EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. STEPHEN E. BOYD

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday. December 12, 2018

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my former Chief of Staff Mr. Stephen E. Boyd, for his years of service to the State of Alabama and Alabama's Second District.

Stephen grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from the University of Alabama. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Stephen continued his education at the University of Alabama School of Law.

Prior to joining my staff in 2011, Stephen served for more than six years on the staff of former United States Senator Jeff Sessions as a senior advisor and Communications Director. Stephen also served as Communications Director for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. After leaving my office, Stephen served as the Chief of Staff of the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice.

Stephen currently serves as the Assistant U.S. Attorney General for Legislative Affairs at the United States Department of Justice. There is no one better suited to serve our country in this key role than Stephen Boyd. I know that he will continue to have great success in this role as the head of the Department of Justice's Office of Legislative Affairs.

During his time on Team Roby, Stephen proved himself to be a gracious leader time and time again. He possesses a keen intellect, conducts himself with the utmost professionalism and decorum, and demonstrates remarkable work ethic. I am thankful for Stephen's time on my staff, and I am grateful to call him and his wife Brecke, dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join Stephen's colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his successful career in Congress. I wish him all the best as he continues to serve our country. Congratulations, Stephen.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF U.S. MARINE CAPTAIN JAHMAR F. RESILARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of U.S. Marine Captain Jahmar F. Resilard, whose life was tragically cut short during a training exercise last week in Japan.

Captain Resilard served our country with bravery and distinction. As a decorated pilot and member of the Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 242, he upheld the values and finest traditions of the United States Marine Corps, and dedicated himself to his fellow service members and the service of others.

He paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom when his F/A–18 Hornet collided midair with a KC–130 Hercules refueling tanker off the coast of Japan, an accident that sadly claimed the lives of six service members.

As a student at Miramar High School, Captain Resilard was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. As a sophomore, he was one of just four students tasked with helping restore a vintage, four-engine Eastern Airlines DC-7B. As his fascination with flying grew, he joined the Marines and became a combat aviator, climbing quickly to the rank of Captain.

Mr. Speaker, listing Captain Resilard's many achievements does little to encompass his exceptional life, nor does it pay adequate tribute to the man he was. Our country has lost a great hero. While there is nothing I, nor anyone, could say to assuage the immense pain felt by his family, I hope that it is of comfort knowing that Jahmar served our country with honor, and that he leaves behind a legacy of exceptional service and dedication to the values each of us hold dear.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Jahmar's family and friends. Our nation grieves with them, and I pray that they may find comfort during this extremely difficult time.

HONORING JIM MORRIS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jim Morris for his contribution to our state.

Jim is an institution in our state and has devoted his life to serving his community. Jim has worked in a variety of capacities over the years, including for IWC Resources Corporation, Indianapolis Water Company, Boy Scouts of America, Riley Children's Foundation, Indiana University Foundation, U.S. Olympic Committee, United Nations World Food Programme and Pacers Sports and Entertainment.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Jim for nearly two decades. To me, Jim has been a close friend, trusted advisor and loyal supporter during my entire tenure in Congress. Simply put: there is no one I admire more than Jim Morris.

I want to thank Jim for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

HONORING PETE CORREA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the life, achievements,

and incredible public service of my good friend Pete Correa. His hard work, activism, and dedication to what's right for Central Texas reflects the best values of our beloved home state.

Pete has spent decades devoting himself to making Williamson County a great place to work and call home. Under his steady and forward-looking leadership, the region has seen extraordinary changes, ranging from public safety initiatives to large-scale improvement projects. Pete played a critical role in securing a hospital for Round Rock, oversaw the expansion of protections for our brave firefighters and police officers, and acquired and began development of the Old Settlers Park at Palm Valley, which today stands as a beautiful area for residents to enjoy with their families. His commitment to smart, lasting, and strategic development has improved the quality of life for all citizens and put the area on track for continued growth in the future.

Pete's commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities to improve his community is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted public servant. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to contribute both his time and energies to a multitude of causes and organizations that rely upon volunteerism and social engagement to make good communities great.

I've known Pete Correa for many years, and throughout our friendship, he has always been a man of integrity, determination, and God. I proudly join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing nothing but the best for his richlydeserved retirement. He's been an incredible leader in this community and has done countless good for the people. I admire his commitment to service, thank him for his work, and am proud to call him my dear friend.

HONORING MRS. TORRIE MILLER MATOUS

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my former Chief of Staff, Mrs. Torrie Miller Matous, for her years of service to the American people, State of Alabama, and Alabama's Second Congressional District.

Torrie grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and she earned her B.A. with honors from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Just days after graduation, Torrie moved to Washington, D.C., and began what would become a nearly decade-long career on Capitol Hill.

Prior to joining my staff in 2017, Torrie served for more than five years on the staff of United States Representative Pete Sessions as a Communications Director and later the House Committee on Rules. Torrie then went on to serve as the Communications Director for United States Senator Richard Shelby and several of his committees including the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on

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Torrie now serves as the Director of the Office of External Affairs for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Torrie's extensive background on the Hill makes her more than qualified for this new position, and I am confident her experience will serve her well. I know that she will help lead this organization forward, and I have no doubt that she will continue to have a successful career for years to come.

During her time on Team Roby, Torrie led with a sense of grace and confidence. Her attention to detail, ability to connect with constituents and elected officials alike, and outstanding work ethic will be missed in our office. I am thankful for Torrie's time on my staff, and I will always consider her and her husband Kyle true friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join Torrie's colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her successful career in Congress and her dedicated service to the American people and Alabamians. I wish her all the best. Congratulations, Torrie.

PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY LAND STUDY

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a longstanding issue facing the Prairie Island Indian Community, a tribe in my district. The Prairie Island Indian Community has long lived in the lower half of Minnesota and along the banks of the Mississippi River, and currently occupies a Reservation that is located on an island along the Mississippi River in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

In 1938, less than three miles downstream from the Prairie Island Reservation, the Army Corps of Engineers placed Lock and Dam No. 3 on the Upper Mississippi River. The operation of Lock and Dam No. 3 regularly overflows and floods portions of the Prairie Island Reservation, much of which lies within the Mississippi River 100-year flood plain. Moreover, concerns have been raised that the flooding of a significant portion of Prairie Island Reservation land may have occurred without express Congressional authorization.

In 1973, The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant went into operation on the same island about 600 yards from the Prairie Island Reservation. The Plant is now home to over forty dry casks of spent nuclear fuel, in close proximity to tribal homes, churches, schools, the Tribe's Community Center, and tribal businesses. What's more, additional casks of spent nuclear fuel are expected to be added in the coming years.

Complicating matters further, there is only one reliable road leading on and off the island shared by the Prairie Island Reservation and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. This road is often blocked by railroad traffic carrying a variety of freight.

The operation of Lock and Dam No. 3, in combination with the close proximity of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant and spent nuclear fuel to the Prairie Island Reservation, is rightfully a concern of the Community. In order to protect the Tribe and its members and to support the Tribe's long-term health and self-sufficiency, I believe that it is necessary to work towards identifying additional reservation land for the Tribe that is located at a safe distance from Lock and Dam No. 3 and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant.

I call upon the next Congress to work with the Community to address these issues to ensure a safe and secure future for the Community and its members.

TRIBUTE TO JANE MILLER

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jane Miller who served the citizens of the 6th District of North Carolina in the Office of Representative Howard Coble, my predecessor, and Representative Gene Johnston of North Carolina. Previously, she also worked for Representative Harold Terry "Bizz" Johnson of California.

Throughout her tenure as a staffer to these Members of Congress, Jane managed the legislative portfolio related to healthcare and immigration, and also worked to facilitate casework for constituents of the 6th District. She managed both these capacities in a warm and caring way and always worked to find a resolution for a problem or a way to move forward.

Jane also served as a valued coworker and friend to all those who worked with her. She was often called "Super Mom" by both Mr. Johnston and Mr. Coble given her ability and willingness to sew a button on a jacket or bring in a special treat for all to enjoy. In this same vein, she acted as a role model for young staffers working in the office as their "Second Mom" in Washington, D.C. Each day, she exhibited love, humor, and patience with her colleagues, young and old and provided support and encouragement to all she encountered.

Jane was a mentor, friend, and resource to those who lived and served the 6th District of North Carolina during her career. Some of my staff had the privilege of working with Jane and it's my honor to pay tribute to someone who set such a high bar for service to the citizens of the 6th Congressional District of North Carolina and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE MIKE BRADFORD

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of The Honorable Mike Bradford. After twenty years of public service to Midland County, Judge Bradford—Mike—will retire in January 2019.

Mike served eight years as County Commissioner for Precinct Two, from 1999 to 2007. In 2006, he was then elected County Judge, and he will have served in that office for twelve years, or three terms. While in office, Mike has shepherded Midland County through times of boom and times of bust, which is the nature of an economy based primarily on the oil and gas industry. All the while, conducting the affairs of the county with competence, professionalism, and care.

During Mike's tenure, the Commissioners Court has cut the tax rate by over forty percent, maintaining the lowest county tax rate in Texas over the last nine years, and a reduction of the county's debt. At the same time, the county facilities have been majorly upgraded with the construction of the Midland County Courthouse, Centennial Library, and Horseshoe Arena, Pavilion, and Amphitheater.

Like me, Mike was not born in the Permian Basin, but he got there as soon as he could. He graduated with, both, bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Christian University. He moved to Midland, the hometown of his wife, Ann, in the 1970's. They have been an integral part of the community ever since. He and Ann have been married for 46 years, and they have two daughters, Lauren and Heather.

I want to thank Mike for his many years of dedicated service. Midland is a better place, because of your leadership.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-SARY OF THE PIKES PEAK FIRE-ARMS COALITION OF COLORADO

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition of Colorado, a leading voice for firearms rights in my congressional district. The organization's purpose is to advocate, support, and protect the right to keep and bear arms as enumerated in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article II, Section 13 of the Colorado Constitution and to promote the safe, responsible, and lawful use of firearms. Initially formed in 1992 as the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Firearms Coalition of Colorado, in 1993, the group formed their own local organization as the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition and incorporated as a Colorado non-profit.

Since then, they have advocated for firearm rights before the Colorado Spring City Council, the El Paso County Board of Commissioners, and the Colorado General Assembly. The effect of their advocacy is far reaching: They have sponsored groups that teach young people the safe handling and storage of firearms. Additionally, they provide financial support to local gun ranges including the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex at Fort Carson and previously assisted in cleanup efforts for the U.S. Forest Service Rampart Range shooting area while it was in operation.

