

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DON CAPALBI

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Capalbi, my longtime staff member who also served as a civic leader in my district in Queens, New York.

Don passed away at local hospice facility in the early morning hours of December 2, 2018. He had been hospitalized at Northwell Health after sustaining a head injury from a fall.

Don was my Community Liaison from 2013 to 2018 and he served in the same capacity when I was a member of the New York State Assembly from 2009 to 2012. My staff and I are devastated by his loss.

Don worked tirelessly for the people of our Congressional district. He was an integral part of my team, providing me with information and advice about community issues, and representing me at civic meetings and local events. These included everything from community board and civic group meetings to press conferences and public ceremonies. One of the most recent issues he helped resolve was for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3427 where he helped save costly fines.

Don was a longtime resident of the Queensboro Hill neighborhood, a residential community in Flushing, Queens. In 2009, he became president of the area's civic group, the Queensboro Hill Flushing Civic Association. Don reinvigorated the organization and fought tremendously for the community. He dedicated countless hours to preserving and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and tackled numerous causes. He fought against excessive airplane noise, advocated for traffic and transportation improvements, pushed for beautification enhancements and partnered with local schools and libraries on a variety of projects. He also worked to combat the increase of overdevelopment and many newspapers, from the Flushing Times to the New York Times, highlighted his efforts on the issue.

In addition, Don was a member of many other community organizations in the Flushing area including the Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, New York Hospital Queens Community Advisory Council, 109th Precinct Community Council, Kissena Corridor Park Conservancy, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and the NAACP.

But Don was much more than a terrific civic activist and staff member. He was also a great human being; a wonderful and special person who was selfless and full of life, and one of the kindest, friendliest and gentlest people I've known. He touched and impacted so many lives and was loved, admired and respected by all with whom he worked. Rarely did I see him without a smile on his face.

Born on March 2, 1945, Don was raised in Astoria, Queens. His mother Gaetana was an

immigrant from Italy, and his father Frank hailed from Indiana. Don graduated from La Salle Academy High School and went on to attend Long Island University where he earned a degree in Business Administration. An only child, Don was primarily raised by his mother; his father passed away when he was just 10 years old. Don loved his mother dearly and he cared for her as she grew older. With his help, she lived to the ripe old age of 103.

At the 1964–1965 World's Fair at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Don worked at the restaurant that was part of the famed Rheingold exhibit, and the job planted a seed for a career he had in the restaurant and food service business.

While working at the World's Fair, Don saw firsthand the popularity of the Belgian waffles that the Fair helped introduce to the nation. Showing what a visionary entrepreneur he was, Don purchased two mobile food trucks and used the vehicles to sell the famous waffles to the public, a venture that lasted several years.

Later on, Don supervised restaurant groups for Restaurant Associates Industries in Manhattan, and Inhilco division of Hilton International, where his responsibilities included the operation of six restaurants in the World Trade Center.

Don then opened the Border Cafe on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, and later the College Green pub on Kissena Boulevard near Queens College.

In addition, inspired by his love of travel, Don launched Away U Go Travel, a travel agency for people with disabilities.

Despite Queens being the home of the New York Mets, Don was a diehard Yankees fan, and often discussed his fondness for the Bronx Bombers and the game of baseball. He loved all types of food from soup dumplings to pasta, enjoyed traveling—particularly on cruises—and was proud of his Italian heritage. He was also a fan of Caribbean music. But above all, he loved Queens. He had a deep affection for the borough he called home and always embraced its diversity, history and culture.

I thank Don for his many years of dedication, and I will always remember his unwavering commitment to our constituents, and his many efforts to make our Congressional district a better place for all who live and work in west, central and northeast Queens. His contributions will have a lasting impact for many years to come.

There are so many wonderful words that can be used to describe Don. Simply put, he was a class act; a decent and honorable person and a man of great integrity who served his community and our district with tremendous distinction.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in praising the work and dedication of Don Capalbi. He will be sorely missed but the legacy of his service, and the contributions he made to help others, will never be forgotten. He will remain in our hearts forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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On Roll Call 488, in the second session of the 115th Congress, I was unable to vote because of a personal conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DURING THE GARY FRONTIERS SERVICE CLUB'S 40TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. In his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District who will be recognized during the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades selflessly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. This year, Dr. Janet Seabrook, M.D., MBA, will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Additionally, Sharon Chambers, Wendell Clayton Harris, Sr., Nellie Moore, and Monroe Smith will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast.

