Health Access through this program. By making themselves available in supermarkets, churches, and other community areas, the Promotores have made the mission of creating healthier communities a reality. This allows Santa Ana residents to receive comprehensive health care ranging from senior care to weight management, and everything in between.

Furthermore, Latino Health Access has worked diligently to provide Santa Ana residents with the tools and training to become more active participants in their communities and local governments. They have given these underserved individuals a chance to advocate for the needs of their communities and ensure that their voices are heard. This work has led to tangible results as Latino Health Access has played a critical role in bringing the only park and community center to the 92701 ZIP Code; thereby highlighting the importance open spaces play in the overall health and mental well-being of a community.

As they approach their 25th Anniversary, I congratulate them on reaching this milestone and wish them the best of luck on the next 25 years and beyond.

HONORING LAUREN RUNOW WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren Runow as a woman of the year. She is passionately committed to improving her community both through her career and volunteerism. From an early age, the spirit of community service and making a positive difference was instilled in her as she joined her parents volunteering for many Vacaville Rotary and Chamber of Commerce events. As a graduate of the San Francisco Academy of Arts, Lauren returned to her hometown and developed her career while working at multiple television and print media outlets. Lauren was in the inaugural class of Vacaville's Leadership Today program; and she is the founder and co-owner of Vacaville Magazine which highlights local businesses, upcoming community events, and celebrates Vacaville residents. Lauren is a successful published author and has been featured on USA Today's Indie Best Sellers List. Most recently, her passion has been the creation of

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Vacaville Imagine That, where she has made learning fun at a non-profit children's hands-on museum focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The tremendous positive difference Lauren has made in her community cannot be overstated, and she is greatly deserving of this recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF UC DAVIS
MIND INSTITUTE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the UC Davis MIND Institute. As faculty members and families gather here today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the MIND Institute for their clinical expertise and collaborative efforts to better understand neurodevelopmental disorders.

Since its founding by an influential parent group in 1998, the UC Davis MIND Institute has grown a multidisciplinary team of experts, achieving international recognition as an innovative leader in research and approaches to treating a broad range of disorders, including autism spectrum disorder, fragile X syndrome, ADHD22q11.2 deletion syndrome and Down syndrome. With more than 50 faculty from five UC Davis schools and colleges, the MIND Institute studies everything from environmental factors and cellular processes to community programs, all with the goal of improving the lives of people with neurodevelopmental disorders and their families.

Over the past 20 years, faculty members at the MIND Institute have made significant research discoveries advancing the scientific knowledge and etiology of neurodevelopmental disorders. They have found biomarkers and identified genetic and environmental factors that increase the risk of autism and other disorders. They have also developed interventions and technologies to improve outcomes for children. Through the collaboration of families, educators, researchers, and the community, the MIND Institute has become a research powerhouse that has generated exceptional results with international implications.

Mr. Speaker, as faculty members and families of the UC Davis MIND Institute celebrate their twenty years of milestones, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their dedication to the awareness, support, and research for neurodevelopmental disorders.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
GERALD SCHUSTER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the beautiful life and legacy of my dear friend, Gerald Schuster, who died on October 17 in his home in his beloved city of Boston.

Jerry was a leader of great vision and generosity, driven always by the deep responsi-

bility he possessed to build better futures for families in Boston and across the country. Together with his beloved wife of 66 years, Elaine, Jerry dedicated his life to philanthropy and progressive activism.

Jerry's vast generosity of spirit blessed countless Americans. His support for Boston hospitals, including the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, have brought healing and hope to so many lives, and have helped strengthen families and the community. His vision in establishing the Schuster Family Transplantation Research Center at the Brigham will leave a powerful legacy for generations to come. Jerry also understood the deep toll that poor health can take on families' well-being and economic security, and transformed lives by helping establish Hospitality Homes, a nonprofit organization providing free housing for more than 15,000 families and friends of patients receiving care in the Boston area.

As a self-made business leader, Jerry believed firmly in the importance of empowering young leaders, and cared deeply about mentoring others so that they can succeed. As part of this mission, he and Elaine established Operation PEACE (Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment), which provides mentoring, tutoring and life skill training for children in urban communities in Atlanta and Boston. Recognizing that there is no greater investment we can make than in our children's education, they also started a fund at Tufts University to support faculty development and civic engagement.

Jerry believed profoundly in the importance of a free press. He and Elaine created the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University, which has made an extraordinary contribution in strengthening America's public interest and investigative journalism. Since its founding, the Center has empowered scores of graduates to seek truth through journalism and public service.

Jerry also was a tireless champion for progressive causes, and for the need to encourage a robust, healthy debate over policy. For decades, he and Elaine opened their home to civic and political leaders of all levels, fostering important conversations about how to create progress for all Americans.

Our country has been strengthened by Jerry's leadership and generosity. We will all deeply miss his warmth, his brilliant spirit and his deep empathy. Most of all, we will remember his extraordinary love for his family. The great love he had for Elaine, his beloved and inseparable partner in all aspects of life; for Mark and Audrey, Scott and Heidi, Jodi, and Todd and Laurie; and for his nine wonderful grandchildren, continues to bless us all.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Jerry's many friends and loved ones that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.

HONORING LINA HERNANDEZ WITH
CALIFORNIA THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lina Hernandez as a woman of the

year. She is diligently committed to serving her community. As the program director for the Knights Landing Family Resource Center; Ms. Hernandez facilitates the operation of a vast network of resources, opening the center daily to help individuals and families navigate complicated federal, state, and local programs. Sponsored by Empower Yolo, the Knights Landing Family Resource Center is an essential community asset that seeks to improve the social, educational, and economic outcomes of Yolo County residents. When she isn't focused on her duties at the center, Ms. Hernandez can be found volunteering her time with the Friends of the Library, the local school, or the Knights Landing Environmental Health Project. Additionally, her dedicated advocacy as a concerned parent resulted in the creation of the UC Davis Knights Landing One Health Center. Ms. Hernandez was the driving force in assembling a team of knowledgeable community builders to serve as advisors to the One Health Center, pushing for accessible, holistic health services for the entire community. Her presence in our community is an asset that has enriched the lives of countless residents from all walks of life. Ms. Hernandez is a role-model for community leaders everywhere.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY FIELDS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Beverly Fields, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 21.

The daughter of a Romanian father and Russian mother, Beverly has truly lived the American Dream. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York with her three siblings. Beverly attended P.S. 156 and was elected class president because, in her words, "she went to school every day."

After graduating, she went straight to work for a manufacturing company, and over the course of 20 years, she rose to the position of Manager. Despite the hard work she put in, she always made sure to find time for traveling and dancing. She was a regular patron of the Roseland Ballroom, and has visited Israel, Spain, St. Thomas, and St. Martin.

Since retiring, Beverly's civic commitment has come full circle, as she is currently the President of the Resident Council at Park Summit senior living community. Like many of us, Beverly loves music, especially Jazz and concert symphonies. Her favorite artist is Frank Sinatra and her favorite song is Autumn Leaves.

Beverly's most admirable trait, however, is her ability to always find ways to keep herself active and engaged. From playing cards and bingo, to reading adventure books and writing poems, to watching the travelogue and hanging out with her friends, Beverly's endless joy and companionship are attributes we should all strive to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Beverly Fields and her contribution to our community. Happy birthday, Beverly.

PRESERVING HISTORY: THE GREAT WORLD WAR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the day was October 8, 1918, a century ago, when the events of the Meuse-Argonne offensive would be etched into history eternal. The largest operation of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEFs) was taking place with over one million American doughboys deployed.

Soldiers were tasked with a dangerous mission, penetrating the Argonne Forest, which was a force in itself to be reckoned with. Thick vegetation, jagged hills, and the entrenchment of German forces made this the single deadliest battle in American history. 125,000 American casualties were sustained, with over 26,000 deaths.

What was to be the final Allied push against German forces on the Western Front, October 8th proved to be a day that would always be remembered by all the nations that participated in the War.

United States Corporal Alvin C. York was in small squadron of about 20 fellow Americans, just boys really, a world away from home. Their task was to take German-held positions. The geography made this objective a difficult one, but York along with his men knew what had to be done.

Following orders, the group advanced, but was fired upon from a nest at the top of a nearby hill. The German gunners cut down nine men, including a superior officer, leaving York in charge of the squad.

Now in charge, and with little to no time to regroup, he fought to avenge the lives of the fellow soldiers that lost their lives. After it was all said and done, York successfully took the position while taking down 20 German soldiers, as well as taking 132 German prisoners. His honorable service in this battle earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

York described the events in his diary: "Those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. . . . I didn't have time to dodge behind a tree or dive into the brush, I didn't even have time to kneel or lie down.

As soon as the machine guns opened fire on me, I began to exchange shots with them. In order to sight me or to swing their machine guns on me, the Germans had to show their heads above the trench, and every time I saw a head I just touched it off. All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn't want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I. And I was giving them the best I had."

The "best he had" was more than enough. The German commander, thinking he was grossly outnumbered, surrendered his garrison of nearly 90 men. Like many men of his time, York never made much of his accomplishments of that day, but his heroic actions did not go unnoticed. Promoted to the rank of sergeant, he remained on the front lines until November 1, ten days before the armistice.

The New York Times called York "the war's biggest hero." General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), called him "the greatest civilian soldier" of World War I. The American doughboy born

in a log cabin near the Tennessee-Kentucky border became an American hero and his actions became the basis for the iconic movie, Sergeant York, starring Gary Cooper. Upon York's death in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson called him "a symbol of American courage and sacrifice" who epitomized "the gallantry of American fighting men and their sacrifices on behalf of freedom."

As we honor the 100-year anniversary for the Great World War, let us not forget the more than two million Americans that crossed the Atlantic to fight for freedom in Europe, and the 116,000 of them that never came home. One such soldier that answered the call was my friend, Frank Buckles. Frank died in 2011; he was the last living link to the story of the American Doughboy.

I introduced the Frank Buckles WWI Memorial Act, to restore the local DC memorial and to recognize the service and sacrifice of all the men and women that served in the Great World War. Finally, after 100 years a memorial will finally be built in the nation's capital for all of those who fought in the Great War. I was honored to work with my colleague, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER of Missouri in a bipartisan way to make sure that Congress did its part in authorizing the construction of the World War I Memorial on our National Mall.