In their monthly meetings, they promote the safe and lawful use of firearms. They invite speakers to present programs on various firearm issues, equipment, training, and techniques. Hundreds of people have benefitted from the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition of Colorado's educational and practical approach.

At their core, Pikes Peak Firearm Coalition members believe that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms in defense of their home, person, and property and to protect against a tyrannical government. Ultimately, they believe the firearms issue to be entwined with civil rights, and object to all anti-gun proposals that limit the elderly, the poor, the handicapped, or other legally armed citizens the ability to defend themselves. Finally, they firmly believe that to control crime, we must focus on the perpetrator rather than his instrument. The irresponsible banning of a weapon based solely on emotion only serves to empower criminals, as lawabiding citizens, by definition, do not break the law.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on 25 years to a group that upholds and protects the Second Amendment so well.

THE SIEGE OF BÉXAR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, between October and early December 1835, an army of Texian volunteers laid siege to a Mexican army in San Antonio de Béxar. The Mexican General Santa Anna knew of the growing resistance against him in Texas, and so he set his brother-in-law General Martin Perfecto de Cos to San Antonio de Béxar and 600 men to quell the rebellion.

In October 1835, a group of Texians volunteered to serve under Stephen F. Austin and Edward Burleson and lay siege to San Antonio de Béxar. Before dawn on December 5th of that same year, James Neill distracted the Mexican forces with artillery fire on the Alamo. At this same time, Ben Milam and Francis W. Johnson led two divisions in a surprise attack on the city.

After four days of fighting, Cos sought to consolidate his troops at the Alamo, but a large part of his cavalry decided not to continue fighting and deserted. Mexican General Cos surrendered that same day, December 9, 1835. Cos promised to return to Mexico.

When the fighting ended, Texas has between 30 and 35 casualties, while Mexican losses totaled about 150; the difference reflected the greater accuracy of the Texans' rifles. Most of the Texas volunteers went home after the battle, but Texas troops remained in town, which left San Antonio and all of Texas under the Texans' control.

This battle was one of the first significant campaigns of the Texas Revolution. Within a few weeks, Texas would declare independence from Mexico. However, after the Mexican Army was defeated, in 1835 Santa Anna was intent on recapturing the mission. In February 1836, he returned to San Antonio de Béxar with several thousand soldiers. This led to the famous Battle of the Alamo where the Texians held out for 13 days before the Alamo fell on March 6, 1836. The Mexican Army killed and/ or executed all the 189 defenders.

On April 21, General Sam Houston faced off with the numerically superior army of Santa Anna and defeated it, leading to Texas independence from Mexico. Texas remained a country for nine years before joining the United States.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF AFCM (AVIATION PILOT) JOHN L. CULBERT Served as a leader within the nonprofit community in Indiana. For the past twelve years, she served as President and CEO, promoting

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Chief Aircraft Maintenanceman John Culbert. Master Chief Culbert, a native of Dodge City, Kansas who faithfully served his country for 30 years.

Upon his enlistment into the Navy in December of 1940, Master Chief Culbert attended basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes Illinois. Soon after he completed Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD) A-School at Naval Air Station (NAS), Jacksonville, Florida in 1941. After graduation, Master Chief Culbert received his first duty assignment at Rodd Field, Corpus Christie, Texas and went on to transfer to NAS John Rogers, Honolulu, Hawaii in 1944. In 1945, Master Chief Culbert was accepted into flight school at the Naval Air Training Base Pensacola, Florida where he received his golden wings as an enlisted Naval Aviation Pilot.

In December of 1948, Master Chief Culbert reenlisted and received orders to Utility Squadron Three, as part of a four-year tour of drone control. In 1952, he returned to Pensacola, Florida, for helicopter school. Upon his graduation in April 1954, Master Chief Culbert transferred to Helicopter Squadron One at NAS Imperial Beach, California, serving in air and sea rescue. It was during this time he rescued an Aviation Ordnanceman who fell overboard.

In September 1955, Master Chief Culbert began flying air and sea rescues at Naval Station Sangley Point, Cavite City, Philippines. In September 1957, he transferred to NAS North Island Operations, where he flew transports. After finishing his final overseas deployment at NAS Naples, Italy from July 1960 to July 1963 as copilot for a Rear Admiral and helicopter pilot for a four-star Admiral, Master Chief Culbert transferred to NAS Miramar in San Diego, California as a test pilot for the Navy's invention of Aqueous Film Forming Foam. Master Chief Culbert retired on July 1, 1970.

During Master Chief Culbert's career, he qualified to fly 22 different types of fixed and rotary-winged aircrafts and received multiple medals across his 30 years of service. Master Chief John Culbert selflessly served this great country and his service is an inspiration for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARISSA MANLOVE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-TIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE INDIANA PHILAN-THROPY ALLIANCE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 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 grant making 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 vears 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 Keeper of the Light Award from The Indiana Commission for Women for her extensive and change producing work. She also received the Circle of Hope Award from Fairbanks Hospital, the Salute to Families award from Family Services of Central Indiana, and the Parent Advocate award from Drug Free Marion County. Notably, in 2015, Marissa was named one of the top 20 women in philanthropic work by Michael Chatman, who hosts the Giving Show and features leaders committed to creating a more generous world through philanthropy. She shares this title with the likes of Oprah Winfrey.

Marissa has made a remarkable impression on her community through her lifetime commitment to service. She has truly left a legacy of success at the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Marissa on her extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Hoosier community. While I know Marissa will be missed at the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, I wish the very best to her husband, Kim, and the rest of her family as she moves into the next phase of her life.

> HONORING AL AND KATHY HUBBARD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize AI and Kathy Hubbard for their contribution to our state and country.

Al has had an incredible career, serving our state and country in a variety of roles over the years. He served as the Chair of the Indiana Republican Party, the Director of the National Economic Council, and founded E&A Industries. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Simon Property Group, the Heritage Group, the Lumina Foundation and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. It has been an honor to work with him in advancing our shared Republican principles.

Kathy is an accomplished education reformer who has made a tremendous impact on our state and nation. She serves on the board of directors of several organizations, including DePauw University, the Indianapolis Zoo and Choice Charitable Trust. She also was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the J. William Fulbright Board.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of knowing AI and Kathy Hubbard for nearly two decades. AI and Kathy have been good friends, loyal supporters and trusted advisors during my entire tenure in Congress. AI and I are also proud alums of Vanderbilt University.

I want to thank AI and Kathy for their friendship, mentorship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

CRIME STOPPERS GLOBAL SOLU-TIONS: TURNING CONCERNED CITIZENS INTO COMMITTED TRANSNATIONAL CRIME WAR-RIORS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have learned—and had reinforced repeatedly—the lesson about the importance of a strategic asset that is both the decisive advantage and critical success element in American engagement around the globe. Whether it involves prosecuting conventional war, combating terrorism, conducting intelligence operations, or fighting transnational crime, we can never underestimate the significance and necessity of the human factor. Not only do men and

women make a difference, they are the difference between success and failure in these endeavors.

We spend billions of dollars on advanced weapons systems, equipment, technology, and more to defend and protect our nation and help it execute and achieve manifold missions. Yet these are only tools—albeit expensive and effective tools—but tools nonetheless. They exist to serve the talented, dedicated men and women in our federal government who drive and deliver the critical results daily that ensure American leadership, influence, and power worldwide.

It is this recognition of the importance and impact of people and reliance on people power, engagement, and tools that prompt me today to bring Crime Stoppers Global Solutions (CSGS) to the attention of my colleagues.

This 501(c)(3) organization proactively and aggressively combats serious transnational crime such as human trafficking, terrorism, illicit trade, illegal arms dealing, narcotics smuggling, corruption, and cybercrime. Terrorist organizations and criminal enterprises engage in these activities to finance their campaigns of death and destruction and earn their illicit profits.

From my vantage point as chairman of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade of the Foreign Affairs Committee and as a member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations of the Judiciary Committee, I see firsthand the growing threat of global terrorism and transnational crime to U.S. national security. Throughout my service in Congress, I have been committed to and engaged in combating both.

We are in a prolonged war that threatens America's existence, challenges our leadership and power, and tests our national will and resolve at every turn. To defeat these twin global enemies, I remain convinced that we must declare all-out war and withhold nothing. It is absolutely imperative that we marshal and commit all human resources and tools available, whether government or private, to the aim of destroying global terrorism and transnational crime.

Crime Stoppers Global Solutions is a natural and ideal ally to the federal government in our must-win campaign. It combines the dual strengths of engaged citizens and advanced wireless technology into an effective weapon. This powerful weapon helps trusted law enforcement, media, and government not only to disrupt and disable transnational criminal enterprises, but also to take down their members and bring them to justice.

The organization's crime-fighting initiative turns concerned citizens into committed transnational crime warriors. It arms this mighty citizen force with new, innovative wireless tip technology. Using a free, secure, downloadable phone application, citizens can report crimes they see, hear, or know about with the guarantee of absolute anonymity and without the fear of revenge from apprehended criminal suspects.

Crime Stoppers Global Solutions is built upon the successful foundation of Crime Stoppers USA that has operated in the United States for 40 years and relied on a simple anonymous telephone tip reporting model. But Crime Stoppers Global Solutions has innovated its own proprietary reporting application

and model using new technological advancements. Its solution is designed for a global mission.

This new application is several generations in technological innovation, sophistication, and function beyond the now primitive and outmoded technology that once served the cause of domestic citizen-engaged crime-fighting so ably and faithfully nearly a half century ago. Crime Stoppers Global Solutions has developed an application that is at home and functions well today in our connected world of hand-held mobile devices.

It is a commendable and valuable effort on the part of the CSGS leadership and its team of distinguished experts to support, through its own initiative and independent efforts, the federal government, as well as foreign governments in the global fight against terrorism and transnational crime. Especially important are the vision and leadership CSGS is exhibiting in targeting global transnational crime at its source or in transit to protect us here at home.

This is why I am especially pleased to report that the CSGS team has identified a vital region to bring their mission to: the Balkan Peninsula. This region is of immense geopolitical relevance and strategic and security interest to the United States. The "Balkan route," as it is known, is a major gateway and transit route for transnational crime between the Middle East and other regions and the West. We continue to see crime surging in this area.