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Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oliver Gilliam, who also served as the MLK Breakfast Chairman, Vice President Charles Jackson, Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Melvin Ward, and Treasurer Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON
JACKSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Don Jackson, a lifelong philanthropist highly invested in improving the Central Valley, who passed away on December 21, 2018, at the age of 82.

Mr. Jackson was born in 1936 in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Tucson, Arizona. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and later went on to study law at Stanford University. Upon completion of his studies, he was admitted to the California State Bar in 1962.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Jackson started his own tax law and estate planning practice, which would become one of the largest and most successful firms in Fresno. Along with his legal expertise, Don was also heavily active in the political sphere, working on both the Reagan and Bush presidential campaigns, in addition to numerous other California campaigns. In 1998, Governor Pete Wilson appointed Mr. Jackson to the California Public Employee Relations Board. As a devoted Rotarian and a passionate philanthropist, Mr. Jackson served on several boards, including the Gazarian Real Estate Center Advisory Board at Fresno State, the Saint Agnes Medical Center Foundation Board, the Dominican Hospital Foundation Board in Santa Cruz, and co-founding the Central Valley Women's Conference.

In addition to these laudable accomplishments, the legacy for which he will be best remembered is his instrumental role in the founding of the Senator Kenneth L. Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno; which works to inspire and engage a new generation of government leaders in addition to providing non-partisan policy analysis to resolve the issues facing the region, the state, and the nation. For much of their adult lives, Senator Maddy and Mr. Jackson were close friends as well as law partners. In honor of

Senator Maddy's legacy, Mr. Jackson chaired the Board from 1999 to 2009, for the first 10 years since the Institute's inception, and until this past year, he served the Maddy Institute as CFO and Treasurer.

During his tenure as Chair, Mr. Jackson established vital programs such as the Maddy Legislative Intern Program, the Maddy Associates Program, the Maddy Report, and the Maddy Daily e-newsletter. He provided scholarships for over 150 federal and state legislative interns, founding the Don Jackson Public Finance Intern Scholarship Program, and raising over \$1 million in grants, events, and programs for the Institute. He was an exceptional strategist, who will be forever remembered by those he touched for his high standard of excellence, his mentorship, and his commitment to making the Valley a better place.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his brother and sister, his 6 children, and 8 grandchildren for whom he has always shown dedication and affection. It is my honor to stand with Mr. Don Jackson's family in celebration of the life of this inspirational man.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life, remarkable career, and achievements of Mr. Don Jackson. His legacy and dedication to our beautiful Valley will be remembered for years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
COLONEL STEPHEN MCCARTNEY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Stephen McCartney, Chief of Police of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, my hometown. Chief McCartney retired on December 21, 2018, concluding decades of unwavering dedication to his community and to his country.

In 1969, the same year that he graduated from Providence College with a degree in history, Chief McCartney joined the United States Marine Corps. Over his thirty years of service in the armed forces, he fought in Vietnam and in the Gulf War, and he even assisted in training Rwandan law enforcement as the country rebuilt from unspeakable tragedy. He held every infantry position from the platoon up to the regimental level before transitioning to reserve service, and he received numerous military distinctions, including the Naval and Marine Corps Medal for heroism.

Soon after his return from Vietnam, Chief McCartney joined the Providence Police Department, serving for nearly 26 years in many roles. He directed the department's first mounted unit, spent several years as the director of training, and commanded the Neighborhood Response Unit. After 15 years with the patrol bureau, he moved to the detective bureau—eventually overseeing more than 150 major investigations as its director.

Chief McCartney transitioned to the Warwick Police Department in 1999, where he served nearly 20 years as the Chief of Police with distinction, honor, and dedication. His tenure was marked by his humility, his professionalism, and his commitment not only to the safety of the community, but also to each officer under

his command. Countless individuals within the department have considered him a mentor, and countless others both inside and outside of the department have considered him a true friend, myself included. Warwick has been tremendously fortunate to have had such an exemplary public servant.

Although his leadership will certainly be missed at the department, I am sure he will continue to find ways to make a difference, and I wish him well.