I often talk about those of our Greatest Generation, but without the fathers from the Great World War, the Doughboys, the Frank Buckles—the rest wouldn't be possible. America goes to war to free, to liberate, to protect, and to bring justice to bear. We owe it to them and our future generations to honor our veterans in our nation's capital. Because, the greatest tragedy of war is to be forgotten.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ellenville Regional Hospital in their efforts to develop a comprehensive, collaborative, community-based and region-wide initiative to help combat the opioid epidemic in Upstate New York.

In 2017 alone, this epidemic claimed more than 72,000 lives across the country. Ellenville Regional Hospital is working with local care providers including, the Columbia Memorial Health and Albany Medical Center and the Greene County Rural Health Network, to develop a model of dynamic care to better treat individuals who are shouldering the tremendous burden of opioid addiction.

Ellenville's plan focuses on providing patients who have overdosed an entry path to treatment that combines medical efforts to counter withdrawal and immediately connecting them with primary health care services, mental health, and addiction services as well as other basic services such as housing, transportation, and nutrition.

The opioid epidemic knows no bounds—spanning across all socioeconomic standings, in every state, in every district, and in every community throughout the country. I extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to

Ellenville Regional Hospital for their dedicated efforts to spearhead this initiative, share their knowledge, and reverse the dangerous trend of opioid abuse and addiction.

Aside from trailblazing this pathway to more impactful care and treatment for the many struggling with addiction in our Upstate communities, Ellenville Regional Hospital is a leader of rural care in the greater Ulster County region, always innovating and finding ways to improve, and most importantly ensuring our friends and neighbors have access to quality care in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Ellenville Regional Hospital for their dedicated efforts in addressing the opioid epidemic as well as their legacy of innovative and quality care.

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

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Wheeler as a woman of the year. She is a hardworking and dedicated advocate for seniors in Yolo County. In her 22-year career at St. John's Retirement Village, Ms. Wheeler has helped provide care to seniors with kindness and compassion. She has grown professionally, seeking further education, and taking on multiple leadership roles. She is now the Skilled Nursing Administrator responsible for the Stollwood Convalescent Hospital within St. John's Village where she cares for some of her community's most vulnerable. Both her professional life and personal time have been dedicated to improving the lives of seniors throughout Yolo County. She lends her time, talent, and expertise to Woodland's Commission on Aging where she recommends and coordinates programs and services for seniors. Through her work on the commission she helps promote a better quality of life for aging individuals ensuring that critical support services are available. She is also a part of Leading Age, a network of nonprofit leaders committed to supporting and empowering seniors in their community. Through this organization, she helps fight for quality senior living and care. Ms. Wheeler is a passionate advocate on behalf of seniors, working to ensure a full and rewarding life for all people in her community.

HONORING THE NAACP-HOUSTON BRANCH FOR 100 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE AND EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF EQUALITY FOR ALL

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Houston Branch of the oldest, largest, most

historic and most influential civil rights organizations in the United States, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, known to all simply as the "NAACP."

Founded in 1918, the Houston Branch of the NAACP has played a pivotal role in some of the most pivotal moments and landmark voting and civil rights cases, including *Smith v. Allwright*, 321 U.S. 649 (1944), which overturned a Texas statute that authorized the Democratic Party to set its internal rules, including the use of white primaries; and *Sweatt v. Painter*, 339 U.S. 629 (1950), which successfully challenged the doctrine of "separate but equal" in higher education and helped pave the way for the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), four years later.

The NAACP-Houston Branch's tradition of service continues today under the dynamic leadership of its president, Dr. James Douglas, and Executive Director, Yolanda Smith.

First organized in 1905, the group was known as the Niagara Movement when members began meeting at a hotel situated on the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls.

Members of the group had to meet in Canada because American hotels in Niagara Falls were segregated.

Under the leadership of the Harvard-educated scholar, the great W.E.B. DuBois, the group would later be known as the National Negro Committee before finally adopting the name by which it has been known for the last 108 years—the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP—at its second conference in 1910.

The first official meeting was held on February 12, 1909, the centennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

The mission of the NAACP was clearly delineated in its charter:

To promote equality of rights and to eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States;

To advance the interest of colored citizens; to secure for them impartial suffrage; and

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for the children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before law.

Mr. Speaker, for more than a century, the NAACP has stayed true to its charter and championed the cause of justice and equality in America.

It has fought valiantly and tirelessly on behalf of African-Americans and others to secure their civil rights and liberties and the full measure of justice and equality for all.

At a time when African-Americans were treated as second-class citizens and the scourge of slavery was still rampant, the NAACP emerged to ensure that the rights, interests and voices of African-Americans did not go unheard.

During World War I, the NAACP successfully campaigned for African-Americans to be commissioned as officers in the army, resulting in President Woodrow Wilson commissioning 600 African-American officers.

During World War II, the NAACP persuaded the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt to issue an executive order banning racial discrimination in war-related industries and federal employment.

In 1948, President Harry Truman became the first president to formally address the NAACP and he worked with the NAACP in appointing a commission to study and offer ideas

to improve civil rights and equality of opportunity for all persons in the United States.

The NAACP's close relationship with President Truman helped to influence him to issue Executive Order 9981, which desegregated the United States Armed Services by announcing the new "policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin," and that this policy be put into effect as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, the NAACP was perhaps the leading member of the "Big Six"—the coalition of religious, labor and civil rights organizations that organized and staged on August 28, 1963 the historic March on Washington, the most famous act of peaceful protest in our nation's history.

Other members of the Big Six were the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); the National Urban League; Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

The March on Washington was a seminal event in our nation's history and awakened Americans of goodwill to the urgent need to rededicate ourselves to the great unfinished task of making real the promise of America for all Americans, especially African-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, the current president of the NAACP is Derrick Johnson and the Board Chairman is Leon W. Russell; through the years, the NAACP has been led by some bold, visionary, and effective leaders, including:

Walter White; Roy Wilkins; Benjamin Hooks; Benjamin Chavis; Merlie Evers-Williams, widow of Medgar Evers; Kweisi Mfume; Bruce S. Gordon; Benjamin Todd Jealous; and Cornell William Brooks.

Mr. Speaker, America would be a very different place were it not for the brilliance of the NAACP's Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., the legendary Director of the Washington Bureau from 1950 to 1978.

So effective was Clarence Mitchell in the campaigns to win passage of civil rights laws, including the 1957 Civil Rights Act, the 1960 Civil Rights Act, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, that his sobriquet was the "101st Senator."

The NAACP is perhaps best known for the practice pioneered by the legendary Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall of "impact litigation," the strategy of bringing carefully selected cases to court to establish legal precedents of beneficially affecting thousands, and frequently millions, of persons beyond the immediate parties to the case.

Among the historic victories won by NAACP lawyers are:

1. 1940—*Chambers v. Florida*, which established that confessions obtained as the result of police coercion are inadmissible at trial;

2. 1944—*Smith v. Allwright*, which outlawed the South's "white primary";

3. 1948—*Shelley v. Kraemer*, which ruled racially restrictive covenants and unconstitutional and legally unenforceable;

4. 1950—*Sweatt v. Painter* and *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents*, which held that separate law and graduate school are inherently unequal and thus unconstitutional;

5. 1954—*Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, landmark case overruling separate but equal doctrine of *Plessy v. Ferguson*; and

6. 1956—*Browder v. Gayle*, which outlawed the practice of racial segregation on buses and led to the end of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Mr. Speaker, as Chair for the Congressional Children's Caucus, I am especially concerned with fair access to quality education for today's youth and am personally grateful to the NAACP for its leadership in winning the greatest legal victory for civil rights in American history, the 1954 landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), in which the Supreme Court struck down de jure segregation in elementary schools.

NAACP General Counsel Thurgood Marshall, who would later become the first African-American Solicitor General and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, forcefully argued and persuaded the Court to rule unanimously that in the field of public education, "separate but equal" was inherently unequal.

That decision gave hope to millions of Americans that their children might enjoy the full promise of America that had been denied their forebears for more than three centuries.

Mr. Speaker, the NAACP remains committed to achieving its goals through non-violence, the legal process, and moral and political suasion, and through direct actions such as marches, demonstrations, and boycotts to give voice to the hopes and aspirations of African-Americans and others who lack the power to make their voices heard.

There is still a need for justice and equal treatment for African-Americans and other vulnerable populations in our country, and thankfully, we still have a vibrant NAACP to advocate their cause and fight for their interests.

I am grateful for the many battles for equality that the NAACP organization has fought and won, and thankful that the NAACP will be there in the future to wage the fight for justice wherever and whenever justice needs a champion.

So on this day I am so proud to salute the 100th anniversary of the remarkable Houston Branch of the NAACP, and express the appreciation of the nation for all it has done to make our country better.

RECOGNIZING GA 09 CBYX AND NSLI-Y SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 3 outstanding high school students from Georgia's 9th Congressional district that have been selected for highly competitive scholarships from the U.S. Department of State.

Ms. Sarah Kudyba has been accepted into the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. This program is for motivated high school students who want to fully immerse themselves in German culture by living with a host family and attending a local high school. The program is designed to strengthen ties between youth, improve their career skills through formal study and work experience, and expand their cognizance of other cultures, society, history, and politics.

Ms. Victoria Zappi-Colombine and Ms. McKenzie Hooper have been accepted into

the National Security Language Initiative for Youth. This program provides merit-based scholarships so students can have the opportunity to learn less commonly taught languages through summer and academic-year immersion programs overseas. The goal of this program is to develop a cadre of Americans with advanced linguistic skills and related cultural understanding, help Americans compete effectively in the global economy, and to spark a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures among American youth.

I am proud that Northeast Georgia is home to these exceptional students and I look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments.

HONORING BLOSSOM ROZMAN OF
ELLENVILLE

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mrs. Blossom Rozman of Ellenville, New York. For decades, Blossom has dedicated herself to serving and being an active member of the greater Ulster community. Through her passion and dedication, Blossom continues to work to change the world around her—for the better.