As the co-chairman of the Congressional Serbian Caucus, I am delighted that the first country in the Balkans to open its doors to the mission and the team of CSGS is the Republic of Serbia. I commend President Aleksandar Vučić and his government, Minister of Interior Nebojsa Stefanovic, and the office of Prime Minister Ana Brnabic for their interest in learning about Crime Stoppers Global Solutions and exploring a possible partnership.

I am happy to report that since this initial outreach and dialogue, two Serbian non-governmental organizations have signed partnership agreements with Crime Stoppers Global Solutions, joining the global fight against terrorism and transnational crime. I encourage President Aleksandar Vučić to continue demonstrating the leadership and courage he has shown thus far not only to lead his nation in this area but also to be an example for other Balkan nations to emulate.

I have spent many years serving and believing in the longstanding friendship and alliance that exist between the United States and Serbia and our peoples. One of the most important pillars of this relationship is the many Americans of Serbian ancestry who have helped contribute to, build, and enrich this country. Nikola Tesla, Mihajlo Pupin, Helen Delic Bentley, and countless more American Serbians in science, business, sports, the arts, public service, and other fields have achieved much and added much to America's greatness. The support of the American Serbian community, including the American Serbian Association, the largest and most influential membership organization of its kind nationwide, is of vital significance.

It is not only out of genuine affinity and affection for the Serbian people that I wish to see Crime Stoppers Global Solutions engage in and succeed in Serbia, but also out of sincere interest in and concern for their welfare and protection from global terrorism and transnational crime. The United States has strategic interests in Serbia and the Balkan region. Increasingly, what happens there—especially transnational crime such as human trafficking, drug smuggling, terrorism, and more—impacts us here at home. This is because crime is no longer localized in a neighborhood or community or city or country. It is global in presence, scope, reach, and impact.

So, when we are engaged in combating terrorism and transnational crime in the Balkan region, we are not only protecting citizens there, we are also protecting citizens here.

Our federal government is a fierce and determined combatant in the war on global terrorism and transnational crime. But its ferocity and determination are every bit as matched by terrorists and transnational criminals. No one entity—be it a government, non-governmental organization, or other group, even one with considerable human resources and tools—can singlehandedly take on these enemies and prevail against them in the long run.

But by joining forces with and making common cause with organizations like Crime Stoppers Global Solutions, the federal government is stronger and more capable of dismantling terrorist organizations and transnational criminal enterprises and bringing their leaders and foot soldiers to justice.

Crime Stoppers Global Solutions offers the powerful twin assets of people and technology to enhance the efforts and effectiveness of the federal government in its global mission of combating terrorism and transnational crime. These are true and proven force multipliers in crime fighting.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage Secretary of State Pompeo and the secretaries of the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Justice, and the Treasury, as well as the heads of relevant federal agencies to partner with Crime Stoppers Global Solutions.

on global terrorism The war and transnational crime is winnable. It takes a team approach. By partnering with Crime Stoppers Global Solutions, the federal government can pool, share, and leverage powerful human resources-engaged citizens-and new tools-advanced wireless technologythat far exceed the capabilities of our enemies and their ability to respond in kind. This joint forces approach has the greatest potential for defeating our enemies and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of Americans and Serbians alike for the long term.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING BOB COURTNEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Bob Courtney for his contribution to Jefferson County, and our state.

Bob is a positive leader and hard worker who has been a great advocate as County Chair in Jefferson County. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to advance Republican values and to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers living in Southern Indiana. He has also had an incredible career in the private sector, working as an investment banker to provide the necessary capital to help employers grow and create Hoosier jobs. It has been an honor to work with him. Our state and Jefferson County are better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Bob is my friend who I could always count on for a positive word and consistent support. I want to thank Bob for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

RECOGNIZING CARWYN JONES

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Carwyn Jones, who stood down as the First Minister of Wales on December 11. Throughout his nine years as First Minister, Carwyn consistently acted to strengthen the enduring bond between the Welsh and the American peoples.

From its earliest days, the Welsh people have maintained an active and important presence in the United States. People of Welsh descent signed our Declaration of Independence and served as President. Welsh immigrants worked on the farms, in the mines, and in the mills that drove our country's economic ascendance.

Today, an estimated 11 million people in the United States possess Welsh ancestry. Their proportion of the population is highest in Appalachia and the mid-Atlantic states, but they can be found across the country. The ties between Wales and the United States are also economic, as over 250 American-owned companies are based in Wales, and many Welsh businesses conduct operations in the United States.

As First Minister, Carwyn Jones has been a champion of the long-lasting friendship between Wales and the United States. He has been a strong supporter of the Congressional Friends of Wales Caucus, which raises the profile of Wales in Washington, D.C. As an advocate for greater economic ties between our nations, he has worked to increase prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic. His belief in the continued importance of the historic ties between Wales, the wider United Kingdom, and the United States made him a valued friend and partner of our country.

As the founder and chairman of the Congressional Friends of Wales Caucus, I value Carwyn's contributions to our success, which includes his repeated attendance at the annual St. David's Day receptions in Washington, D.C., and other U.S. locations. His efforts on behalf of Welsh-American friendship have yielded economic, political, and cultural benefits that will be enjoyed by both of our nations for years to come. RECOGNIZING MATT ZWEIG

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude to Matt Zweig, and to commend his over 17 years of service on the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Matt came to the Committee in 2001, as support staff and quickly worked his way up the ladder to become a Senior Professional Staff Member.

Matt has served the Committee in many different capacities. He was the staff member responsible for providing expertise on sanctions and illicit finance-from Iran. to North Korea. to Burma and Russia. He has been the primary staffer responsible for coordinating the National Defense Authorization Act process for the Committee-an annual exercise that involves dozens, and sometimes hundreds of provisions that fall within our Committee's jurisdiction. In this role, he negotiated some of the most critical measures to pass both chambers and be enacted into law-from the two bills that formed the legislative basis for sanctions against North Korea, to innovative measures to confront Iran's terrorist proxy, Hezbollah. Throughout, Matt has maintained critical relationships on both sides of the aisles in the House and Senate that have allowed the Committee to move so much critical legislation. Matt worked many long hours in service to the Committee and country, and I want to thank his wife Behare and their children-Ari. Isabel, and David-for sharing him with us. We wish Matt the best as he departs the Committee for a new mission.

HONORING ANDREW FORRESTER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Andrew Forrester for his contribution to Jefferson County and the City of Madison.

Andrew is a positive leader and hard worker who has served the City of Madison with honor and distinction for years. As the City Director of Community Relations, Andrew has been responsible for representing the City and advancing efforts to improve the quality of life for Madison residents. It has been an honor to work with him.

On a personal note, Andrew is my friend who I could always count on for a positive word and consistent support. Andrew and I are both proud alums of Wabash College, too. I want to thank Andrew for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family. AN INTERVIEW ON WHAT THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 1974 CAN TEACH US ABOUT POLIT-ICAL CHANGE

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today at the request of Mr. John Lawrence. Before this most recent election, Mr. Lawrence wrote a book about what the Congressional Class of 1974 can teach the incoming Congressional Class. As a member of that class myself, I'm sure others will find this interview and the book it's about as interesting as I did.

THE WATERGATE BABIES

(Claire Potter and John Lawrence)

It is less than ninety days until Election. Day in the United States, when Democrats hope to achieve one of the biggest sweeps of Congressional seats in recent American history. Many of these Democratic hopefuls are veterans. As longtime political strategist Joe Trippi put it back in March, these are candidates who are new to the electoral arena, people who "served the country without worrying about who's a Democrat and who's a Republican" and just want to "get the damn thing done." And a record-breaking 40% of the Democratic House candidates this primary season are women, some of them veterans as well.

If the Democrats' hopes are fulfilled, will this be unprecedented? Not really. On July 24 2018, we published an excerpt from a book written by historian John Lawrence, former chief of staff for Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In The Class of '74: Congress after Watergate and the Roots of Partisanship (Johns Hopkins, 2018), Lawrence tracks this earlier revolution, its achievements, and its flaws.

John sat down to talk to us about the book this week, and its implications for our current political situation.

Claire Potter: John, thanks for joining us at Public Seminar. You were trained as a professional historian, and then went into politics, a career path that, as you noted in this essay, mystified your advisors at Berkeley. First, I want to ask you: how did a Ph.D. in history prepare you for a career that eventually led you to becoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's chief of staff?

John Lawrence: Many of the people working on Capitol Hill in key policy and management roles have legal training or campaign experience. Both are valuable, but don't train people to contextualize current issues into a broader narrative. Training in history provided that skill, particularly research methodology and, perhaps most significantly, writing skills. Politics is often a very presentist business. While attorneys certainly are aware of judicial and legal precedents, historians have the ability to view contemporary debates through a unique prism that helps explain the evolution and nature of complex issues.

CP: OK, now I want to turn that question around. How did your work in politics support the writing of The Class of '74? What did you bring to writing this book that a scholar who has not spent 38 years working in the House of Representatives would not have?

JL: Politics is an intensely personal business. Working in Congress for nearly four decades enabled me to develop close relationships with dozens of members, staff, reporters and others whose decisions shape the making of public policy and the design of political strategies and campaigns. These connections enabled me to gather material for The Class of '74 that, I have no doubt, would have been impossible for a researcher without my experience.

Many who write about Congress without this personal connection often miss the nuances of why legislators make certain decisions because motivations can be tied to personal relationships and other factors that are difficult to quantify. I think this is why political scientists, in particular, who frequently eschew the narrative in favor of data analysis of voting patterns, often miss much of what really explains how Congress, and politics more broadly, works.

CP: Thanks. Now let's get to the bookprior to 1974, the mood in Congress was changing, and not just because of Watergate. Reflecting some of the disdain for authority that was moving politics in the street, younger Representatives were pushing back against the way the institution ran. What were the issues?

JL: Certainly, the most significant stimulus to the changing mood in Congress was Vietnam. The war was important on many levels: the reassertion of congressional prerogatives against the Imperial Presidency that developed and promoted the war; the rise in the use of oversight to challenge official accounts of the status of the war; the resistance to the draft; the emergence of an investigative, aggressive journalism that often worked collaboratively with dissidents in Congress.