CONGRATULATING MR. TORRES ON
BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE ILLINOIS
BICENTENNIAL HONOR 200
CAMPAIGN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Raymond Torres for being a recipient of the Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 campaign. The award is given by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office to honor veterans who have given back to their communities after their service.

From Sterling, Illinois, Mr. Torres honorably served our nation in the Vietnam War, where he was wounded in the battle of Khe Sanh. Upon his return, Mr. Torres developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and has since made it his mission to help others who have gone through similar experiences. In 2015, I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Torres and his family in my Rock Island Office where I presented him with service medals he had not previously received. Mr. Torres' honors consist of a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and a Combat Action Ribbon. It is fitting that Mr. Torres is honored for both his past and present service to our state and our nation, as Illinois celebrates its 200th birthday. His service is exemplary and I am humbled to have had the opportunity to meet him.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Raymond Torres that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Torres for receiving this honor and thank him for all he does for veterans in our communities.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE WILLIAM
OSWALT

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Fayette County Probate Judge William Oswalt on the occasion of his retirement. I am proud to recognize Judge Oswalt for his thirty years of public service to Fayette County and the State of Alabama. He is truly a man who embodies the American principles of hard work and devotion to one's community.

Judge Oswalt is a life-long resident of Fayette County, Alabama. After graduating from

Winfield High School in 1967, he went on to graduate from the University of Alabama in 1975 with a degree in accounting.

In 1988, Judge Oswald was first elected to the office of Probate Judge. He was re-elected in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2012, serving a total of five terms. As Probate Judge, he became a strong leader in the community and promoted economic development for the region. In particular, he has been actively involved in recruiting industry and has made that a priority throughout his years of service. He worked closely with county and civic leaders in Fayette, Lamar and Marion counties to create C3 of Northwest Alabama, a regional economic development cooperative. He also helped create the Fayette Community Foundation and still serves as its chairman. Furthermore, he served as chairman of the Fayette County Courthouse Restoration Foundation and as a past chairman of the Alabama Probate Judges Association.

Over the years, Judge Oswald has worked closely with seven Alabama Governors, five Senators, two Congressmen and countless mayors and county commissioners, as well as the heads of numerous federal and state agencies to promote the needs of Fayette County. Through his leadership, Fayette County is one of Alabama's strongest and most progressive rural counties.

Judge Oswald is a member of Grace Baptist Church where he has taught the Senior Adult Sunday School class for the last 42 years. He is married to Nelda Langston Oswald, his wife of 47 years, and they have three children: Deidre, Whitney and Audrey and six grandchildren: Tanner, Dylan, Langston, Hollis, Houston and Harrison.

Judge Oswald has gained the respect by the people of Fayette County for his honesty, hard work, and dedication, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Probate Judge William Oswald on his many accomplishments and for his enduring impact on Fayette County and the State of Alabama. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him God's richest blessings in his retirement and the next chapter in his life.

HONORING JUDGE PAUL CHERRY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Paul R. Cherry on retiring from his position as Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Cherry graduated from Huntington University in 1973 and obtained his J.D. from Ohio Northern University School of Law in 1977. He began his distinguished legal career in private practice from 1978–1988 and was elected as the DeKalb County Prosecuting Attorney three years later. Judge Cherry went on to become a DeKalb County Circuit Court Judge and on October 1, 2003, he was appointed to the United States Court of the Northern District of Indiana as a Magistrate Judge.

Judge Cherry has had a distinguished career on the bench and has helped to keep our

community safe. He has tried two capital cases, numerous drug related cases, and conducted his hearings in a fair and professional manner. In his spare time Judge Cherry is a member of several bar associations and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Huntington University, Calumet College, and Valparaiso Law School.

I applaud Judge Cherry on all his accomplishments and thank him for a lifetime of service to our community.

HONORING THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF MRS. CLELA VIRGINIA WANAMAKER

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the wonderful life of Mrs. Clela Virginia Wanamaker. At 97 years old, Clela passed away peacefully at her home in Sun City West, Arizona on December 9, 2018, with her husband of 72 years by her side. Clela was born on January 9, 1921, in Iowa. Clela had a long and distinguished career as a registered nurse. She worked at Holy Family Hospital in Estherville, Iowa, before she and her husband moved to Wayzata, Minnesota in 1949. There, she worked as an industrial nurse for 27 years at Honeywell and retired in 1979. She married Bohn E. Wanamaker, her "Mr. Wonderful", on October 17, 1946, in Estherville, Iowa. They lived most of their married life in Wayzata, Minnesota, retiring in Sun City West, Arizona in 1980.