Among her many activities and accomplishments, Blossom was vital to the implementation of the holocaust studies program in the Ellenville Central school—the first full-year program of its kind in the country. She has also participated in numerous organizations, including serving on the executive board of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary and as past president of the Sisterhood of Congregation Ezrath Israel.

Throughout Upstate, I am thankful for the driven and compassionate individuals like Blossom who have committed themselves to strengthening our communities and building a better future. Ellenville shines a little brighter thanks to Blossom's tireless volunteerism and participation in civil society.

I am grateful for Blossom's many years of dedicated service to the 19th District and to New York state. Her many contributions will be felt for generations to come.

REMEMBERING MR. CAMERON
MARTINEZ

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cameron Martinez, who tragically lost his life earlier this month. Cameron is remembered by all who knew him for his kindness, generosity, and enormous personality. He was a remarkable young man and a loving brother, son, and friend. I am proud to have personally known him and honor him and his memory.

Cameron was a rising star in our community. A native of Alcalde, New Mexico, he graduated this year from Española Valley High School, where he was a top student and ath-

lete. He was especially well known for his love of basketball, and his passion for the game earned him the nickname "Space Jam Cam." His teammates and coaches had great admiration for his work ethic and selflessness on and off the court.

Cameron was also a gifted student who was committed to advancing his education and career. After graduating from high school, he served his country working in the Information Technology Department at Los Alamos, one of our premier National Laboratories. In this role, he collaborated with a team of professionals working on some of our most pressing national security matters, including evolving cybersecurity threats. The sky was the limit for Cameron, and our nation lost a highly capable and driven future leader. Cameron was also an aspiring entrepreneur who was working on a clothing line.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Cameron in recent months and can personally attest to his warmth, work ethic, and determination to bring positive change to the State of New Mexico. With a simple gesture like a hug, Cameron could make you feel like you were the most important person in his life. I was one of the people lucky enough to receive such a hug.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deepest condolences to Cameron's parents, Valerie and Urban, as well as the rest of his loved ones and the entire Española community. Cameron was taken from us far too young, but we will always remember him as a bright, young star in New Mexico who positively affected so many people's lives. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING MERRICK MAKOWSKI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Merrick Makowski. Merrick is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Merrick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Merrick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Merrick has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Merrick Makowski for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RAY SCHULTZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Dr. Ray Schultz of

Avoca, Iowa for receiving the Outstanding Service Award from Iowa State University Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association.

Dr. Schultz is a 1960 graduate of Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Schultz developed a vaccine which helped lower the mortality rate for farrow-to-finish hog operations worldwide. He also has a remarkable track record of assisting hog farmers to help feed the hungry around the world. He has an impressive history of giving back to his community as well as his alma mater for full professional scholarships for the school of veterinary science.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Dr. Ray Schultz for earning this award. His hard work and dedication has affected the future of veterinary medicine. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Schultz for his many accomplishments in the agriculture industry. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING BETTY RUTH HELMS

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Betty Ruth Helms of Nevada, Missouri. Betty is 96 years old, a part of what many have called "the greatest generation," those Americans who bravely served their nation and the cause of liberty during World War II. In response to the overwhelming need for sailors to serve in the war, Congress authorized the Navy's WAVES program in 1942, which permitted women to serve in the Naval Reserve as commissioned officers and enlisted sailors. Betty answered the call, and volunteered to be a part of the very first class of women to complete training at the University of Wisconsin. After qualifying as a radioman, she served steadfastly in Jacksonville, Florida for over three years. After her service, she used the G.I. Bill and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, graduating from my own alma mater, the University of Missouri, in February of 1950. She used that education to start Helms Permit Agency in Nevada, which remains open for business to this day. Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to this remarkable woman and the tens of thousands of women like her who responded to our nation's need in such a dire hour, and continued to lead in our communities after the war's end. I am personally thankful for her service and the honor of representing her here in the House.

HONORING LISETTE ESTRELLA-
HENDERSON WITH CALIFORNIA'S
THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisette Estrella-Henderson as a woman of the year. She is devoted to serving

her community and has a passion for giving back. Through her current role as the Solano County Superintendent of Schools, she works tirelessly to support educational services and serve the school districts in her community. As a charter member of 100 Women Who Care in Solano County, Lisette works to support women and young girls by donating to important programs that focus on bettering the community. She is a charter member of the Soroptimist Twilight Club in Solano County and generously volunteers her time to improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls through programs that push for increased social and economic opportunities. Ms. Estrella-Henderson has played a vital role in promoting education equality and increased educational resources within her community. Her active engagement in the community includes leadership positions in programs such as the Migrant Child Education Program, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano College Education Foundation, Positive Youth Justice Initiative Leadership Team, Juvenile Justice Coordination Council, Solano Coalition for Better Health, and many more. With a long résumé of outstanding achievements and leadership roles, Lisette's commitment to bringing about positive changes to her community is inspirational.

SAM HOUSTON: PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my hometown of Houston, Texas, bears the name of Sam Houston, perhaps one of the most important figures in Texas history. Without his steady, stoic leadership, Texas would not be the great state that it is today. Indeed, it might have never even existed.

Let me tell you more. In the summer of 1836, Texas had successfully won its independence from Mexico. Under the leadership of General Sam Houston, the Texan forces overran Santa Anna's army at the Battle of San Jacinto. Houston himself was wounded during the battle, having caught a musket ball in the leg. But he did not let the pain from his wound cloud his judgement.

When by chance the Texans discovered the disgraced Mexican dictator Santa Anna disguised as a private, he was brought to Houston. Many in the Texas Army wanted Santa Anna executed, but Houston, knowing that he could negotiate favorable terms of surrender directly with el Presidente, refused to give the order. Rather, he brokered the treaty with the leader which gave Texas its independence from Mexico. Texas remained a sovereign Republic for nine years.

With independence secured, the Texans turned to its government. David G. Burnet, who had been serving as the president of Texas since the March 2 declaration (what we celebrate today as Texas Independence Day), called for a general election.

The new nation already faced debt problems and issues with army pensions. But with each new concern that surfaced, the choice to lead Texas became more obvious: the hero of San Jacinto.

This was not Houston's first rodeo in government. He served in U.S. Congress representing Tennessee and then as governor of Tennessee. Public service brought him to Texas in 1832, where he was sent by President Andrew Jackson to negotiate treaties with Native Americans. On top of his previous experience, his courageous actions at San Jacinto made him the clear choice in the minds of most Texans to lead the country.

On September 5, Houston won in a landslide election, earning 5,119 votes out of a possible 6,640. So strong was the din from the Texas Congress for Houston to take office as soon as possible that President Burnet moved his inauguration date forward two months. When they first convened after the election, the Texas legislature's first vote was to swear Sam Houston into office that very same day. After taking the oath and delivering a brief, impromptu speech, Houston calmly unhooked his sword and handed it to the Speaker of the House, thus casting off an "emblem of his past office" and following George Washington's example of the primacy of civilian rule. Not a man inside was unmoved by this small but significant act.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Houston was a great Texan and a great American. He is an icon whose memory deserves our utmost respect and admiration. Today, we are all proud Houstonians.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING JOHN GONZALES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Gonzales. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John reset veteran headstones at the local historic Mount Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Gonzales for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Sterling, Virginia, on the

celebration of its 150th anniversary. In 1868, Reverend Robert Woodson, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, moved to the town of Herndon in Northern Virginia. Finding that there were no Baptist churches that were welcoming to African-Americans, Reverend Woodson interested Mrs. Ellen Thompson, a fellow Baptist living nearby, to help him establish what was initially called the Colored Church, on October 10, 1868, in the community of Oak Grove, located in the town of Sterling. Oak Grove was one of five communities in Eastern Loudoun County that were founded by former slaves after the Civil War ended in 1865. The name of Oak Grove was adopted, in part, because of the stately oak trees surrounding the church grounds.

Over the period of a century and a half, 13 pastors have served at Oak Grove Baptist Church. In addition to the important leadership exercised by these men, the church has been blessed with dedicated and faithful women leaders who greatly contributed to its success, including Ellen Thompson, "First Mother" and founder of the church, and Sister Ada Lee, who labored for 90 years, as the "Second Mother" of the church, before passing on in 1998, at the age of 107. There were many other unsung heroes during the long history of the church, including those whose financial generosity allowed the Oak Grove property to grow from "a little ole' spot beside the railroad track" to a six-acre property next to the current WO&D bicycle trail. Since 2011, the congregation has been led by a gifted yet humble pastor, Gregory L. Spurlock, a native of Petersburg, Virginia. He is married to the former Lottie Cassandra Mickens, also of Petersburg, who is a school principal in Loudoun County. Pastor Spurlock and First Lady Lottie are the proud parents of three children, Ivana, Brandon and Gregory, Jr.

The key to understanding how this church has thrived over its long and illustrious history is its clear and simple mission. Simply put, "The Oak" exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Beginning with the inspiring leadership of Pastor Spurlock and First Lady Lottie, coupled with the guidance of the elders of the church and the dedicated support of the Deacons and Deaconesses, each member of Oak Grove Baptist Church has pledged his or her life to Christ and has covenanted with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing and ministering to the needs of others. Whether the church is engaged in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member and family or is taking a leadership role in the annual One Loudoun Revival, or putting on its Car Show and Community Day, or hosting a Women's Conference or a voter registration drive, "the Oak" has always been hallowed ground, where, through acts of faith and love, its members are tirelessly engaged in the blessed work of transfiguring lives, one person at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the extraordinary history of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Thanks to the loving service of hundreds of disciples over the past 150 years, I am confident that the indelible mission, values and traditions of Oak Grove Baptist Church will guide the congregation's vitality and success over the next 150 years.

TEXAS WARRIOR PETTY OFFICER
THIRD CLASS ZARIAN A. WOOD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Navy Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer Third Class Zarian A. Wood, known as “Z” to his friends, died at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, on May 16, 2010 of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast that occurred in Helmand Province, while on patrol two days prior. Zarian, a 29-year-old hospital corpsman from Houston, Texas, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. He was very well known as “Doc” in Afghanistan, serving on the front lines alongside Marine infantrymen.