There were other issues that raised passionate concerns among newer members of Congress too: civil rights, women's equality. the environment, energy policy, consumer protection, among them. Within Congress, reformers also resented the structure of the institution. Power was lodged largely in autonomous chairmen who did not need to be responsive to the views of the broader membership because their chairmanships were virtually guaranteed by the seniority system-instituted after the 1910 revolt against Speaker Joseph Cannon. Increasingly in the late 1960s and early 1970s, it became evident to the younger reformers that it was essential to challenge the awarding of chairmanships on the basis of duration of service alone. If chairmen did not have to be responsive to the broader membership, then the issues that the younger, more progressive, cohort wished to elevate could be (and often were) suppressed by more conservative chairs.

CP: In 1974, in a far bigger sweep than was anticipated, 76 Democrats were elected to the House, 49 replacing Republican incumbents. What set the stage for this colossal shift in power?

JL: Longstanding disapproval of the Vietnam policy played a significant role in encouraging reformers to run and in their winning. So, too, did the recent oil embargo which had elevated public anxiety and accentuated the need for a national energy policy. By 1974, Watergate, with all of its turmoil within the Executive Branch and Congress, as well, helped create a demand for reform of what was viewed as a corrupt White House. Certainly, the revelation of the Nixon tapes and Nixon's subsequent resignation complicated the re-election of many loyalists who had stood by the President as the crisis deepened.

President Ford's pardon of Nixon, coming just weeks before the election, further cemented the idea that corruption was rampant in Washington and a housecleaning was in order. Lastly, the continuing poor economy, and the ineffectual response of the Ford Administration—the Whip Inflation Now campaign—created a toxic political environment for many Republicans: corruption, recession, energy disruptions and price hikes. The climate was perfect for new, opti-

mistic, earnest young candidates like the Class of '74.

CP: Sounds like a perfect political storm. Vietnam was obviously huge, as was inflation that would soon push the American economy into a real crisis. What were the other concerns these "Watergate babies" had in common—and what policy problems divided them?

JL: The issues around which the Class of '74 were most united were the internal reforms that disseminated power in Congress. The changes they made, effectuated in December, 1974, gave heightened power to the Caucus and strengthened the role of subcommittees on which freshmen and other reformers enjoyed disproportionate strength, enabling them to raise and promote issues. These changes benefitted all new members by increasing their participatory rights, regardless of their ideology or view on specific issues.

When the freshmen were faced with policy questions where their constituents had particular interests, or where constituents had strongly held views—issues like abortion, school busing, labor law and energy—the unanimity within the freshmen caucus proved somewhat more difficult to maintain. However, it should be noted that overall, the freshmen not only voted with significant consistency but they were also among the most loyal to the Democratic leadership's positions.

CP: 1974 was also, in some ways, the twilight of Republican liberalism: you point out in the book that while many Republicans shared the majority's "goal of democratizing House procedures," their "objectives were quite different." Can you describe these differences?

JL: Newer members in both parties stood to gain from changes that extended greater participation to those with less seniority. And Republicans in general were supportive of reforms that not only benefitted the minority (for example, the ability to hire more staff on committees) but members in general. Whereas Democratic freshmen used expanded rights to raise issues and offer amendments in committee and on the floor to promote more progressive ideas, Republicans increasingly became skilled at exploiting the more open rules to force less secure Democrats into casting controversial votes that could render them vulnerable to political challenge.

Similarly, Republicans very successfully learned to utilize the coverage of committee and floor proceedings by television cameras to send messages to supporters and to raise issues that favored GOP policies. When Democrats rescinded some reforms that constrained the ability of Republicans to exploit divisive issues, strategists like Newt Gingrich were able to make a case against the majority for being heavy-handed and unfair, which they cited as justifying a change in control of the House.

CP: By the late 1970s, the political terrain in the United States was quite different: what changed in the 1970s, and how did that set the stage for the polarized politics of the 21st century?

JL: The signs of a more polarized politics were developing quite markedly in the midto-late 1970s, although many date the emergence of a revitalized conservatism to the 1980 and the Reagan Era. Many of the key changes were driven by demographics, especially the movement of many conservative white voters from the Northeast and Midwest to the border and southern states in search of jobs. Reaction to the civil rights movement, the anti-Vietnam and student protests and the whole litany of "sex, drugs and rock-and-roll" cultural divisions all helped fuel a revitalization of the long-dormant Republican Party in the South, especially after the George Wallace campaign of 1968 convinced many conservatives to bolt from the Democratic Party.

The renewal of southern Republicans was aided by a highly politicized also evangelicism, and cultural issues proved crucial to the success of this strategy. Changes in federal laws made it easier for a significant expansion of independent campaign fundraising and grassroots mobilization based around single issues rather than being subject to party leaders. The election of many conservative Republicans in the South in the late 1970s and early 1980s deprived Democrats of the security of an invincible majority, and the heightened competition for majority control drove money, activism and legislative strategy into increasingly partisan directions.

While the reforms of 1974 did not "cause" partisanship, the availability to raise and promote divisive issues that was permitted by a more open and participatory Congress inadvertently provided Republican with greater opportunities than they would have enjoyed under a more closed system.

CP: Finally, John, we have an election in less than three months, one in which the House seems to be, once again, up for grabs. A key theme driving this reversal is the Trump presidency. Some commenters see a possible Democratic House as a check on the Trump policies that Congressional Republicans have mostly supported; others talk about the possibility of the new majority moving forward on impeachment.

Are we back in 1974?

JL: The idea of a Democratic House as a check on the Trump agenda seems to me to have the most salience. Even though the President would retain significant authority through the use of executive orders and other presidential powers, a Democratic House would check legislative attacks on key Democratic policies like the Affordable Care Act, the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Of course, a Republican Senate would still enable Trump to appoint people of his choosing to the federal courts and executive agencies, but a Democratic House would have the power of oversight and subpoenas to investigate possible misuses of power that today go unexamined. I suspect there would be strong resistance in a Democratic majority to moving ahead with impeachment: here are no prospects for success in the Senate. More importantly, there would be a clear perception in this new freshman class that the American people had voted for Democrats in order to pursue other policies in the area of economics, children, the environment, energy and corruption in government.

However, should Special Prosecutor Mueller ultimately recommend that Congress look into presidential abuses of authority, it would be very difficult to dampen the demands for an impeachment inquiry.

CP: What advice would the Class of 1974 have for today's Democratic party?

JL: If you asked those in the Class who were most successful during their careers, I think they would likely advise newcomers to learn how the institution works, develop close relations with colleagues, find areas of policy on which they would like to focus (rather than be a gadfly with something to say on every issue.) Newcomers will want to pay attention to building and strengthening your networks with constituents, without whom you have no power to accomplish your goals.

As I say in my book, "before you save the world, you have to save your seat." I also think that, at least some would advise the freshmen of 2019 not to spend a lot of time looking over their shoulders trying to avoid controversial positions that some voters might dislike. Many in the Class of '74 were surprised to have won in the first place, and they were determined to make their impact as swiftly and decisively as possible because they did not expect to remain in Congress very long.

So, I think the message would be, "Don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out if an issue or a vote plays positively or negatively. Do what you think is right, explain your position frankly to your constituents, and you'll be surprised how often they support your decision."

HONORING JIM KITTLE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime friend and colleague, Jim Kittle, for his service to our state.

Jim is an institution in Indiana and is widely regarded as one of the state's top political minds. Jim was the "founding father" of the political movement that first elected Mitch Daniels and revolutionized our state. He's also an extraordinarily successfully businessman and has grown Kittle's Furniture into one of the largest furniture companies in the country. There's no doubt that I wouldn't be where I am today without Jim's counsel and help every step of the way.

I've known Jim for more than two decades. During that time, he has become one of my closest and most trusted friends in politics and life. He calls me his brother, and I think of him as a father.

I want to thank Jim for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

CABEZA DE VACA: EXPLORER OF THE LONE STAR STATE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in November of 1528, Conquistador Álvar Núñcz Cabeza de Vaca and his crew of 90 Spaniards crashed on Galveston Island. He was the first European to set foot on the land that would become the Lone Star State and is considered to have undertaken one of the most remarkable journeys in the history of American exploration.

From 1528 to 1532, the crew steadily died off from illness, accidents, and attacks until only Cabeza de Vaca and three others remained. During those four years, Cabeza de Vaca became a merchant, and traded seas shells and "beads of sea" (though now called pearls) for bison skins and red ochre. He also gained a reputation as a healer, which gave him freedom to travel between different tribes.

The Karankawa Indians, a group of Coahuiltecans known to be cannibals, enslaved these men until, in September of 1534, the four men snuck away from the Karankawas and fled south towards the Rio Grande River. The following spring, they finally crossed the Rio Grande and made it to Mexico. To avoid hostile tribes, the men turned west towards the Pacific and crossed northern Mexico.

Cabeza de Vaca and his companions eventually arrived in Mexico City in 1536.

They had traveled nearly 2400 miles over eight years in Texas and the Mexican borderlands.

Cabeza de Vaca spent years interacting with Native Americans and learning their language. This allowed him to write and publish in 1542 the first book about Texas, the Relación, which contained information about the region's geography, landscape, and Coahuiltecan tribes. This account of his journey inspired other conquistadors and Spaniards to cotne and explore Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING EARL A. POWELL III, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Earl "Rusty" Powell III, on the occasion of his retirement, after 26 years as director of the National Gallery of Art, located in Washington, D.C.

Rusty is a graduate of Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. After graduating with degrees in art history and European history, Rusty served three years of active duty as an officer with the United States Navy, including a tour in Vietnam before joining the reserves. After his service, Rusty continued his education at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts earning both his masters and doctorate degrees in art history. Prior to his directorship at the National Gallery, Rusty served as a professor of art history at the University of Texas and was director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

In 1992, Rusty was named director of the National Gallery of Art. During his tenure, the Gallery has undergone major renovations including the creation of the Sculpture Garden and the expansion and complete renovation of the East Wing. In addition to the growth of the physical structure, the National Gallery's collection has continued to grow while increasing recognition for underrepresented and living artists. Rusty focused on utilizing the permanent collection in new ways rather than large loan exhibits.

In addition to his work at the National Gallery, Rusty serves as the chailman of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and a trustee of the American Federation of the Arts, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Norton Simon Museum, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the White House Historical Association. He is a member of numerous arts organizations, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, among others. Rusty's awards include the Chevalier

de la Légion d'Honneur and the Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, both from France; the Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Republica Italiana; the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle; Norway's King Olav Medal; the Williams College Bicentennial Medal; the Centennial Medal, awarded by the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary; and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, 2014.

