Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Betsy Wright and her extraordinary career.

TRIBUTE TO PETER J. FREEMAN
HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE
OPF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the remarkable Peter J. Freeman, my Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is a passionate public servant, and talented member of my staff.

Peter first arrived on Capitol Hill, over two decades ago, as a humble House Page hail- ing from Bainbridge Island, Washington. He returned to the area soon thereafter to attend and graduate from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. He then found himself back on the Hill in the office of Rep. Deborah Pryce (R–OH), where he rose through the ranks, becoming Deputy Chief of Staff. Along the way, he worked on various bills, including a federal backstop for commercial terrorism insurance, a bill prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual orientation, and various bills impacting affordable housing.

Peter developed an expertise on financial services issues, which served him well when he returned to Capitol Hill in my office. In his position, he helped me with flood insurance reform, economic regulatory relief, anti-money laundering, terrorism financing, housing finan- ce, and credit score competition legisla- tion, among others.

Peter did a remarkable job in managing my office. He helped me assemble a great team, provided valuable counsel, and helped me to fulfill my vision during our time together. While I am retiring, Peter will always be an es- teemed and unforgettable member of the Royce Team. His dedicated intellect, his wit, and his ability to connect with people on all levels and all sides of the political spectrum are qualities that make him a rare entity on Capitol Hill. But Peter’s greatest asset is his passion to serve. And I am grateful that he chose to serve my constituents of the 39th District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. David on his well- earned retirement and thank him for all of his contributions and service to our community.

CONGRATULATING JOHN DAVID ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM WQAD
HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John David, who is retiring from Mo- line, Illinois’ TV station, WQAD. Mr. David has been reporting for 29 years at WQAD and has become an integral part of the Quad Cities community.

Mr. David grew up in Southern California, where he began his broadcasting career at age 16 for KCSN–FM. He graduated cum laude from Occidental College in Los Angeles with degrees in Political Science and Theater Arts and Rhetoric. He then went on to receive a Master’s degree in Broadcast Journalism with distinction from Northwestern University. Mr. David is best known for reporting on the rise and fall of American manufacturing and its toll on the workforce. His documentary, “Where Did the Jobs Go?” received the 2006 Regional RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for a news documentary. As a former reporter, I understand the demands of this work and thank David for his commitment to informing our community.

It is because of dedicated community leaders such as Mr. David that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional Dis- trict. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. David on his well-earned retirement and thank him for all of his contributions and service to our community.

HONORING MR. RANDY ESPINET; A CUBAN-AMERICAN LEADER IN OUR SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY
HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Randy Espinet has been a leading figure in our Cuban-American community for decades. A fellow graduate of the University of Miami, my alma mater, Randy has devoted his time to improving our beloved community each and every day. He never ceases to put the needs of others before his own, and his determination to better the lives of those around him is a testament to his character.

As a political activist in South Florida, Randy works hard to advocate for those who need it most.

Whether he is supporting national Cuban- American initiatives—or advocating for a noble cause at the municipal or state level—his commitment to public service is unwavering, and South Florida is proud to have him in our corner.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Randy Espinet, an upstanding member of our community, and I am confident that he will continue to better our slice of paradise for years to come.

Thank you (Gracias) to Randy for all he does.