Clela was an accomplished archery champion. Her husband, Bohn, was her coach and was one of four qualified archery coaches in Minnesota in 1966. Her first award came in 1966 when she finished 10th in the 82nd National Archery Tournament where she zeroed in 492 arrows and was the first to record a "Six Gold" by shooting six arrows in succession into the gold center of the target at 40 yards. Remarkably, Clela accomplished that feat after beginning serious practice less than a year earlier. Almost as incredible was that she was 45 years old at the time. The following year she added two silver and two bronze medals in the nationals. In 1969, she qualified for the world championships. Also, in 1969, she won the first of seven Minnesota state championships. In 1971, Clela was the first woman in the United States to shoot 1,200 scores back-to-back. Only three other women at that time had ever shot a 1,200 in the United States. Clela later became involved in pistol shooting and won many awards in that sport as well.

Clela was also an active member of the community. More than 30 years ago, Clela made a decision to do something about obesity in the Sun City West community and started a diet group, Win and Lose. Clela was nominated for the "Salute to Senior Service Contest" for recognition of her 31 years of volunteer services, helping hundreds of men and women lose their excess weight and get healthy. As a result of this contest, in early summer of 2013 she was named Arizona Outstanding Senior Volunteer. She continued this club until about six months ago. She was also an active member of Arrowhead Republican Women.

Clela was a valuable member of her community and she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the Sun City West community. On behalf of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Clela's husband, Bohn Wanamaker, their family, and their friends who mourn this loss.

HONORING COURTNEY CALLEJAS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Courtney Callejas. After joining my team as an intern in my first term in office, she departs this week, more than four years later, as a trusted legislative assistant covering a wide range of important issues.

Courtney is a native of the second congressional district of California, the most beautiful district in the country, and her fondness for the people and places of the North Bay have served her very well in her work. She graduated from Sonoma State University in 2012, and after attaining a Master of Science in International Relations degree from Kingston University in London, she returned to her hometown of Petaluma for a job with the family-owned Straus Family Creamery, a leading organic dairy in our region. Her work ethic and enthusiasm brought her success in that role, but then—fortunately—her desire to get involved in public policy brought her east to Washington, D.C.

Over the course of the next several years, Courtney has worked her way up and done a little of everything in the office: managing interns and greeting constituents, strengthening my constituent correspondence program, and, ultimately, becoming a legislative assistant. In the 115th Congress, Courtney staffed the creation of our new Congressional Freethought Caucus and has been integral to our efforts to bring accountability to the Trump administration, especially in the realms of campaign finance and foreign policy. Her intellectual curiosity, desire to help others, and dedication to public service were clear from the beginning, and her time living and working in the North Bay have given her important personal insights into the district's interests and needs.

Madam Speaker, as Courtney moves on to the staff of Congresswoman JENNIFER WEXTON of her adopted state of Virginia, we will miss her generous spirit, hometown pride, and infectious laugh, and we wish her the best of luck in her new adventure.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY E. SAUNDERS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gregory E. Saunders for his extraordinary public service as he retires from his current position as Director of the Defense Standardization Program Office. Director Saunders leaves the federal government after

49 years protecting our country through a variety of posts within the Defense Department. His tireless efforts procuring and overseeing materiel have helped keep our nation's military effectively armed and combat-ready.

Prior to his leadership as Director of the Defense Standardization Program Office, Mr. Saunders served as the Deputy Director for Acquisition Processes in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and staff member of the Defense Material Specifications and Standards Office.

This is hardly the first time Director Saunders's prowess has been recognized. He is the recipient of many well-deserved awards, including the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Vice President's Golden Hammer Award. Engineering societies from around the world have recognized Director Saunders's rigorous methodology and skillset, awarding him with recognition from the Standards Engineering Society, SAE International, and the industry's Equal Partner Award. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Saunders has received the Silver Star of the Polish Army.