With Rusty's leadership and support over the last 26 years, every division at the Gallery has experienced tremendous growth and contributed to art historical scholarship, conservation, and museology at the highest standard of excellence. Since Powell's first year as director in 1992, the Gallery has welcomed more than 122 million visitors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Rusty, on the occasion of his retirement, after 26 years of exceptional service to the National Gallery of Art.

HONORING JEAN ANN HARCOURT AND TERRY SHOWALTER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jean Ann Harcourt and Terry Showalter for their contribution to our state.

Jean Ann is an institution in our state and is widely regarded as one of the state's top political minds. She owns and operates Harcourt Industries Inc. in Milroy, which produces school supplies, school spirit items and political signage. She also serves on the Board of Trustees at Ball State University. Jean Ann and Terry have been continually recognized throughout the years for their extraordinary contributions to Rush County and our state.

Most importantly, Jean Ann and Terry are my friends. I want to thank them for their friendship, wise counsel and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING DIWALI

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Diwali, a festival of lights celebrating the Hindu New Year. Originating in India, Diwali is the largest and one of the most important celebrations observed within the Hindu religion. Diwali's festival of lights symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Diwali festivities include deep cleaning and extensive decorating of office buildings, temples, and homes. The celebration begins by lighting clay lamps in temple windows in honor of Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of prosperity and wealth. Traditional Indian feasts take place with friends and loved ones, during which, sweets and presents are prepared and shared.

The significance of this event is not exclusive to India. Today, where there are Hindus they honor their traditions and observe this important day. Here in Colorado, for example, we have a thriving and growing Hindu community. The Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies also known as the Hindu Temple of Colorado located in the City of Centennial, and the 6th Congressional District exemplifies this.

It is with great pride that I join all in recognizing Chairman Ved Nanda, President Sudhir Verma, Vice President Sridhar Talanki and Board Members: Arjun Sen, Mahesh Anandan, Anshuman Purohit, Asha Vasant, Deepak Malhotra, Madhu Bhat, Rajesh Agarwal, Rajesh Kaul, Ravi Raj, Reva Nayar, Sanjai Natesan, Sony Das; and volunteers Rahul Mirchand, Poonam Kakkar, Satish Kumar, and Suresh Lakkaraju.

I wish them and all the Temple's members well as they celebrate Diwali.

STANDING WITH OUR GEORGIAN FRIENDS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of Georgia is a beacon of democracy in a part of the world which has struggled to break the legacy of Soviet oppression. While Georgia successfully achieved independence in 1991, Moscow is still attempting to bully the small nation back into its orbit.

In 2008, Russian troops invaded the country, seizing nearly a third of Georgia's territory that is still occupied today. Despite Russia's persistent human rights abuses and aggressive tactics, the Georgian people remain defiant. They continue to express a clear desire to determine their own futures and integrate with the Euro-Atlantic community. Putin hates Georgia's path to liberty because successful democracies positioned on Russia's border are a threat to his despotic rule. To deter Russia's continued belligerence, we must boost Georgia's ability to defend itself and make an ironclad commitment to our Georgian friends. For peace and freedom to preserve in the Caucasus, it must become clear to Putin that undermining Georgia's independence will be a costly endeavor.

To help Georgia repel future Russian aggression, Rep. Connolly and I have introduced H.R. 6219, the Georgia Support Act. This important bill calls on the State Department to provide a strategy to Congress to help bolster Georgia's defenses. Specifically, it calls for efforts to strengthen Georgia's cyber security capabilities and resiliency to Russian disinformation campaigns that undermine its fragile democracy. The bill also requests the President to impose sanctions on Russian individuals who commit human rights abuses on Georgia territory.

For more than two decades, Georgia has been a steadfast ally of the United States and the Euro-Atlantic community. We must not

abandon our Georgian friends in the face of continued Russian aggression. To do so only invites Putin to further pursue his goal of rebuilding the Soviet Empire. America must stand with Georgia and demand complete respect for our ally's territorial integrity and sovereignty. This bill must pass to send a clear message of defiance to Putin and a message of hope to our Georgian friends.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING P.E. MACALLISTER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize P.E. MacAllister for his contribution to our state.

P.E. is widely regarded as one of the most distinguished Hoosiers to ever grace our state. P.E. built a business empire at MacAllister Machinery. Some have referred to him as the "founding father of modern Indianapolis" for his extraordinary commitment and service. It has been an honor to work with him in advancing our shared Republican principles.

I have had the pleasure of knowing P.E. for nearly two decades. To me, P.E. has been a friend, supporter and trusted advisor during my entire tenure in Congress. Simply put: there is no one I admire more than P.E. MacAllister.

I want to thank P.E. for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

RECOGNIZING BRAD D. SMITH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM INTUIT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a highly respected Silicon Valley leader, a friend and a constituent, Brad D. Smith, on his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Intuit, Inc. During his 11 years at the helm of the company, Brad's exceptional leadership doubled Intuit's customer base and tripled the company's earnings. His commitment to Intuit's employees and workplace culture has made Intuit one of the best companies to work for in America according to Fortune.

Brad D. Smith was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on April 6, 1954, and grew up in the nearby town of Kenova, a community of 3,500 that Brad credits with teaching him integrity, humility, and teamwork during his formative years. He graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School and was accepted by and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. He ultimately decided to return to West Virginia and enroll at Marshall University where he graduated in 1986 with a degree in Business Administration.

Brad has been a very generous benefactor of Marshall University over the years, and in November, 2018, Brad and his wife, Alys Smith, made a \$25 million gift to the University's Lewis College of Business. Brad and Alys also established the Brad and Alys Smith Family Scholarship at Marshall University for West Virginia and Ohio students, with a preference for first-generation college students.

Brad joined Intuit in 2003 as Vice President and General Manager of Intuit's Accountant Central and Developer Network in Plano, Texas. Intuit is headquartered in Mountain View in California's 18th Congressional District and is the highly successful maker of TurboTax, QuickBooks, and related tax preparation and accounting software. Over the next five years, Brad held a number of executive positions and headed each major division of Intuit before being named President and Chief Executive Officer in 2008. While serving as Intuit's CEO and President, the company grew to 9,000 employees worldwide, its revenue doubled, and its stock rose from \$31 in January 2006, to \$205 as of December 2018. In January 2016, Brad cemented his legacy with the company when he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Brad Smith is a trusted friend who has informed my thinking and my understanding of a number of important public policies and as he prepares to begin a new chapter of life, I congratulate him on a job done exceedingly well and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CLAUDE EUGENE JORDAN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Mr. Claude Eugene Jordan and his long and honorable career as a firefighter. Mr. Jordan has honored his country with over 30 years of service in civilian firefighting, demonstrating not only skill at his craft, but devotion to our nation.

Before his career in firefighting began, Mr. Jordan grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland where he served as a volunteer firefighter with the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department since 1980. On May 11, 1987, he began his employment with the Dahlgren, Virginia Fire Department.

By November 5, 1989, Mr. Jordan was promoted to Supervisory Captain. Over his long career at Dahlgren, Mr. Jordan has served in nearly every position starting as a firefighter and ultimately, on February 5, 2015, he was promoted to his current role of Battalion Chief of Operations for Naval District Washington Fire and Emergency Services at Naval Support Activity South Potomac in Dahlgren, Virginia.

Mr. Jordan is married to Tina Jordan, and together they have happily raised five daughters: Brittany Lambdin, Emilie Jordan, Madison Jordan, Kaleigh Jordan, and Makenzie Jordan.

Today, we honor Claude Eugene Jordan and his 30 years of exemplary service to the Navy as a civilian firefighter. His hard work, devotion, and strong character will be missed by his fellow firefighters as he transitions to a joyful retirement. His spirit of selflessness is an enduring example to us all as I am told that Mr. Jordan is the type of man who spent his career worrying about his colleagues rather than himself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Claude Eugene Jordan's lifetime of accomplishment and dedication. An admirable illustration of leadership and service, and an outstanding member of our community, may God bless Mr. Jordan and his family as they begin a new chapter in life. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF 1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JIM POUNDS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizens and public servants, the Honorable Jim Pounds. Judge Pounds is a man of distinction who has demonstrated an outstanding devotion to God, family, and his fellow man. Throughout his exemplary personal and professional life, Judge Pounds defined what it means to be a good and faithful public servant.

Judge Pounds, a native of Booneville, Mississippi, graduated from Booneville High School in 1972. Upon graduation, Judge Pounds attended Northeast Mississippi Community College, where he pursued an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Barbara Hughes, a retired NEMCC Business Division Instructor, said Judge Pounds was a standout student who once served as the state president of the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Mississippi chapter. "As a Phi Beta Lambda advisor, I had the opportunity to work closely with Judge Pounds." Mrs. Hughes said. "Our paths would continue to cross as we are both residents of Booneville and members of the Booneville First United Methodist Church. Judge Pounds has and continues to play an active role in our church. He taught the Senior High School Sunday School Class for 12 years and served two terms as the Pastor Parish Relations Chairman and the Church Leadership Chairman. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is a good family man, honest, sincere, and a person you can easily talk to. I was proud to see Judge Pounds inducted into the Northeast Mississippi Community College Alumnus Hall of Fame in 2013. I am even more proud to have him as a dear friend."

Following the completion of his studies at NEMCC, Judge Pounds attended Mississippi State University, where he pursued a degree in Banking & Finance. After receiving his degree, Judge pounds intended to follow his father's footsteps and work at the Peoples Bank. A rule preventing family members from working together led to a career change which brought Judge Pounds to law school. "God had a different plan," Judge Pounds said. "He wanted me to be an attorney and a judge rather than a banker."

Prior to graduating from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Judge Pounds married his high school sweetheart, Susan Echols. During their 38 years of marriage, Judge Pounds and his wife raised two children, Seth and Kala. Judge Pounds took an

active role in his children's lives serving as an Assistant Scout Master in the local chapter of the Boys Scouts of America Troop 37 and coaching little league baseball for 20 years. "I am so proud of his many accomplishments," Mrs. Pounds said. "His devotion to family is unending. I've witnessed that same devotion in our church, his work, and in our community. I could say so much about his good works, but one of his finest accomplishments was Kids Town, a project for which he served as coordinator. It is one of the largest community-built playgrounds in Mississippi. He also served as co-coordinator for the playground built at the Corinth City Park."