Zarian graduated in 1999 from South Houston High School, where he competed on the wrestling team. He worked as a youth pastor and tutor for troubled kids on Houston’s northeast side and a merchandiser for Coca-Cola before enlisting in 2006. He dreamed of going back to school, studying radiology, and maybe even becoming a dentist. But always putting others before himself, he put his dreams on hold to fight for his country.

And fight he did—Zarian was a decorated soldier. His personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

A month before he was deployed on his second combat duty, he had some quality time with his family. Between video games and steak dinners, they bonded for what would be the last time. His father Daniel Wood, a Vietnam veteran, commented on his son’s honesty and integrity: “He’d tell you in a flat minute if you were wrong . . . then again; he’d stand up for you in a flat minute if you were right”.

The liberty we cherish in this Nation has come at a great cost. At times we can all be guilty of taking the simple things in life for granted. We thank men like Officer Wood for these simple liberties. We thank them that we can wake up in the morning and are not afraid, and that we can go to bed at night knowing we are safe. Your selfless heroism has not been forgotten, Zarian. “Some people live their entire lifetime and wonder if they ever made a difference to the world, Marines don’t have that problem.”—Ronald Reagan.

And that’s just the way it is.

HONORING KATHERINE CAMPBELL
WITH CALIFORNIA’S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katherine Campbell as a woman of the year. She embodies all the qualities of a community leader and generously dedicates

her time to bettering her community. As one of the founders in the effort to bring a community pool to the greater Capay Valley area, Ms. Campbell was able to successfully secure a \$2.9 million dollar grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Due to her continuous determination and firm commitment, the new Esparto Community Park and Aquatic Center is set to be completed before the summer of 2019. She currently serves as the treasurer of Capay Valley Vision, where she is actively engaged in developing and prioritizing critical projects that are aimed at community development. With unmatched experience and dedication, Ms. Campbell has shown herself to be an integral part of many past and present projects designed to help make Yolo County a better place to live. She serves as the Yolo County Planning Commissioner, the chair to the Capay Valley Citizens Advisory Committee and a contributor to the Rumsey Improvement Association. Since 2016, Ms. Campbell has been a vital member of the Yolo Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Advisory Committee working to provide insight to Yolo County regarding community parks, open spaces, wildlife habitat, and other projects focused on the interests of parks and recreation. Ms. Campbell tirelessly and passionately advocates for her community and is most deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THEODORE ATTEBURY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Theodore Attebury. Theodore is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Theodore has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Theodore has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Theodore has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Theodore Attebury for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONSTITUENT COMMENTS ON SOBER LIVING HOME PROBLEMS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 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 sixth group of these constituent letters below:

Good Afternoon, I am a Registered Nurse. I am also in recovery 30 years. I have also worked with the homeless and indigent population. I have family members who suffer from addiction. I believe the sober living houses should be licensed so that they can care for addicts in the appropriate manner. I believe the houses should be regulated in that way: however, as far as zoning, I would have to review your whole bill to make sure it isn’t a NIMBY type of plan as is with the homeless population in our county. I will be more focused on the housing issues of our ill population and the homeless crisis in the State of California as being a disservice to the people who are here. Mental health and homelessness should be the priority in this state. Thank you.

CATHERINE ORLANDO,
Huntington Beach, California.

I understand the possible issues surrounding these sober living homes, however I haven’t heard anything about what would replace them if they are moved from residential neighborhoods. Rather than sticking our noses into these “businesses”, why don’t we work on actual crime? It sounds like you are proposing an easy way out method. If these owners are bad, do good old-fashioned police work and arrest them. We have plenty of laws on the books impeding business owners and home owners, how about spending less money on government and more money on drug programs and good police officers.

JAMES ETHEREDGE,
Westminster, California.

We had a sober living home behind our back fence in our single-family home. It was really a nightmare for the houses on both sides of them. They woke up at six 6:30 in the morning and went out in the backyard to smoke cigarettes. They were loud, obnoxious and used tons of foul language. Both families on either side of the home had small children. There were also numerous police calls and constant noise and shouting during the day and at night. After numerous warnings they tried to contain the house and have more control over it but still continued to fail. Even neighbors had arguments with clients who were outside acting up and talking loud using foul language. Eventually the problems became so great that the owner of the property was contacted that it was no longer acceptable to be renting out for Sober Living homes. Shortly after that, the sober living home was disbanded, and the house was put up for sale. It is now being used as a single-family home and the neighbors are all very happy including ourselves. Sober living homes need to be in buildings away from normal residential living. People do not have to put up with that kind of obnoxious noise and action 24 hours a day to feel like they’re helping people get sober. Put these homes somewhere in an industrial area near an airport or commercial buildings where they cannot disturb the other tenants or neighbors. We owe nothing to these people and they should not be distracting from our lives.

DONALD HADDOCK,
Costa Mesa, California.

I own a 5-unit condo at [REDACTED] in Costa Mesa. We work hard to maintain the

units and the grounds around them. We are often out in the front where we care for about 20 trees and grass that borders both [ADDRESS].

The trees are planted on a four foot high berm, set back from the grass and sidewalk. There are sections of this berm where plants are thick, and people can hide between these plants and the fence that runs around the top of the berm.

We find trash, liquor bottles, condoms, discarded (stolen) contents of someone's glove box, clothes, etc. scattered in spots on this berm every week. This has gotten worse in the last few years.

About a year ago, my wife and I went out to the front corner in the early morning and found a lost, dazed and haggard woman in her bathrobe and slippers, asking for help to find her rehab facility. From what I could tell, she was 6-8 blocks north and west so must have been walking for some time.

Another time when my wife went out to water, a homeless man who had spent the night in our berm was startled by her. He spent a few minutes trying to tie a small cart with his belongings to a junk bike that he had concealed for the night. She did not feel safe, so I came out until he peddled away.

This must stop! Our city has become a cesspool because of these rehab centers.

I don't care how well they are managed, the people that are collected from around the country and dumped into these centers, are not productive members of our community but predators who see the people of this community and their property as targets for exploiting their toxic lifestyles.

Please help us put some controls in place. Better yet, an end to it all.

Thank you.

Best regards,

PAUL STARY,
Costa Mesa, California.

I have spoken directly to the city council about this terrible matter! I even asked if anyone on the council owned one! There are over 350 of these not supervised homes here! A friend was robbed on [ADDRESS] two years ago from one of these homes! Check your records [NAME]! Do something now to rid us of this menace!

JAN MCALLISTER,
Costa Mesa, California.

Dana, I support you in this. I know my neighborhood was so scared that one was going in. We met and signed petitions for it not to go in. It is so frustrating when a law is passed that it does not take into account neighborhoods that are open and have children playing in the yards. The smoke, noise and smell from these places is terrible. The unscrupulous people as well. The entire energy changes in a community to be closed instead of being a place to rest the body after a hard week of earning money to afford a place to offer a peaceful place to raise a family.

I feel for the residents who go to City Council and have to plead their case to keep them out. I know you feel the same way.

Keep up the good work.

ROBERTA LEWIS,
Costa Mesa, California.

Huntington Beach Council Member Erik Peterson will be speaking on my behalf in regard to Sober Living Homes in Huntington Beach, CA cc: Congressman Dana Rohrabacher I am really distraught with this legislation that allows greedy landlords to turn residents homes into Drug Detox Homes or as most call them Sober Living Homes with 6 residents living in these homes as drug addicts try to sober up. I would never buy a

home that is located next to one of these Sober Living Homes but the legislation that makes it legal to do this Code Enforcement allows this to happen putting our city in harm's way with lots of crime. Attached is Video proving that this drug addict trespassed onto my property and walked into my bedroom at 1:30 am and I showed Huntington Beach Police Department the full video and they said it was most likely a drunk from Main Street. My home is [ADDRESS] next door is [ADDRESS] where this guy came from. Huntington Beach Police Department gave the benefit of doubt to the drug addict protecting their rights over mine saying it was perfectly legal to have 6 residents in one home. The legislation that makes this legal is a crime and Drug Detox Homes should be illegal where residents live. Code Enforcement should protect the citizens' rights first before drug addicts' rights to live anywhere they have a Sober Living Home. It is wrong and creates crime wherever they are located putting kids and senior citizens in harm's way. Driving into my home now is like entering a combat zone because you have no clue who is going to be trespassing on your property while they live next door. Not to mention Code Enforcement allows this to happen when they say safety is our first concern for our citizens then back stab us by allowing Sober Living Homes in our city bringing crime up because these homes are hardly supervised and always have more people entering the homes than what's legally allowed. My security cameras catch all the curfew violators and strange visitors coming and going and we always have noise issues with tons of cigarette smoke polluting our air as they party late into the evening changing our neighborhoods for the worst with no regards to HB Citizens Rights. If Code Enforcement was doing their job they would have never allowed a Sober Living Home at [ADDRESS] because not only am I 70 years old now I am also 100% service-connected disabled from the Vietnam War and I rent part of my home out to another disabled Veteran who also is 100% service-connected from his injuries while serving in the Vietnam War. At best, Sober Living Homes are a violation as elder abuse and Huntington Beach Code Enforcement should say this location is wrong because elders and disabled veterans live next door to [ADDRESS]. Code Enforcement should have protected our rights before drug addicts' rights to live next door to my house and destroy my tranquility at [ADDRESS] Huntington Beach California. I am shocked and appalled that this Sober Living Home Legislation is allowed in the State of California and I want it abolished. Being forced to live next to Sober Living Homes is a crime in itself because it only benefits greedy landlords and insurance companies that are on the take while very few are getting sober.

Thank you for allowing me to tell my experience with this issue of Sober Living Homes and how it has affected my tranquility in my retirement years.

ROBIN RUSTAN,
Huntington Beach, California.

I have seen the clientele from these sober living homes in my neighborhood. I've been a registered nurse over 25 years with experience with individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues. The individuals I see often are not sober and often have a primary mental health issue they are trying to self-medicate with. Theft has gone way up since these homes have grown substantially. Theft by breaking into homes and cars. I have been spat on for not giving money and observed IV drug use. These homes seem to accept the money and within 30-60 days these individuals are on the streets with no sup-

port committing crime for the drug habit that was not treated appropriately. Oversight is a must, not likely but I would recommend department of public health nurse/surveyors.