Director Saunders exemplifies the ideals of service and will be sorely missed. I am sad to see him leave, but even more proud to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement after a distinguished career in civil service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL AND ALL THE AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CAROLE KING HAS MADE TO NEW YORK AND OUR COUNTRY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Carole King, arguably the most prodigious singer-songwriter of our century, for the fifth anniversary of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical which is based on her life and career.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical opened on Broadway on January 12, 2014. After its first season the show won a Grammy for Best Musical Theater Album as well as two Tony awards. In 2015 it opened on London's West End, garnering 2 Olivier Awards. The show is now entering its sixth year.

Carole King launched her extraordinary musical career as a songwriter at the young age of seventeen with the song "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," co-written alongside her then-husband Gerry Goffin. She continued to cowrite dozens of subsequent chart-topping songs until she wrote her first solo song, "Baby Sittin'," in 1967. She made her breakthrough as a musical artist in her own right when she released her album Tapestry in 1971, which stayed on the charts for over six years and was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1998.

To date, King has composed more than 100 hit singles and amassed numerous prestigious musical awards, including four Grammy Awards. She was the first woman to receive the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for

Popular Song, which she was honored with in 2013. She has also been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame as well as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2015.

In addition to her prolific musical career, King has also dedicated her exceptional abilities towards environmental activism and ensuring the conservation of American wildlife, parks, and wild places. King is a long-time resident of Idaho and began working with the Alliance for the Wild Rockies in 1990, testifying on Capitol Hill against legislation that would harm Idahoan natural spaces. She has also been a stalwart and outspoken advocate of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA), a bill I have introduced in every Congress since the 103rd Congress. King testified in favor of NREPA in 2009 before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of Carole King, whose environmentalism and musical talents have bettered New York and our nation and inspired a Broadway musical.

IN HONOR OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT "BOB" PAUL HANNER, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable statesman, public servant, Georgia State Representative, and friend of long-standing—Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr. Sadly, Representative Hanner passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. His passing marks the close of a long and prolific life, and his departure leaves a void in the hearts of many Georgians. A funeral service for Representative Hanner was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at First Baptist Church of Dawson in Dawson, Georgia.

Robert Paul Hanner, Sr. was born in Americus, Georgia on April 19, 1945, to the union of the late Jack and Yip Hanner. A product of Georgia's educational systems, he attended Parrott Grammar School and Terrell High School before graduating from both Gordon Military College in Barnesville and Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

In 1975, Bob was elected to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served until 2013, and represented House District 148, which included portions of Chattahoochee, Quitman, Lee, Terrell, Webster, and Stewart counties. During his 38 year tenure, he served as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rules Committee, Natural Resources and Environment Committee, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee, and Chairman of the Game, and Fish and Parks Committee. He also served as Co-Chair of the State-wide Water Management Commission. Bob served as Co-Chair of the Joint Blue Ribbon Study Commission on State Gov-

ernment Decentralization and the Joint Comprehensive Water Study Committee. He also worked with the Agriculture Water branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

His contribution to agriculture and the environment is memorialized in the Hooks-Hanner Environmental Resource Center which was established through the legislative efforts of Bob and his longtime Southwest Georgia legislative partner, State Senator George Hooks. The name of the Center honors their legacy of service to Georgia agriculture and the environment.

Bob's community involvement included membership in the Dawson Lion's Club, the P.T. Schley Lodge No. 229, the Terrell County Chamber of Commerce, as well as Vice President of both the Georgia and local chapters of Jaycees.

Bob accomplished much throughout his life, but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God and the love and support of his wife, Linda; his three sons, Robert Jr., Jeff, and Matt; and his two grandsons.

On a personal note, Bob and I served under him in the State House together and I was blessed with his friendship, counsel, and support over the years. His help with my initial campaign and subsequent reelection campaigns for Congress were pivotal. Bob was truly a great representative for Southwest Georgia and a stellar example of how a public servant should serve his constituents. His leadership will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to State Representative Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr. for his remarkable leadership in our great State of Georgia and in extending our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and, loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. Moreover, we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. TONI WASHINGTON

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my constituents and the African American Fire Fighters Historical Society in recognizing the tenth anniversary of Ms. Toni Washington's appointment as the fire chief of Decatur, Georgia.