In 1981, Judge Pounds worked as a senior attorney for the Mississippi State Tax Commission and the Alcohol Beverage Control Division. His career path would lead him to the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office, where he served as an assistant district attorney for 18 years. John Weddle, 1st Judicial District Attornev. said Judge Pounds will be missed. "Jim Pounds has been an indispensable asset to the First Circuit Judicial District, not only as a prosecutor, but during his years as Circuit Court Judge as well," Weddle said. "The district attorney's office is grateful for his integrity, as well as his balance of toughness on crime with compassion toward people involved in the criminal justice system."

In 2006, Judge Pounds was elected to serve as the 1st Judicial District Circuit Court Judge. He was known for his fair and measured decisions in and out of the courtroom. In 2008, Judge Pounds' passionate concern for the wellbeing of others led him to pursue what would become one of the most important roles of his long and remarkable career. Judge Pounds and former 1st Judicial District Circuit Court Judge Sharion Aycock formed the 1st Judicial District Drug Court. Jennifer Cummings, 1st Judicial District Drug Court Coordinator, said Judge Pounds did not receive any compensation for the extra workload that came with the drug court docket. "To me, that shows a true desire to help others," Mrs. Cummings said. "Judge Pounds has made a tremendous difference in the lives of those addicted to drugs and alcohol. He has been instrumental in helping to rehabilitate participants, so they will become productive citizens. I have seen him cheer on those who have successfully completed the three-year program. I have also seen his tears while participants read their testimonials. Judge Pounds has saved many lives. Under his leadership, there have been more than 50 drug-free babies born."

Darren Herring, a former investigator for the 1st Judicial District, also praised Judge Pounds for his devotion to helping others lead drug-free lives. "Judge Pounds' dedication to the 1st Judicial District of Mississippi is reflected by the numerous participants that successfully completed drug court under his guidance," Herring said. "By his tireless efforts, Judge Pounds transformed many lives from that of drug dependency to being productive members of our society."

Good leadership is about building and maintaining strong relationships, a quality Judge Pounds has demonstrated throughout his life. Prentiss County Sheriff Randy Tolar said his relationship with Judge Pounds has and continues to have a profound impact on his life. "He influenced my career as a young, rookie law enforcement officer—a relationship that

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formed the foundation of my career as a fiveterm sheriff," Sheriff Tolar said. "He has been an inspiration to me and to so many others, including drug court participants. He wants to see people do better and turn their lives around. No one in the criminal justice system has impacted lives more than him. His compassion for people is unparalleled."

In November 2018, a retirement reception was held for Judge Pounds at the Booneville First United Methodist Church. Mississippi State District 3 Representative Tracy Arnold, a Prentiss County native, was among scores of people who came to greet Judge Pounds and his family. Rep. Arnold has known Judge Pounds for most of his life. "He is a pillar of the community," Rep. Arnold said. "He is a man of incredible stature and character and is revered for his impeccable expertise and dedication to public service."

Judge Pounds said his decision to retire was not an easy one, but he wants to spend more time with their children and three grandchildren; Jackson and George Pounds, and Tays LeGrand. I wish Judge Pounds and his family many more years of happiness. Judge Pounds' service to the 1st Judicial District and to his community will always be remembered and celebrated.

HONORING JEFF KITTLE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jeff Kittle for his contribution to our state.

Jeff has dedicated his career to helping lowincome individuals access affordable housing and to creating jobs in Indiana. He is the President and CEO of Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc., which owns and manages low-income housing properties all across our state. I have no doubt that our state is better off due to Jeff's extraordinary leadership and service.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Jeff for nearly two decades. To me, Jeff has been a close friend, trusted advisor and loyal supporter during my entire tenure in Congress.

I want to thank Jeff for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

HONORING THE NORTH COUNTRY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AT NORTH ELEMENTARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the North Country Family Health Center for the 25th anniversary of its School-Based Health Center at North Elementary.

The North Country Family Health Center (NCFHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides care to the underserved. In 1993, the NCFHC expanded its reach by opening a School-Based Health Center (SBCH), the first in the region, at North Elementary in Watertown, New York. Over 550 elementary school students initially registered for the program, and now, North Elementary SBHC provides care to all Watertown City School District elementary students.

For the past 25 years, the North Elementary SBHC has broken down barriers to care by offering integrated medical, behavioral health, and dental services at the convenience of parents, students, and teachers alike. Every student is welcome to use the SBHC regardless of income or insurance, and all services are provided with no out-of-pocket costs. The North Elementary SBHC is just one of six SBHCs operated by the NCFHC, which reaches thousands of students in the Watertown City and South Jefferson School Districts.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the North Country Family Health Center for its dedication to providing young students with high quality care. Its School-Based Health Center at North Elementary has provided an important service to families across Jefferson County for the past 25 years, truly serving as an asset to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 430, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 430.

HONORING FRED KLIPSCH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Fred Klipsch for his contribution to our state.

Fred is an institution in our state and is widely regarded as one of our state's top political minds. Fred built an extraordinary career in business. And, I worked closely with Fred as the President and CEO of School Choice Indiana, where we successfully passed one of the largest school choice programs in the country. Together, we helped improve education oportunities for hundreds of thousands of Hoosier kids and Hoosier families.

On a personal note, I've had the pleasure of knowing Fred for more than two decades. He is my friend and mentor. It is not exaggeration to say that when I grow up, I hope to be a whole lot more like Fred Klipsch. He is a strong leader who brings positive results everywhere he goes.

I want to thank Fred for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish Fred and Judy continued success in all that God has planned for their family. TRIBUTE TO CHUCK STALEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIRE-MENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLAGSHIP ENTERPRISE CENTER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chuck Staley on the occasion of his retirement as President of the Flagship Enterprise Center in Anderson, Indiana. Chuck has devoted his life to making a positive impact on his beloved community of Anderson. Focused on community redevelopment. Chuck built a robust business center focused on collaborative partnerships with Anderson University, the City of Anderson, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and many other partners. His hard work and dedication to success has developed advanced economic and educational opportunities while creating nearly 2,000 jobs. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Chuck's commitment to economic development throughout the City of Anderson, Madison County, and the State of Indiana.

A life-long Hoosier, Chuck attended Anderson High School in Anderson, Indiana, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War in 1964. He served faithfully until he was honorably discharged in 1967. After his time in the Marine Corps, Chuck attended Ball State University where he received a B.S. in Geography and Geology in 1971. Dedicated to furthering his education, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Geography from Ball State in 1973. After graduation, Chuck began his career as plant supervisor at Delco Remy, an American manufacturer, remanufacturer, and distributor. In 1980, Chuck became the Director of Anderson University's physical plant until becoming their Director of Real Estate programs in 1985 and Executive Director of Facilities and Real Estate in 1991. Since 2004, Chuck has served as the Anderson University Special Assistant to the President for Engagement.

In 2003, he shifted his commitment to supporting community development when he became President of the Flagship Enterprise Center (Flagship). Flagship is a large publicprivate partnership. The public side is comprised of the City of Anderson, State of Indiana, and multiple federal agencies; and the private sector is represented by Anderson University. Flagship's mission is to encourage and nurture entrepreneurial spirit in communities by providing mentoring, networking, business services, educational opportunities, and access to capital. Under Chuck's leadership, Flagship now spans 300,000 square feet of space in five buildings and nurtures 150 companies both nationally and internationally.

An exceptional leader, Chuck advanced Flagship's impact as a business incubator and an advanced-stage business center through his dedication to innovative ideas and solutions. With a focus on collaboration, and diversifying the economy, Flagship not only provided skilled jobs in a struggling community, but became a regional leader with a strong international reputation. During his tenure, he challenged local officials to help develop a skilled workforce to meet Flagship's vacancy demands and keep up with a more diverse economy.

Chuck's dedication to his community is evident through his service on the boards of Community Hospital, Energize East Central Indiana, Extreme Defense Systems, Anderson University Students in Free Enterprise, and Anderson/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Chuck chaired the Committee for North Anderson Church of God and the Steering Committee of the World Class City Forum. Notably, he served as Chairperson on the Blue Ribbon Committee, responsible for negotiations and an exit strategy with General Motors in Anderson. He also served as President of the Anderson City Planning Commission and the White River Development Commission.

His many awards are a testament to the exceptional work ethic of this incredibly talented individual. In 2006, Chuck received the Community Image Award from the Anderson/Madison County Chamber of Commerce as well as two awards from the Anderson Rotary both for his personal contributions and for his Flagship contributions. In 2003, Governor Mitch Daniels awarded him the Distinguished Hoosier Award for his work in the community. He also received the Chief Anderson Award by the City of Anderson in 2003, the Distinguished Citizen Award from Boy Scouts of America in 2013, and the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Mike Pence in 2013.

Chuck has made a remarkable impression on his community through his lifetime commitment to service. He has truly left a legacy of success at the Flagship Enterprise Center that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate my friend Chuck on his extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for the wonderful contributions he made to our Hoosier community. While I know Chuck will be missed at the Flagship Enterprise Center, I wish him a happy retirement, with his wife Lynn, enjoying more time with family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, as the 115th Congress comes to a close, so does my time here in Washington.

First and foremost, I want to thank the people of Pennsylvania's 11th District who sent me here, who trusted me to make Washington work for them. It has been an honor to serve them in the U.S. House of Representatives over the past eight years.

During my time in Congress, I never once forgot that the people of Pennsylvania were the reason why I was here, and I am proud of what I was able to accomplish on their behalf.

From initiating the largest reform to our nation's disaster preparedness system since Hurricane Katrina, to participating in the groundbreaking of the Harrisburg courthouse after years of fighting to make it a reality, to watching my legislation to help newborn babies suffering from opioid withdrawal get signed into law, I am proud of the work I have done to improve not only our district and state, but the nation as a whole.

As a Member of this body I have had the opportunity to help so many of my fellow Americans, and for that I am grateful.

Nothing will ever compare to the day tenyear-old Sarah Murnaghan finally got her lifesaving lung transplant, or to when I was able to present our nation's veterans with long overdue medals they so rightfully deserve.

I will never forget the sense of amazement I felt meeting with students from the SHINE afterschool program as they showed me how to program a 3D printer and told me how they planned on running their future businesses, knowing I fought to save the federal funding that makes their program possible.

And those moments were just a few of the highlights.

Over the last eight years, my office has assisted over 14,000 constituents with casework requests, sponsored over 267 ambitious young people dreaming of attending prestigious military service academies, and secured over \$9 million for our local first responders through fire grants, as well as \$1.2 million for our law enforcement officers.