DONNA SEGEBERG,
Huntington Beach, California.

My son is presently living in a Sober Living House in Huntington Beach, CA. I couldn't be more grateful for this experience. This awful drug infestation is touching way too many of our young men and women and our families! We are very fortunate to have found an excellent Christian Recovery Center and Sober Living House. We need so many more in decent neighborhoods! Please help us help our loved ones recover from this horrible situation and becoming good community citizens!

TONI STEIN,
Seal Beach, California.

I am a longtime resident of Huntington Beach, CA. I recently was notified by the neighborhood watch that there is a sober living home on the same street that I reside on as of April 2018. I also found out that the residents have had several run-ins with the local police for criminal activity including public drug usage, trespassing, indecent exposure to children amongst other parole violations. There is an elementary school that is less than 100 yards away from this SLH and my daughter attends that school. She walks to school every week day. I have serious concerns about her safety because she must walk by this house twice a day. The neighbors no longer let their children play on the street because of all the recent police activity. My main concern is the safety of the children, but my other concern is the lack of regulation and supervision at this SLH. Why are they not zoned? Regulated? Licensed? All they need is an LLC. I request that there be some type of regulation and background checks for these SLH owners. They are making huge profits at our children's expense.

GINA O'BRIEN,
Huntington Beach, California.

I have lived in this beautiful city for 20 years. One of the reasons why I choose to raise my family here is because it was family friendly and safe. Unfortunately, in the last year city of Huntington Beach has erected several if not over 100 sober living homes. One such sober living home has opened up on my street. This home has caused many problems, safety, legal altercations on a regular basis. On top of all those issues it is located two houses down from our middle school, that my daughter goes to. Over 100 children walk past or are dropped off in front of this house every single day. I am extremely concerned for these children's safety. And access to drugs. It is beyond believe that the State of California would allow such homes to be near a school. People are not trying to detox or become sober in this home. I believe this house and many other houses are just drug dens. Please crack down on this problem and make sober living homes illegal in family neighborhoods and especially adjacent to a public or private school.

GINA WALTERS,
Huntington Beach, California.

PLEASE support this bill. Even better, come visit Costa Mesa and see how our amazing town has deteriorated because of these "treatment" centers and ridiculous sober living homes.

Brokering "human trafficking" and out of control homeless and crime/real estate agents in bed with these treatment centers and then threatening the public if anyone speaks out.

I was born at Hoag Hospital in 1968. I have lived in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa for 50 years. My husband was extremely mentally ill and was an addict. I well understand the situation. The only true help my husband received for his addictions, was from old school 12 step programs. There are wonderful AA groups and housing in Costa Mesa that are run by committees which are rotated every few months. Check out [REDACTED]. They do amazing work and do it quietly by donations, not scamming insurance companies or families.

This model should be supported, not the business for profit one.

Again, please support Dana's bill.

ROBYN HUBBARD,
Costa Mesa, California.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF WRWH RADIO

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of WRWH Radio, in Cleveland, Georgia.

WRWH Radio began operating as an AM radio station in 1958 and its call letters were derived from White, Rabun, and Habersham counties, which it serves. Over thirty years ago the station was purchased by Dean and Bonnie Dwyer. Since then, WRWH has evolved from operating out of an old Quonset hut on the southern edge of Cleveland, to a state of the art studio on Hood Street.

Today, WRWH broadcasts news talk on 93.9 FM. The station also provides learning opportunities for college and high school students.

In its 60 years, WRWH has become a leader in covering White County's local news and was one of WDUN's original news partners when AccessWDUN.com launched. That partnership continues today.

I join WRWH as they celebrate their 60th anniversary and commend this North Georgia business that continues to thrive.

RAISING AWARENESS OF NA-
TIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOY-
MENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

This month is an opportunity to raise awareness about disability employment issues, educate the public about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents, and celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month dates to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

As of September 2018, 21.4 percent of the U.S. labor force 16 years old and above have a disability.

My home state of Texas has the second largest number of individuals with disabilities in the United States.

In 2014, Texas had almost 820,564 individuals (6.2 percent) of the total civilian labor force 16 and older in Texas (13,220,312 individuals) had a disability.

Although not every person living with disabilities can work, it is imperative that we create opportunities for those who are able and desire to work.

For Kayla McKoen, her job is more than just a hobby.

As the first registered lobbyist with down syndrome in history, Kayla McKoen shares her passion for advocacy by representing the differently abled community on Capitol Hill and lobbying for equal rights for those who are differently abled.

Kayla says that "It feels so important to advocate for others because they might not have that voice themselves, and the more we advocate our message, the louder we are. I hope I am helping to change things for future generations of the Differently Abled community."

Individuals with disabilities can strengthen the current and future economy and are a valuable resource for employers.

The workforce system must ensure that employers have access to every potential skilled worker.

Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including those who are differently abled, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and a strong economy.

Smart employers know that including different perspectives in problem-solving situations leads to better solutions.

Hiring employees with diverse abilities strengthens their business, increases competition and drives innovation.

Individuals with disabilities enhance workforce diversity and offer employers the skills, knowledge, and experience that Texas businesses need to thrive.

Private and public-sector workplaces that support integrated employment opportunities, as well as greater use of assistive technologies in the workplace, can provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to gain and maintain employment.

We must commit to providing support for those living with disabilities by further educating ourselves and our communities on disability employment to foster a more inclusive workforce.

As we observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month, let us pay tribute to all who fought for better laws, demanded better treatment, and overcame ignorance and indifference to make our Nation more perfect.

In their honor, and for the betterment of generations of Americans to come, let us continue the work of removing obstacles to employment so every American has the chance to develop their skills and make their unique mark on the world we share.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ask all Americans to take time this month to find out what you can do to encourage the employment of those with disabilities and empower all of America's workforce.

HONORING LOGAN CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Logan Campbell. Logan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 269, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Logan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Logan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Logan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Logan Campbell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAIME
BENÍTEZ REXACH

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition of the life and legacy of Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach:

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach was Puerto Rico's leading scholar for nearly 70 years, becoming a major influence on Puerto Rican and American education as chancellor and then president of the University of Puerto Rico;

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach made it possible for the University of Puerto Rico to become a first-rate institution, serving communities across the island, and bringing talent from all over the world to teach and learn in Puerto Rico;

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach's role in shaping the curriculum at the University of Puerto Rico paved the way for his membership on the United States' National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) from 1948 to 1954;

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach made a significant contribution to the development of Puerto Rico's local government and territorial constitution, by chairing the constitutional convention's commission that wrote the island's Bill of Rights;

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach served as Puerto Rico's 12th Resident Commissioner in Congress, representing and providing a voice for the territory's American citizens from 1973 to 1977;

Whereas, as a Member of Congress, Mr. Jaime Benítez Rexach continued his longstanding commitment to improve the island's and the Nation's education system by serving on the House Committee on Education and Labor;

Whereas, Mr. Jaime Benitez Rexach was an outstanding educator, patriot, and public servant, whose contributions continue to shape the fabric of American society; and

Whereas, celebrating Mr. Jaime Benitez Rexach's legacy contributes to the strength and culture of our Nation; now, therefore, I, Congresswoman JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, do hereby attest to the 115th Congress that Mr. Jaime Benitez Rexach is deserving of national and congressional recognition.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of October, 2018.

HONORING JESSE LOREN WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jesse Loren as a woman of the year. She is an enthusiastic, valued, and beloved member of the Winters community who exemplifies the qualities of a true public servant. Ms. Loren began her teaching career as an English and Journalism teacher in the Esparto and Travis School Districts where she served in leadership roles on the School Site Council at Vanden High School. In recognition of her exceptional skills as an educator, Ms. Loren was honored with Vanden High School's 2009 Teacher of the Year award. Ms. Loren is a member of a wide range of organizations and foundations including the Winters Hispanic Advisory Committee, the League of California Cities, the Water Resources Association, the Yolo Solano Sustainable Groundwater Agency, and Yolo Leaders. Furthermore, in 2016 she was elected to the Winters City Council where she dove into the issues of concern to Winters residents, swiftly learning the nuts and bolts of how the city functioned. Always deft at building community, Ms. Loren's efforts on the City Council have strengthened the cohesion and collegiality of the Winters community. As a strong advocate for effective water management and quality public education, Ms. Loren consistently demonstrates a keen interest in understanding every aspect of an issue. Her generosity with her time and energy is truly remarkable, enabling her to serve her constituents and community members with unusual insight and empathy. Ms. Loren is a skilled public servant whose devotion to the community she serves is worthy of recognition.

HONORING CY NICOLAS BOWMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cy Nicolas Bowman. Cy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 47, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cy has been involved with scout-

ing, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cy built and established a Little Free Library in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cy Nicolas Bowman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

MARINE CORPS SERGEANT ERIC
MORANTE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 1 in 10 Americans join the military and I am proud to say that the state of Texas consistently meets their quarterly quotas. Texans are raised with a sense of patriotism and civic duty, which is reflected by the number of enlisted members in the military. As of September 2017, Texas had 164,234 members on active duty or reserves, placing Texas as the 2nd state with the largest population serving in the armed forces.

From an early age Texans are taught southern hospitality, religion, and love for their country. This is especially true for Marine Corps Sergeant Eric Morante, who recalls wanting to be a US Marine since he was 8 years old. In 2003, weeks after graduating from high school, Eric stepped foot in San Diego, California to complete the Marine Corp boot camp. As an 0311-Infantryman, he was given orders to the 2nd battalion, 7th Marines in Twenty-nine Palms, California. Weeks after reporting for duty, his unit deployed to Iraq. Eric would be assigned to a fire-team that cleared houses in Fallujah. On his first deployment, Eric was conducting raids, patrolling and identifying high value targets, all at the age of 18. Eric completed his first 7-month tour and returned safely to American soil for 6 months before being re-deployed to Iraq on July 4, 2005.

