

white delegation to that year's Democratic convention.

The civil rights struggle in Mississippi was brought to the attention of the entire nation during a televised session at the convention. The following year, Hamer ran for Congress in Mississippi, but was unsuccessful in her bid.

Along with her political activism, Hamer worked to help the poor and families in need in her Mississippi community. She also set up organizations to increase business opportunities for minorities and to provide childcare and other family services.

Hamer died on March 14, 1977 in Mound Bayou, Mississippi from complications associated with heart disease and cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fannie Lou Hamer for her contributions to her family, her community, and the fight for Civil Rights that was her driving passion.

ADOPTEE CITIZENSHIP ACT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I cosponsored H.R. 5233, The Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018. This is bipartisan legislation that seeks to make an important correction to U.S. adoption law.

Currently, when a child is legally adopted by an American parent and is raised by the family here in the U.S., they automatically acquire U.S. citizenship. However, when Congress updated the law, it failed to address the situation for thousands of families with previously adopted children. We need to correct that, which is why I support H.R. 5233.

This legislation does not create a new loophole that allows anyone to game the system. These are individuals who legally entered the U.S. They were legally adopted as children, and they grew up here believing they were U.S. citizens. Unfortunately, through no fault of the children, adoptive parents in several thousand cases failed to properly file all of the citizenship papers on behalf of their adoptive children, often not realizing that it was even necessary after completion of the legal adoption process. If you were legally adopted by an American family, entered the U.S. legally as a child, and raised in the United States, you are an American. I look forward to working with both my Republican and Democratic colleagues on this bipartisan effort.

HONORING JASON KNEELAND

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jason Kneeland, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Jason served as my Chief of Staff in Indiana for nearly two years. In that role, he managed our district offices, improved our constituent outreach programs, and oversaw our political operations. Jason is one of our state's top po-

litical minds and there is no doubt that I wouldn't be where I am today without his counsel.

On a personal note, Jason and I share a love of the life lessons of sports and a commitment to putting faith and family first. He is one of my favorite people to talk to. I want to thank Jason for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING TACO PALENQUE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taco Palenque and all of its diligent employees. This year, Taco Palenque celebrates 20 years in the Rio Grande Valley, and I could not be happier to have such talented entrepreneurs in my district.

In 1987, Juan Francisco Ochoa opened the first Taco Palenque restaurant where families could come together over authentic Mexican food. Over two decades later, Taco Palenque has taken both the Valley and Texas by storm with locations in San Antonio, Houston, Brownsville, and, of course, McAllen. I look forward to watching them continue to grow in South Texas and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent the hard-working individuals of Taco Palenque. Their recent success is a shining example of what the 15th District of Texas has to offer.

RECOGNIZING HUNTER M. STRUPP

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Hunter Strupp, who has worked in my office since 2005. Hunter has excelled in various staff positions: he faithfully served in my personal office; as a staff member on the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee; on the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and most recently, as Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, chaired by Chairman TED YOHO.

During his service to the Committee, Hunter was an invaluable asset in crafting Committee policy on North Korea, culminating in the passage of ground-breaking sanctions legislation. He has been a key advisor on a wide range of policy issues confronting the Asian continent, from human rights in Vietnam, political crackdowns in Cambodia, and the plight of the Rohingya in Burma. He served as my staff member when I chaired the Congressional Caucus on India, and the Korea Caucus, successfully advancing important policy issues facing each partnership. Hunter is a deeply dedicated, determined, and principled foreign affairs professional.

I again want to thank Hunter for his 13 years of service and for his valuable counsel. He will no doubt contribute to our nation's well-being and security for years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARISSA MANLOVE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE INDIANA PHILANTHROPY ALLIANCE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Marissa Manlove, on the occasion of her retirement from the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance. Throughout her impressive career, Marissa served as a leader within the nonprofit community in Indiana. For the past twelve years, she served as President and CEO, promoting independent, family, community, public, and corporate foundations, giving programs, and grantmaking organizations throughout the state of Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Marissa's commitment to transforming Indiana through her roles in various nonprofit organizations.

A life-long Hoosier, Marissa attended Schulte High School in Terre Haute, Indiana, before earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Saint Louis University. Her academic aspirations led her to Indiana University where she earned her master's degree in educational psychology. Passionate about positive change, Marissa began her career with Noble of Indiana, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving persons with intellectual and other disabilities. She spent the next twenty-nine years at Noble in various senior program management roles, overseeing communications and marketing, special events, development and eventually becoming the Vice President of Consumer and External Relations. Ever dedicated, she still sits on their Board of Directors today.

In 2007, Marissa shifted her commitment to supporting philanthropy when she became President and CEO of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA). IPA is a large, influential membership association for the state of Indiana's philanthropic grantmaking community. It provides training, networking opportunities, research, resources and public policy support to its members, which control over \$18 billion in assets and award over \$775 million in grants per year. Under her leadership, IPA membership grew to an all-time high and today is a national leader among regional associations of grantmakers.

In 2006, Marissa and her husband, Kim, founded the 24 Group in honor of their late son, David. The all-volunteer nonprofit organization is led by a group of parents with the common experience of losing a loved one who struggled with addiction. Their work is dedicated to informing and educating the Central Indiana population about addiction and recovery. In addition, she has continued to be a community leader through her service on the boards of the United Philanthropy Forum, Indiana Society of Association Executives, Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, Bowen Center for Public Affairs, Hope Academy, the Indiana Nonprofits Advisory Board, and Fairbanks.

Her many awards are a testament to the exceptional work ethic of this incredibly talented individual. In 2006, Marissa received the