I have fought to provide small businesses with the tools they need to succeed, eliminated government waste and saved taxpayers \$4.4 billion through better management of federal real estate, and worked to make our communities more resilient before disaster strikes through local infrastructure projects, like the Bloomsburg flood wall.

I can confidently say that I leave Washington knowing that the people of Pennsylvania are better off than when I first arrived.

Growing up, I never imagined that I could become the mayor of my hometown, let alone hold a seat in Congress. I could have never made this journey without the support of my family, and in particular my wife, Mary Grace, who has always stood with me from city council to the U.S. House of Representatives.

I also want to thank my staff. Their hard work and dedication to the people of Pennsylvania's 11th District is part of why we were able to accomplish all that we did. It has been a privilege to watch them grow into great professionals, and I have no doubt they will continue to do great things.

As I prepare to leave this position, the last few weeks have given me the opportunity to look back and reflect on all that my staff and I have been able to do, and I couldn't be more proud.

It is my hope that those elected to this office from this point forward will continue to build upon the important work my office has done and always fight to ensure that Washington is working for the people back home.

Mr. Speaker, it has been the greatest honor of my lifetime to represent the people of Pennsylvania's 11th District for four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I thank them for giving me this opportunity.

HONORING HART HASTEN

HON. LUKE MESSER

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District

of Indiana, to recognize Hart Hasten for his contribution to our state.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Hart for nearly a decade. He has been a good friend, wise advisor and loyal supporter during my entire tenure in Congress.

Hart is a legend in Indiana politics, both for his business leadership and extraordinary advocacy for Israel. Hart is the founder of Silverock Group, an international real estate developer and the author of the book "I Shall Not Die," which details his experience as a Holocaust survivor. Without a doubt, Hart is one of the most remarkable people I have encountered during my time in Congress. Every day, I strive to be a little more like Hart Hasten.

I want to thank Hart for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

INFORMATION ON THE PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today at the request of Mike Menning who hopes that, by sharing his story, no other family will have to go through what he and his family have.

DROPPED OFF THE OPERATING TABLE

DAWN MENNING WAS DROPPED OFF THE OPER-ATING TABLE AT INTERMOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL, SALT LAKE CITY, UT ON MARCH 3, 2017

Dawn Menning's Narrative About Injury and Pain

Let me begin by recalling what I can about the abdominal hernia surgery and resulting incident.

At least a year prior to March 2017 I visited Dr. Kelly Nolan about the growth in an abdominal hernia I was observing. She noted that it would be a repair of an earlier surgery in 1996 and would require a more invasive approach.

In early 2017 after visiting my regular health care physician, Dr. Nancy McLaughlin, Madsen Clinic—University of Utah, and recognizing that the hernia had indeed grown I made the decision to go forward with the surgery.

I visited Dr. Nolan at IHC for a pre-op appointment. I spoke to her at length about my concern about the Homozygous Factor V Leiden blood condition that I have-the challenge and potential for blood clotting following surgery. She asked if I could seek advice from my regular doctor or a hematology specialist. Since I had never seen a specialist I contacted Dr. McLaughlin who consulted with Dr. David Kaplan at the University of Utah Clinic. He strongly advised against using regular anticoagulants since the surgery was going to be in the abdomen area and the shots, Lovenox, are administered into the belly area. He suggested the use of a pill instead.

I contacted Dr. Nolan who called me back to say she had not used the pill and advised to use Lovenox as she had prescribed. I purchased the Lovenox 100 mg. on February 28. I began using the shot one time on March 2, the day before scheduled surgery.

I was told to NOT use the Lovenox 100 mg. on March 3, the day of surgery, but resume using it the day after for ten days following surgery—two shots into the belly area each day.

Now onto the day of surgery as best I can remember. I entered surgery feeling very well and was wondering how I would feel following. I felt I was a pretty strong, healthy 70-year-old woman.

I waited for quite awhile in the hall prior to surgery and noted that the attendant reached for a green flat toboggan like piece of equipment that I assumed was placed under a patient for transport. It had handles on the side as I remember. I even thought, well, I suppose that's how I will be transported from the gurney on which I was lying to the operating table.

The anesthesiologist came into the hall to introduce himself and assured me that they would monitor that I was asleep during the surgery.

Finally I was wheeled in. They asked if I felt comfortable moving myself onto the table and I assured them that I was able. I do not remember what was or if there was any-thing under my body.

Very soon I was off into another world.

The next thing I knew I was wheeled out of the operating room by a female attendant and greeted by my husband who was very alarmed. His first words were something like—I am so glad you are alive or something close to that. I asked him what in the world he meant. He said, "Well, did you know that you were dropped to the floor while being moved to the gurney?" I actually thought he was joking and said the same.

Marion responded with, "No, I am not joking! They came out and told me that while they were moving you the gurney was not properly locked and you fell to the floor. The anesthesiologist tried to brake the fall by extending his leg and even hyperextended his knee." He said Dr. Nolan had come to tell him and said they had examined me and found no evidence of injury but would be sure to examine me further before discharge.

I was wheeled back to the room and did not lose consciousness again. Very soon I was pretty stable and the attendant suggested that I could get dressed and leave as soon as I wished. She recommended that Marion attend me in dressing and take a look if there was no one else of hospital personnel who took a look at my backside or the incisions. Dr. Nolan told me at my post-operative exam that she had come to see me but I had already left for home. (It would seem that in the case of the fall she would have been there soon to see how I was doing.)

We arrived at the hospital in the morning and less than five hours I was back home.

I had been prescribed pain medication (Norco 5 mg 1 to 2 tablets every four to six hours as needed) and used it as prescribed.

I resumed the use of the Lovenox 100 mg two times a day for five days. Since I would not have enough 10 more doses on March 8.

The weekend was rough—I experienced much pain and discomfort. I was not able to get up off the couch and was thankful for a bar next to out toilet. Getting into bed required the help of Marion, lifting my legs into bed and even helping me to get up off the bed and turning.

By Monday morning the pain was increasing—rising into my right side rib cage area. By then bruising in the abdominal area had grown far beyond the incision area.

We called Dr. Nolan's office and were invited to come to the office for examination. She checked my incision noting that it was no oozing and agreed to order x-rays. She checked the x-ray and said there was no evidence of cracked ribs and said I should try to cut back on the pain medication as I was able, perhaps using some Ibuprofen in between doses of Norco since it has a high risk of addiction and dependence and a side effect is constipation which is always a challenge for me. Dr. Nolan also explained that she had not seen exactly what had happened since she was doing charting off to the side and didn't see anything until she heard a commotion and saw I was on the floor. She did not offer details of number of people but did retell us that the anesthesiologist had hyperextended his knee.

T resumed my recovery at home. My husband made a visit to the hospital to inquire about the fall. He did not receive too much information but invited the Risk Management Staff to at least offer an apology and visit me at home.

The rest of the week went pretty much the same although in addition to the bruising my abdomen area was swelling and tender. The bruising had spread out, down and up.

On March 8 by recommendation of the Dr. Nolan I purchased a pain medication that would assist the transition from narcotic medications to less strong medications— Triamino 20 mg. I tried using this but was longing for the Norco since the pain was so intense.

During the night on Thursday, March 9 I had so much pain and the pain medication was not helping. We went to the ER at IMC. They noted intense pain, tender to the touch on my abdomen. They started me on an IV for fluids. I begged for a stronger pain medication but did not receive if for several hours.

They did chest x-rays. An ultrasound and I don't remember what else—but the ultrasound clearly showed that I had a large hematoma in the abdomen area! This was obviously the cause of the increased pain—the pressure on the incision and the mesh that was used was causing intense pain.

Twelve hours after arriving I was admitted to a room. They finally started me on an IV pain medication. After just a few hours they said I could be discharged and they would give me a stronger pain medication to take home. I declined insisting that I wanted to be sure I was ahead of the pain before going home. They also discontinued the use of the Lovenox shots. The explanation was that since I had developed a hematoma the blood thinner could interfere with my body's ability to absorb the blood in that area. They explained that since blood in a hematoma is very sticky it wasn't possible to drain the collection but it would be a long process for my body to deal with this. I was told to NOT use Ibuprofen since that is a mild anticoagulant.

I returned home on March 11. I was given Norco 7.5 mg—a stronger dose—one tablet every 4-6 hours. I was eager after four hours!

The next week is kind of a blur—time passed with a perch on the couch, in our bed (continued needing help to lift my legs) and a few visitors.

On Monday, March 13 we had a visit from IHC. They brought a lovely bouquet of flowers and were very sympatric but oh, so careful about what had actually happened. They were evasive about how many people were present.

That week I tried to resume some sort of "normalcy" to my life. I went out for short periods of time. I was able to move a little easier and didn't need assistance for getting in and out of bed. However, the pain never left me.

Now onto March 23—I went to visit my primary doctor, Nancy McLaughlin, to report what had happened. She was very alarmed and concerned about the resulting blood problem. I reported a very poor urinary stream and she assured me that this could all be the result of weakened muscle tone and should improve in time.

Time moved on and I even tried unsuccessfully to resume water aerobics that I enjoy. The pain was too much. On May 3 I visited Dr. McLaughlin again. She noted abdominal pain and pain in my right buttock. She spoke to me again about the H/O hypercoagulable state. She was also pleased that I was scheduled to visit a hematology specialist.

On May 4 I visited Dr. David Kaplin, Hematology. He noted the evidence of a rectus sheath hematoma, sequel and Homozygous Factor V mutation. He was careful how to cast blame but said he certainly would not have recommended the Lovenox shots since they thin the blood and area administered right into the area close to the incisions. He said there are articles speaking of the ill effects of using this anticoagulant for abdominal surgeries. When I asked him-could this have been caused by the fall he answeredcaused, yes perhaps but surely exasperated by the presence of blood thinners. He said in a court of law would he be willing to say one or the other was the cause? No, but surely both played a part. I went home with more information than I had come with.

Life went on—the pain was not gone. The swelling had reduced but the muscle tone in my abdomen was very poor. I tried resuming some exercise but experienced pain if I pushed a bit to hard.

The pain in my right buttock improved through recommendations from a physical therapist friend to do a set of exercises in our home.

I can honestly say that I had pain, a kind of pulling muscle pain, well into July 2017. I was cautious with lifting and reaching. Sudden twisting caused a jolt. My stomach area remained sensitive.