Eric's second deployment was a little different than the first. Days before their scheduled return, the 2nd battalion, 7th Marines, lost 10 men and had 11 injuries from a single explosion caused by a pressure plate IED on the west side of Fallujah. After two "desert" deployments and the loss of several comrades, Eric Morante honorably completed his first enlistment. But this proud Texan was not done serving his country or his beloved US Marine Corps. In 2006, he raised his right hand, and for a second time, he swore to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. As he prepared for his new drill-instructor role, he learned that the 2/7 was being re-deployed for another tour. Eric deferred his new orders as a drill-instructor to accompany the men that had become his family, to the Middle-East. The loss of his friends weighed heavy on his heart and he was not prepared to lose more.

On April 20th of 2007, four months into this third Iraq deployment, Eric stood watch with 6 Marines and a Navy Corps man, over bridge 286 that overlooks 6 lanes over a major highway that runs through Iraq. On that day, their

lives were forever changed. A dump truck carrying 3,000 lbs. of explosives detonated just 15 feet away from the bridge. Waking up covered in large remnants of concrete, Eric recalls sitting up and spitting up blood. His left arm twisted and dislocated and his right leg in an un-natural L-shape.

Despite the complete state of shock, the constant ringing in the ears, and the faint voices, Eric managed to account for his men. Miraculously, no men were killed in the explosion, and the 6 of the 8 men that were seriously injured were medevacked.

Unable to save Eric's severely injured right leg, the doctors of Bethesda Naval Hospital amputated above the knee. Pins were used to repair his left hand, surgery to reconstruct his face was conducted and once again, Eric would have to learn how to walk. Recuperating at the Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, he found himself going through a period of depression and began to isolate himself from his loved ones. At one point, was taking 16 prescribed medications to help cope with his PTSD.

In 2009, Eric welcomed his first and only son, which gave him purpose and a new perspective in life. His new role as a father allowed him to once again be the Eric he once was; a leader with grit, respect, and desire to help others. Since the explosion, Eric has completed triathlons, 5Ks, and sprints. He also became the first Marine amputee to be sanctioned for boxing in the United States and remained undefeated for 5 full years. He boxes at fundraising matches that benefit veteran organizations, and has created a name for himself in the veteran community. He continuously advocates and helps others that struggle with PTSD and visits military hospitals in an effort to guide amputees through the prosthetics process.

Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan once said "some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. But the Marines don't have that problem". The great state of Texas commends Eric for his service, courage and resiliency. Semper Fi Marine.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF MR. GUY BEATTY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the achievements and life of Mr. Guy Beatty from McLean, Virginia, a leading philanthropist, entrepreneur, and cherished member of our community.

Mr. Beatty was an astute businessman who became tremendously successful in his business ventures while maintaining humility and his faith. After he began working in real estate in 1962, with \$2000 in his pocket, he achieved vast amounts of success and was able to grow his business as he established partnerships with those who could help him realize his goals.

Mr. Beatty was not only known as a businessman, but a benevolent man who devoted a great deal of his life to philanthropy. He was passionate about helping others and was

known to have a few favorite sayings which embody his altruistic nature:

Take some, leave some
This is God's money, not mine . . . I've been put in the position to help others and give them an opportunity they may not have otherwise had.

Mr. Beatty always believed that his success was made possible to allow him to serve God. To this point, his philanthropic endeavors have impacted thousands of people directly and countless more indirectly. Schools, churches, hospitals, clinics, students, research programs, and universities have all been improved because of Mr. Beatty's vision, leadership, and generosity. Notably, Mr. Beatty helped create, fund, and served as the Chairman of the Spinal Research Foundation, a national non-profit organization based in Reston, Virginia, to achieve his desire to end spinal suffering. Neck and back pain are the leading cause of disability in the United States, and Guy Beatty didn't want others to suffer as he had throughout his life. He supported the Foundation to champion research and education focused on eliminating needless suffering and thus enable people to regain their lives. He was a true Spinal Champion and his contributions to spinal research and innovation continues to give people hope that proper treatment works.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the many achievements and life of Mr. Guy Beatty who has given hope and impacted the lives of so many in our community and around the nation.

CELEBRATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WOMEN IN SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the establishment of the Women in Science Scholarship at Truett McConnell University.

The Office of Advancement and the Pilgram Marpeck School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics have raised close to \$3,000 to fund the scholarship for females majoring in biology or exercise science. This scholarship has already helped students attend the Integrative Physiology of Exercise Conference through the American College of Sports Medicine in San Diego, California.

Because of their efforts in departmental fund raising and garnering private donations, the women selected for this scholarship will be able to present scientific research, enrich their presentation skills, and enhance their professional network for future careers.

I celebrate this new opportunity for women in Northeast Georgia and wish the recipients success along their academic journey.

HONORING VAUGHN GRIFFITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Vaughn Griffith.

Vaughn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Vaughn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Vaughn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Vaughn has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Vaughn Griffith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING KENTUCKY HIGHLANDS INVESTMENT CORPORATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and to celebrate the thousands of jobs that have been created and retained in Southern and Eastern Kentucky as a direct result of their work.

Kentucky Highlands is recognized as one of the premier business development organizations in the United States. It has been designated the Lead Entity of one of three Rural Empowerment Zones, one of eight Rural Tax Credit Community Development Corporations, a partner Community Development Corporation of Rural Local Initiative Support Corporation, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and a Community Development Entity by the U.S. Department of Treasury and has received allocations of New Markets Tax Credits.

Kentucky Highlands became the nation's first nonbank lender under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Business and Industry Loan Guaranty program and the first Small Business Administration guaranteed lender under the Community Advantage Program. Kentucky Highlands sponsors entrepreneur development programs and has developed the Kentucky Highlands Business Innovation and Growth Center.

When you survey Southern and Eastern Kentucky, the footprint of Kentucky Highlands is abundantly clear. Countless businesses have been established in our rural, mountainous region that otherwise would not be here without the direct investments and support of Kentucky Highlands. This organization has coordinated, implemented and promoted business growth across its 22-county service area.

The first venture capital investment that Kentucky Highlands made was in 1972 for Outdoor Venture Corporation (OVC) in McCreary County. Today, OVC is a thriving manufacturing company in Stearns, Kentucky that has won repeated successful bids for military contract work, employing over 200 people in our region. Our people take great pride in producing products for our U.S. warfighters,

and we can celebrate their ongoing work as a result of the visionary seed funding that Kentucky Highlands made 46 years ago.

In addition to its pioneering efforts in business development, Kentucky Highlands has also utilized its success to impact social development and improve the quality of low-income housing in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The Highlands Housing Corporation has helped over 150 families achieve the dream of homeownership, while other programs have been implemented to transform energy-efficient housing options where it's needed the most.

Finally, I want to applaud the visionary leadership of Jerry Rickett, who was named President and CEO of Kentucky Highlands in 1989. He is a native of Southern Kentucky who was determined to make a dynamic change in his home region through economic development and improvements in housing. Rather than seeing challenges, he sees opportunities, and it's that same drive and determination that has guided this flagship organization to great success, benefitting families and businesses across our region.

I'm incredibly grateful for the commitment that Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation has made in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and it is with great enthusiasm that I wish them many more years of success on their 50th Anniversary.

HONORING JACK LAGUE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack LaGue. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack LaGue for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MR. FIRMAN BALZA

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the life, legacy, and service of Green Bay native, Mr. Firman Balza.

Mr. Firman Balza was one of America's last surviving servicemen from the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor. Answering the call from his

country, Firman joined the 34th division of the U.S. Naval Reserves in Green Bay in 1940 at the age of 17. He entered the Navy a few months later and was assigned to the USS *Maryland* in April of 1941. When the USS *Maryland* left for Pearl Harbor in July of 1941, Firman was aboard the vessel as a gunner's mate first-class at the time of the attacks.

The morning of December 7, 1941, Firman was preparing for Mass aboard the USS *Oklahoma* when he saw the first Japanese bombers flying overhead. The USS *Oklahoma* was next to the USS *Maryland* in the harbor when it suffered major damage and capsized. Firman bravely ran into the face of danger and took up arms as he defended the base with anti-aircraft guns. He later helped pull his deceased brothers in arms from the sunken ship. On that tragic day, 460 men perished on the USS *Oklahoma* and the USS *Maryland* lost five brave souls. The 4 days following the attacks, Firman and his fellow soldiers rescued 32 men from the hull of the USS *Oklahoma*.

Firman continued his brave service to the country for three years on the USS *Maryland* participating in Guadalcanal, the Battle of Tarawa, and the Battle of Kwajalein Atoll. After the war, Firman was assigned to the USS *Bayfield* APA 33 and was sent to the Marshall Islands for atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. On February 7, 1947 he was discharged from the Navy after six years and seven days on active duty.

Firman was one of more than 16 million ordinary people that did extraordinary things during World War II. His willingness to share his story in 2003 at the age of 80 allowed many across Wisconsin, including students throughout Northeast Wisconsin, to hear his account of that day. It was in 2003 that he first visited the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii and realized he wanted to be a voice to tell part of the story of those 2,335 servicemen and women who perished on that day of infamy. With each retelling of his story, Firman shared an important message: "Truly, man has got to learn to get along with each other." Firman's wise words still ring true today.

Mr. Balza was 95 when he passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. He was born September 25, 1923, to Theophile and Mary Balza, the youngest of 11 sons. On April 23, 1949, he married Nathalie M. Larscheid. He was a true lover of the outdoors, he enjoyed camping with his family and hunting and fishing with his brother-in-law, Carlton Larscheid. He was very proud of becoming a licensed pilot at the age of 63.

Words cannot justly thank Mr. Balza for his many years of service to our country. A treasure for a community and nation, Mr. Balza cannot be replaced. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by all.

REMEMBERING MR. DIEGO
ZAMORA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diego Zamora, who lost his life after a long battle with cancer at the age of 60. Over the past three decades, Diego built a highly suc-

cessful law practice in Santa Fe and was a significant figure in New Mexico's legal community.

Diego was born in New Mexico to a family with a history of success in the legal field. His father, Matias, served as a district court judge in San Miguel, Mora, and Guadalupe counties. His sister, Monica, also served as a district court judge in Albuquerque and now serves on the state Court of Appeals. His brother, Geno, serves as a Santa Fe city attorney and was previously a general counsel for Governor Bill Richardson.

Following in his father's footsteps, Diego received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1984. For decades, he had a successful law practice with a focus on personal injury, wrongful death, employment, and civil rights cases. Fighting for the little guy was his passion, and he successfully took on powerful interests time and again in order to achieve justice for his clients. In addition to his intellect and passion, he was also known for his warm personality that allowed him to connect with juries.

Diego also devoted a great deal of time to the New Mexico Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, an organization that helps members of the legal community dealing with substance abuse issues. He took countless lawyers under his wing during difficult times and was known as a compassionate mentor for many. He was a true fighter and each challenge he overcame made him stronger. His compassion and strength defined him, especially in the face of adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my sincere condolences to all of Diego's family and loved ones. I hope they are comforted by cherished memories of Diego, and by the fact that so many in our community mourn his loss and celebrate his life with them.

HONORING JOYCE OVERTON WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joyce Overton as a woman of the year. She has devoted a lifetime of service to the community of Clearlake. She has established herself as a strong public servant, advocate, and champion for the county's most vulnerable populations: youths, seniors, and the homeless. In her role as a City Council member, Ms. Overton has prioritized economic revitalization programs and advocates for sound fiscal policy, road improvements, and the reinvigoration of the Lakeshore Corridor. Ms. Overton has also been instrumental in leading the recovery efforts after the devastating fires and floods that have ravaged Lake County. She has selflessly contributed her time and resources supporting the community at the evacuation centers. Her passion for volunteerism in the community is also evident in her roles as founder and past Executive Director of Lake County Youth Services, a nonprofit youth services center devoted to providing a positive support system to young people in her Lake County. She is currently the Executive Director of Highland Senior Services Center,

an essential lifeline to Lake County's aging population ensuring the senior community has access to much needed resources and healthy meals. Joyce Overton has an extensive and impressive record of public service and embodies all of the qualities of a community leader and public servant.

CONGRATULATING THE PEKIN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON 125
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pekin Chamber of Commerce on its 125th Anniversary. The Chamber has joyfully served the Pekin community since 1893.

In October of 1893, what is now the Pekin Chamber of Commerce was formed by five businessmen who originally named their organization the Citizen's Improvement Association of Pekin. The organization set out with the goal of "advancing the business interest and promoting the commercial growth of the City of Pekin." Although the organization went through several name changes, before settling on the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, their mission remained the same. Today, the Pekin Chamber of Commerce continues to serve businesses and consumers in the region as they work to grow and strengthen the local economy. I commend them on their 125th Anniversary for all of the work they have done for the residents of Pekin and look forward to seeing their continued efforts.

It is because of groups such as the Pekin Chamber of Commerce that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Pekin Chamber of Commerce on its 125th Anniversary and thank them for their service to the community.

In October the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce will be finishing 125 years of leading Pekin businesses.

HONORING JACK VAN NORMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Van Norman. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jack has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jack has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jack has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jack Van Norman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America

and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING MIKE MILLER
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Mike Miller, on his retirement as Executive Director of the Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD) and for his long-time public service in Eastern Kentucky.

Under his direction, KRADD has been a dedicated service organization for local communities in the Kentucky River area, which serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe Counties. KRADD celebrated its 50th Anniversary earlier this year. I can't overstate the value of the partnerships and regional planning that have been cultivated by Mike and his leadership of this organization. The infrastructural footprint of KRADD includes 13 million linear feet of water lines and 1.5 million linear feet of sewer lines extended in its service area, as well as nine new water plants and eleven wastewater treatment plants. Those fundamental services have been critical for families and businesses alike. As the former Mayor of the City of Jackson, Kentucky, where he dedicated eleven years of service, Mike understands first-hand the economic challenges of local elected officials in our rural region. His experience as a chief city administrator undoubtedly drove his passion to help city and county leaders access grant opportunities and to work collectively as a regional hub for economic development.

Aside from his career in public service, Mike owned and operated a local insurance company for 35 years. Mike's work ethic and success have garnered the utmost respect of his colleagues and multiple organizations across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He served as President of the Kentucky League of Cities for one year and as a board member and officer of the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts. He has also volunteered his experience and time to help countless local boards, including the Jackson Independent School System, the Kentucky River Authority, Kentucky River Community Care and many others.

Outside of boardrooms and office buildings, Mike has dedicated several years on the baseball diamond, coaching local Little League teams and spending time outdoors as Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 91 for 12 years. Mike understands the importance of mentoring and investing in the lives of our future leaders.

I have enjoyed working with Mike over the years to improve our infrastructure and economic opportunities in Eastern Kentucky. I wish Mike and his wife, Paula, many peaceful and fun-filled years of retirement together with their family.

MEMORIAL PARK: 600 ACRES OF
HISTORY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what's in a name? Shakespeare would have us believe that we should not assign so much meaning to a name. A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet, would it not? Well, for us southerners, a name is something we hold near and dear to our hearts—and our heritage. We name our children after mother's maiden names, double "first names" often include their daddy's or granddaddy's names. Heck, even our dogs' names have personal and historical significance.

I say this, because I want to talk about a particular place that is near and dear to me and many Houstonians, but its namesake has lost its rightful place in our history. Each day, over 10,000 people use Memorial Park. The park is Houston's largest public space; almost double the size of New York's Central Park and larger than Chicago's Lincoln Park, and London's Hyde Park. It is Texas, so naturally it's bigger. The park's 600-acre urban wilderness is one of the largest centrally located urban forests in the country.

But long before it was packed with Lululemon clad joggers, it was Camp Logan, one of sixteen military training camps during World War I. The 7,600 acres of forested land on Buffalo Bayou housed and trained nearly 30,000 soldiers. Its massive size equaled over half the size of Manhattan with over 1,300 buildings. Nearly 1,000 Camp Logan soldiers lost their lives during the war and over 6,200 were wounded.

The Camp's place in history is also marked by the Houston Riots of 1917, which broke out after a series of troubling events between Houston police and African-American soldiers, leaving 20 dead. It was the site of one of only two African-American training camps. Of those soldiers trained at Camp Logan, over 75 were awarded France's Croix de Guerre.

As early as the 1820's, the "pinery" of Memorial Park appeared in our history books, when Jane Long, the "Mother of Texas" recounts camping there after fleeing Fort Las Casas on her way to San Antonio after her husband, Capt. James Long's death in his quest to conquer Spanish Texas. In 1912, Mayor Horace Rice Baldwin, another significant "name" in Houston's history, pursued the idea of acquiring a large park along Buffalo Bayou "that will for all time be of sufficient magnitude for our people."

When the United States entered the War to End All Wars, the War Department leased 7,600 acres of land on Buffalo Bayou to establish a training base named Camp Logan. In 1923, when the camp is deserted, local resident, Catherine Mary Emmott wrote to the Houston Chronicle suggesting that "the city buy some of the land and turn it into a park in memory of the boys." Enter another notable "name" in Houston history, the Hogg Family.

In 1924, Will and Mike Hogg, with minority owner Henry Stude, bought two tracts of former Camp Logan land and sold the acreage to the city at cost. In May of that year, the City of Houston officially established Memorial Park in memory of the soldiers who trained there.

The Hogg's sister, Miss Ima Hogg, assumed the role of guardian of the Park, safeguarding it from numerous encroachments over the years. Under her guidance, landscape architects were hired to develop a long-term vision plan for the park which included an 18-hole golf course, scenic drives, trails for hikers and "nature students," bridle paths, and an amphitheater.

Over the next 30 years, the park became home to architect John Bredemus' "greatest golf course ever," added a popular archery range and set the stage for the arrival in the 1950's of the trail riders on the Salt Grass Trail as they make their way into the Houston Livestock and Rodeo—still a favorite tradition to this day.

In the 1970's, Houstonian Seymour Leiberman, dubbed the "Father of Jogging," started coaching runners for area high-school cross country meets, spearheading the popularity of jogging in the park. When I was judge in Houston, I took to these same trails every day, as later did my kids. I can't tell you how many miles I've run in Memorial Park. Running was so much a part of my life, Runner's World magazine even featured me in the 1980's.

The park has seen its fair share of challenges, including the devastating drought in 2011 that claimed nearly 80 percent of its trees. But just like Miss Ima Hogg's good stewardship of the past, another benefactor stepped forward to ensure future generations of Houstonians can enjoy Memorial Park and preserve the namesake of those that served in the Great World War.

Houston's Kinder Foundation granted \$70 million to underscore the need to fast-track Memorial Park's Master Plan to create the best urban park in America. As a result, this energized the park's public and private partners to invest up to \$205 million more.

These efforts will take the Master Plan from proposal to reality in just 10 years and enhance and protect Memorial Park for countless years to come. These efforts have set new standards in green space planning and public-private funding partnerships. Kinder Foundation's inspiring public-private partnerships have changed Houston's color palette from gray to green.

I hope that as you run the three-mile loop or drive down Memorial Drive from downtown to the Galleria, that you take a minute to appreciate not just the beauty and the short escape from the city, but really appreciate the history of Memorial Park, those that gave their lives for our freedom, and those who have made it a priority to preserve it.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING PROFESSOR HOLLY
COOPER WITH CALIFORNIA'S
THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Holly Cooper as a woman of the year. She is a professor at the UC Davis School of Law and a steadfast advocate for the legal rights of immigrants. As co-director of the UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic

she has used her extensive legal experience to defend the rights of immigrants. Professor Cooper is nationally recognized as an expert on immigration detention issues and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Her work defending the rights of immigrants demonstrates her fearless commitment to preserving justice in the face of overwhelming opposition. Prior to serving as the co-director of the Immigration Law Clinic at UC Davis, she worked as the Senior Staff Attorney for the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project. While there, she initiated the Detained Immigrant Children's Rights Project, provided representation and pro se assistance for adult detainees, and mentored pro bono attorneys. In addition to legal activism for the rights of immigrants Professor Cooper also serves as an instructor, legal scholar, mentor, and inspiration for our next generation of legal activists. From Professor Cooper's work advocating for the rights of detained immigrants to her work on human rights issues in Haiti, her career and volunteerism demonstrate a strong commitment to human rights which is worthy of commendation.