Today—I do have occasional pain in my abdomen area but I have no way of determining if that is from the surgery and invasion of four incision point and the one small incision where the mesh was inserted OR the residual effects of the hematoma.

In looking back it appears to me as if there were a succession of errors that caused my pain and suffering.

THE STORY

As told by Mike Menning, Husband/Power of Attorney

On Friday, March 3, 2017 my wife, Dawn Menning, a 70-year-old woman, was dropped from the operating table onto the floor as she was being transferred from the operating table to the gurney at the Intermountain Medical Center. Dawn had what was supposed to be a routine surgical procedure to repair an abdominal hernia. After the procedure Surgeon Dr. Kelly Nolan came to report to me how things went. She explained that the surgery went well, however at the end she said. "there is one other thing that you should know. Your wife was dropped from Dr. the operating table onto the floor." Nolan went on to say that she didn't think Dawn received any major injury. She did add that I should ask the nurse in charge to check Dawn over for any major bruises before she was released from the hospital. Although I asked the nurse in charge to do so, she did not.

A little background—not much consideration was given before surgery in regard to the fact that Dawn has a blood clotting condition, Factor 5 Leiden. Consequently extra precautions needed to be taken to respect the potential of blood clots following surgery. Advice from her primary physician was to use an oral medication to deter clotting. However, the decision from Dr. Nolan was that she would begin shots of Lovenox given into the belly three days prior to surgery and ten days following. This medical condition should have been emphasized to the surgical staff so that precaution and extra concern should have been a high priority during and following surgery. Extreme caution and tender handling should have been taken in the move to prevent possible bruising or even a hematoma in the area of the surgery—right near the point of entry of the blood thinner.

I stayed in the waiting room bewildered by this news until I received the call from recovery to meet Dawn. It took a very long time before I received the call that she was on her way. I met an attendant coming out of the elevator pushing Dawn on the gurney. I expressed my joy in seeing her and asked her if she knew what had happened. I told her that she had been dropped off the operating table onto the floor. She didn't believe me at first, she thought I was joking. The nurse said, "Yes, she was dropped, but it was a controlled fall." This is the first I heard the words, "controlled fall." I thought, now what does that mean? It was very obvious that the reason it took so long to get her out of recovery may have been because the medical staff had to have time to get their story together and make sure they were all on the same page.

That afternoon, even before Dawn was discharged, I went to see the IMC administrator Joe Mott. He called in Ms. White, Patient Relations. I explained what had happened. Mr. Mott said to me, "What do you want me to do about it?" I said your surgical staff violated my wife's unconscious body and personhood. The least you could do is apologize. He said they would stay in touch.

Dawn was discharged and did not see the surgeon again that day. The medical staff completed no further examinations. The nurse suggested that when it was time for my wife to get dressed, I should assist her and I check for any evidence of bruising.

On Monday, March 6 Dawn and I went back to visit with the surgeon, Dr. Kelly Nolan. Dawn was experiencing very sharp pain in her right abdomen and wondered if she could have broken ribs. Dr. Nolan ordered x-rays. She said although she was in the operating room at the time of the fall she did not see what was happened until she saw her patient on the floor. She also explained to us what was meant by the "controlled fall." Apparently the anesthesiologist stuck out his leg under her head and supported her as she fell as best he could. We were not told what appliances or means were being used to transfer. They claim the gurney was not locked and slid away. Who, why and how many were involved-we did not know. The unanswered questions did not help to answer the question. "why did she have so much pain in a large area of her abdomen?

NOTE: Years ago I served on an volunteer ambulance team in our hometown in Minnesota. I was a trained in Advanced First Aid for ambulance personnel—today's equivalent of an EMT I know from personal experience if the transfer is properly done, it is almost impossible to drop a patient.

hree days later the pain was increasingnot getting better at all. During the night of Thursday, March 9 Dawn was experiencing uncontrollable pain, even using the strongest pain medication she had been prescribed. I took her back to the hospital to the emergency. They kept her there for a LONG time, in fact, twelve hours, attempting to get her pain under control-not successfully. They did recommend the Lovenox be stoppedfurther tests—CAT only after and ultrasound-which clearly showed a large hematoma. Her abdomen was filled with blood!

Pain continued for months, including a bout with extreme pain far below the site of the incision as well as pain down the right side of her backside and leg.

About ten days after the "incident" two people from IMC came to our home, one from the Risk Management Department and one from Patient Relations. They apologized for what happened and gave Dawn a bouquet of flowers. I asked if we could see a copy of the "incident report." We were told that was not possible because under the law it is sealed. Risk management controls IMC's risk WOW—not comforting when my wife continued to experience severe pain. Risk Management repeated the report about "controlled fall."

My wife did go to the Department of Records to obtain the medical records from the hospital. They made reference to the fall, but did not explain how it happened or what really happened. IMC did not release the incident report, because under law the incident report is sealed, property of the hospital.

My Response in the Weeks Following the Incident

I consulted attorneys from four wellknown law firms. Each one told me that they would NOT take the case because under Utah law it is impossible to win in the courts. They further informed me that under Utah law, when an unconscious person is dropped from the operating table during or after the surgery that the patient and her legal representative are not allowed access to the incident report. Under present Utah law patients taking a case like this to court and winning is out of the question because incident reports are sealed, therefore the medical personnel and the hospital are immune from prosecution. So, the result is; it is impossible to know what has happened or how it happened. Therefore, there is a great need for The National Unconscious Patient's Bill of Rights.

Interesting Thought for Consideration

Assume that you purchased your first car 50 years ago, a 1947 Cadillac convertible. You took immaculate care of the cherished automobile: own the car today, and then took it in for repairs. Also assume that you entrusted your beloved car to one of the most modem and reputable repair centers in the city, leaving it in the hands of highly qualified, professional mechanics. You were invited to wait in the service garage waiting area because garage and insurance concerns do not permit you to watch the repairs being made. A couple hours later the head mechanic meets you in the waiting area to tell you that your car was dropped off the hoist onto the concrete floor. No more information is given and all you can do is take your broken car home. Later, you go back to the repair center seeking answers and help for your car. You see the repair center's manager and tell him what the car meant to you. His response is, "Well, what do you want me to do?" You say, "Maybe you could start by apologizing." About ten days later he and a couple of people from the repair center come to your home to apologize and deliver a bouquet of flowers. He says, "You will be charged for the original repairs and you need to know that under special legislation for 'repair shop and mechanic protection', you cannot get the report of how it happened or a report of the damage to your car.

You may say, this is really a terrible comparison, and it is. You see this happened to my wife, Dawn, whom I have loved and cherished for more than 50 years. And now I compare her to an old car—not even close—even an insult, but I think you get the point.

DAWN MENNING SEEKS RESOLUTION BY PRO-MOTING THE NATIONAL UNCONSCIOUS PA-TIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

I will work to introduce and seek the passage of "The National Unconscious Person's Bill of Rights." This legislation will include language requiring all medical surgical procedures to be recorded by audio and video.

In my search and input from a University of Utah doctor, we can only find four times in recent U.S. medical history that unconscious patients have been dropped off hospital's operating tables.

In the early 90's a lady from Denver area was dropped off the operating table and was paralyzed from the neck down

In the late 90's a 28 year old lady was dropped from the operating table at the Clarion Hospital in Pennsylvania, resulting permanent injuries

In 2012 a 75 year old patient was dropped off the operating table at Duke University Health System Hospital, he died of complications a short time later

In 2010 a patient was dropped off an operating table at St. Joseph Hospital, Minneapolis MN, he died a short time later of complications.

We praise God that Dawn did not die from injury complications or was paralyzed in the process.

Now Intermountain Medical Center is recorded in these statistics.

THE NATIONAL UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The National Unconscious Patient's Bill of Rights shall be placed in Federal Law; such shall include, but not be limited to:

1. All surgical procedures must be recorded by mounted video camera and be kept in the patient's permanent record for a period of two years.

2. In the event of an incident or accident concerning an unconscious patient, the hospital or medical clinic shall maintain the recording as part of the patient's permanent record.

3. The incident reports and video shall be made available to the patient and the patient's legal representative and can be presented as evidence in a court of law.

4. A patient shall have the right to know the names and roles of the members of such person's health care team (taken from the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System).

RECENT HISTORICAL GROUNDS FOR THE NA-TIONAL UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Legislators and others can lay the foundation for the passage of legislation making video cameras mandatory in medical clinics and hospitals where surgical procedures are performed using the following examples. With today's modern technology video recording of surgical procedures can be provided at minimal cost.

Consider previous precedents-

1. In the State of Utah and other states the Departments of Motor Vehicles mandate that all motor vehicle and emission inspection technicians are videoed by camera as they do the inspections. Any MV (motor vehicle) inspection facilities shutting off the state-mandated video camera shall be fined and/or have their license revoked. Surely if the State of Utah requires the Motor Vehicle inspection to be videoed doing their work, the legislature can pass legislation requiring hospital to video patients under anesthesia the same privilege.

2. In the case of Andrea Constand vs. William Cosby Jr, one of the issues was that Ms. Constand was abused while she was in an unconscious state. Similarly, should a Utah law remain on the books giving medical professionals and the Intermountain Medical Center immunity from the law when a 70year-old woman, my wife, was clearly abused while in an unconscious state? The question is—was it an accident? Or was it an incident? Whatever happened, we will not know because there is no video and there are no means to obtain the information legally. This is the heart of the matter. 3. Most state and local officials, as well as the public, encourage and support body and car cams for law enforcement. These video cameras have been proven to be very helpful for protection of policeman and the public.

4. Consider the most recent case of Nurse Alexandra Wubbels barring police from drawing blood from an unconscious patient. Her position was that the unconscious patient has a right to know what is happening to their body. She stood her ground. The police thought they had a right under the law, it didn't play well in the media. The end result, Salt Lake City and the University Hospital settled for \$500,000 payment to Ms. Wubbels.

Today's society will not longer accept gross mistreatment of unconscious patients presently shrouded in secrecy. The National Unconscious Patient's Bill of Rights will promote the use of modem technology, cameras mounted and in use during surgical procedures. Upon request from the patient such recordings must be available to patient or assigned legal representative. Doctors and medical staff will be held responsible for their actions.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 14

10:30 a.m.

- Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
- To receive a briefing on best practices for keeping families safely together.

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DECEMBER 19

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

- Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
- To hold hearings to examine a comparative look at competition law approaches to monopoly and abuse of dominance in the United States and European Union.

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