HONORING MASON WILLIAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mason Williams. Mason is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mason has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mason has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mason has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mason Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF GREGORY CALHOUN

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Mr. Gregory Calhoun, who passed away on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the age of 66. Calhoun was a pioneering businessman and the first black supermarket owner in the South. Through his entrepreneurial success and his contributions to Montgomery and communities across Alabama, Calhoun inspired those around him. His enterprising spirit and giving nature will not be forgotten.

Calhoun was born on September 10, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan. At an early age, his family

moved to Montgomery, Alabama. There, Calhoun learned about the fundamentals of running a business from his father, Thomas Calhoun Sr., who was a business owner, and his mother, who was head of housekeeping at a local hotel.

From his parents, Calhoun also learned about the value of standing up for what you believe. In 1965, when Dr. King marched from Selma to Montgomery to highlight the injustice of voter suppression in the South, Calhoun's family joined the march. Calhoun was just 12, but he ran to the front of the march, where he met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was this historic march which helped to expose the brutality of Jim Crow laws in the South and which built public support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Calhoun began work in the grocery business at a young age, starting as a bag boy at the local Southwest Super Foods. He was only 14 years old at the time, but he dreamed of someday owning the supermarket himself. Climbing the ladder of success was a slow process, but over the course of a decade Calhoun rose from stock boy to supermarket manager to an executive position with his supermarket's parent firm, Hudson-Thompson Co.

When Calhoun found out that Hudson-Thompson Co. was selling Southwest Super Foods, he jumped at the chance to buy the supermarket where he had gotten his start. Finding a loan to buy the store was not easy. Calhoun approached several Montgomery bankers, all of whom turned him down. Eventually, Calhoun found a willing financier in New York, but in order to secure funding, he had to put up his house and his life's savings as collateral for the loan.

With everything on line, Calhoun got to work managing his grocery business. He immediately began making improvements to the store, assuring store employees they would receive raises, buying new equipment and opening a deli, bakery and seafood shop, among other improvements. It was hard work, but he was not alone. Calhoun pointed to his faith in God and his family's support as keys to his success. As he was starting his supermarket business, Calhoun was able to work the long hours required to grow his stores because his wife, Verlyn, and his children were by his side. Over the course of his career, Calhoun built his supermarket business up to include 15 locations. Calhoun Foods would operate in west Montgomery for more than 20 years.

As a successful leader in the food industry, Calhoun became the first African American elected to the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) Board of Directors. At FMI, Calhoun served three consecutive terms on the organization's Executive Committee and launched the popular FMI African American Share Group. Calhoun credited his family's help running the supermarket business for giving him the time necessary to dedicate to his board position at FMI.

After his success in the supermarket industry, Calhoun diversified his business ventures. In 1993, Calhoun and Associates was formed to assist Fortune 500 Companies with Minority and Diversity Affairs. Calhoun also founded other business ventures including Calhoun Communication and Superior Brokerage, both of which built on Calhoun's success as an entrepreneur.

In addition to running businesses and sitting on the board of FMI, Calhoun committed himself to uplifting his community and opening doors of opportunity for others. Through the establishment of the Greg Calhoun Foundation, Calhoun supported charities and community organizations that make a difference in the lives of young people, the elderly, the homeless, displaced Veterans and the medically inflicted. Calhoun also served on the boards of many charitable organizations including the United Way, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and the Montgomery Area Food Bank. The Calhoun Celebrity Golf Tournament was Calhoun's major fundraiser to support donations to The Sickle Cell Foundation of Greater Montgomery, Macon and Dallas Counties, The Calhoun P.A.R.I.S Parenting Scholardome Program, and R.E.S.T.O.R. Shelter for the Homeless and Displaced Veterans. Icons including Smokey Robinson and Steve Harvey joined the golf tournament regularly and helped to make it a philanthropic success.

Today we remember Calhoun as an advocate, not as a voice for the left or for the right, but as a voice for all people. During his life, Calhoun fought for jobs, he fought for our rights, and he fought to give underserved communities a shot at success. He would work with Republicans or Democrats if he thought they could make a positive difference. Calhoun worked side-by-side with freedom fighters like Rev. Jesse Jackson as a Rainbow PUSH board member. He also supported now-Congresswoman Martha Roby, a Republican, when she first ran for City Council. Calhoun did not see party affiliation, he saw opportunities to make a difference, and he seized on them. For his business success and community leadership, Calhoun was recognized with an award for the National Minority Retail Firm of the Year in 1990 by the United States Department of Commerce. Calhoun was also chosen to tour with President Clinton during the 1999 Economic Development Tour, and he was appointed to serve on the board of First Lady Michelle Obama's Healthy Food Initiative in 2011.

Calhoun leaves behind his loving and faithful wife Verlyn, his sons Malcolm and Gregory Renard, and one of his biggest cheerleaders, his daughter ShaKenya, and his grandchildren whom he adored, Jacquenya, Mackenzie, Kaylin, Morgan, Yorel, Kelsie, London, and Ari. For future generations, Calhoun had a few words of advice. "Nothing worthwhile is free," he said. Calhoun's mantra of working hard, studying, and knowing what you do took him from bag boy to business leader, and for aspiring young leaders in our community today, his words are worth remembering. Calhoun taught us that success is not some series of shortcuts or lucky draws, what drives success is dedication, it is your expertise and your deliberate focus on your work. This was a message that Calhoun shared with students, entrepreneurs, and employees. As a new generation sets out to blaze their own trail, I believe that the advice Calhoun gave and the guidance he provided will have a lasting impact.

On a personal note, Greg Calhoun has always been an inspiration to me through my work in the public and private sectors. I remember Calhoun as an optimist who saw the opportunity in every challenge he faced. His

achievements as an entrepreneur were a constant reminder that there is no secret ingredient to success—just our own hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and contributions of Greg Calhoun. He was a community leader and a Montgomery treasure whose work to open doors for others has changed countless lives.

COMMENDING THE ALEXANDRIA
HARMONIZERS' 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Alexandria Harmonizers, one of the premiere men's a cappella choruses in the nation, as they celebrate their 70th anniversary this year.

The Alexandria Harmonizers have been based in Alexandria since their founding in 1948. The nonprofit organization specializes in four-part harmony, one of a cappella's most challenging forms, and regularly performs with 80 to 100 men on stage. The Alexandria Harmonizers have won four International Championship gold medals and numerous other awards while performing at notable venues such as the White House, United States Supreme Court, United States Capitol, Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall.

The Alexandria Harmonizers regularly contribute to local Alexandria and Northern Virginia communities through a variety of activities, such as free public concerts, community music events, free singing valentines, and performances at senior centers and retirement homes. A prime testament to this involvement is the Alexandria Harmonizers' youth harmony festival, which introduces local high school students to the joys of a cappella singing.

On a global scale, the Alexandria Harmonizers have served as international ambassadors through varying performances across Europe and Asia. For example, to mark the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, the Alexandria Harmonizers travelled to Normandy, France and sang at a series of commemorative events. The group's poise while representing the United States abroad truly demonstrates their patriotism and dedication to the American people.

Through their commitment to artistic quality, the Alexandria Harmonizers continue to fulfill their mission of "entertaining, educating, and enriching lives through excellence in a cappella harmony". I commend the Alexandria Harmonizers for their devout service to Virginia, the United States, and the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Human Rights Council for their exemplary efforts in promoting justice and equality for all Americans.

Since the organization's founding in 2014, the American Human Rights Council (AHRC) has made its mission to protect, promote, and defend human rights, as defined by the United States Constitution and outlined in the United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The AHRC was formed to protect these rights and advocate for anyone whose rights were being violated or denied.

Initially focused on the rights of prisoners, the AHRC has expanded their efforts to restore human rights wherever they are threatened or denied. Since then, AHRC has held public educational awareness campaigns and forums pertaining to its mission while also advancing its outreach and partnerships with organizations across the metro Detroit area. I commend their efforts to report on human rights violations, engage in public outreach, and encourage governments and societies to respect international human rights laws.

Given their tremendous work and efforts towards ensuring equality and dignity for all, the AHRC was awarded United Nations-Economic and Social, or ECOSOC, Consultative Status this year. ECOSOC serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues and formulating policy recommendations to member nations. I congratulate the AHRC team members for their tremendous work in achieving this status, which will allow the organization to advance their goals by actively engaging with the ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies.

Mr. Speaker, 2018 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I commend the American Human Rights Council for working to reaffirm the importance of its enduring human rights principles and standards worldwide. I am proud to have the American Human Rights Council as an integral part of our community.

HONORING JUDY YCASAS WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, she serves generously and selflessly as a Deputy District

Attorney for Solano County. She is a dedicated prosecutor committed to upholding the law in her community. In 2013, Ms. Ycasas was recognized for her important work prosecuting fraud cases and protecting the community from becoming victims of these crimes of opportunity. She is now instrumental in keeping our community safe from the harm of intoxicated and reckless drivers. Just in the past year Ms. Ycasas worked tirelessly to convict more than one hundred intoxicated drivers and continues to be responsible for prosecuting a significant number of the felony intoxicated driving arrests in Solano County. As a devoted and diligent Deputy District Attorney, Ms. Ycasas works ceaselessly to ensure the public safety of her community. She is generous, passionate, dedicated, and most importantly acts with integrity in conducting her cases, always ensuring that the rights of all individuals in Solano County are protected. Ms. Ycasas truly embodies the qualities of a leader in her community by working diligently to save lives. She has committed her career to public service and displays an unparalleled dedication in her mission to safeguard our community.

REMEMBERING GREGORY P.
FROHN

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Gregory P. Frohn, a beloved husband and father. He passed on at the age of 54, on September 26, 2018.

Greg was a champion diver and swimmer in his youth. He later pursued a career as an orthotic and prosthetic technician and made it possible for thousands of people to walk and enjoy life, pain free.

Greg is survived by his wife Karen, his daughter Erin M. Frohn Rizzo, two grandchildren, eleven-year-old Dylan Rizzo and four-year-old Alayna Rizzo, his brother J. Patrick Jr. and nephew J. Patrick Frohn III, and his mother and father, G. Elain Frohn, and J. Patrick Frohn, Sr.

By all accounts he was a good man, a loving husband, and a devoted father. He was greatly loved himself and will be missed by all who knew him.