On January 6, 2009, Chief Washington became the first African-American and the first woman to serve as the City of Decatur's fire chief and emergency manager. As the fourth of six African-American women appointed as fire chief in the United States, Chief Washington is the only African-American woman who is actively leading a fire department.

Chief Washington began her public safety career at the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office and continued her career at a Metro Atlanta fire department where she was promoted up to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. Prior to her career in public safety, Ms. Washington

worked on Turner Home Entertainment's marketing and public relations team, on actress Jane Fonda's staff, and with the Cobb Micro-enterprise Council.

Chief Washington earned an undergraduate degree in business administration with an emphasis on marketing and management from Savannah State University and continued her studies at National Louis University, where she earned a master's of science degree in managerial leadership. She maintains a commitment to professional development exemplified by her attendance of the Dr. Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute at Dillard University and the National Fire Academy, and her Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In her limited spare time, Chief Washington is also active in numerous professional associations and community organizations. She is a proud member of the Metro Atlanta Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, the Black Chief Officers Committee, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia State Firefighters Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Washington also chairs the Georgia Firefighters Bum Foundation's board of directors, is a trustee of the iWomen board, and volunteers with the Decatur Career Academy Advisory's council and various mentoring programs.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would also like to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Chief Washington's loving family—her husband Gregory; daughters—Tahj, Lark, and Lauryn; son-in-laws—Lyndon and Mark; and her grandsons—Little Lyndon and Logan. I commend Chief Washington on her 10th anniversary and thank her for serving the City of Decatur and contributing to the safety and well-being of our region and nation.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO PETTIS
NORMAN**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a true East Texas treasure, Pettis Norman.

Pettis Norman, once known as one of the premier athletes in the National Football League and a long-time Dallas Cowboy, is recognized as a successful businessman with a keen sense of civic responsibility and boundless energy. With more than forty years of business experience, this former Cowboys star has achieved record success on and off the field. Norman was active in changing the segregationist climate within the Cowboys and later the city of Dallas, helping organized marches during the civil rights movement influencing the changing of the team's roommate assignments and breaking social barriers.

During his collegiate and professional careers, Pettis was a stellar athlete. He was voted a First Team, Currier All-American in 1962, while attending Johnson C. Smith University as a physical education student. Upon graduating, Pettis joined the National Football League and won three championships as a starting tight end for the Dallas Cowboys and San Diego Chargers over nine seasons.

In addition to his professional sports endeavors, Pettis pursued a career in banking with South Oak Cliff State Bank in Dallas. Pettis was initially hired to work in Public Relations, but quickly rose to the position of Assistant Vice President in Business Development. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to Vice President, becoming the first-ever African-American Banking Officer in the region.

Pettis furthered his business interests by also venturing into real estate and restaurant franchising over the course of three decades. To date, Pettis has created four companies under the umbrella known as PNI Industries. He also created The Dallas Together Forum, consisting of approximately 20 CEOs from Fortune 500 companies, to address the pressing issues of minorities and female participation in the "bounties of our nation". The Dallas Together Forum became a successful model that had been replicated across the nation.

Pettis Norman is well-regarded and is highly respected within the Dallas community. I would like to recognize him on his birthday, and I thank him for his leadership to this community and to the city of Dallas, Texas.

**HONORING FLORIDA REPRESENTATIVE
RICHARD STARK AS THE
ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE
YEAR BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION
OF BROWARD COUNTY**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize State Representative Richard Stark of Weston, Florida, a dedicated public servant and my good friend and who will be honored as the Elected Official of the Year by the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

Richard attended New York public schools before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver. He then moved to South Florida to join his family's furniture business. In 1990, he became an independent insurance agent, and today, operates a thriving independent agency specializing in life, health and insurance plans for seniors.

After holding leadership positions with Temple B'Nai Aviv, Rotary Club of Weston, and the American Youth Soccer Organization, Richard was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012. Soon after, he was elected Chair of the Florida Jewish Legislative Caucus. Under his leadership, the Caucus has been instrumental in promoting legislation to combat the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement, securing funding for human services needs in the Jewish community, and ensuring the security of Jewish Day Schools throughout our state. As a State Representative, he works closely with rabbis, Jewish community leaders, and Hillels at Florida State University to engage students in the policy process and grow the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Richard currently Chairs the Broward County Legislative Delegation, serves as Deputy Leader of the House Democratic Caucus, and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, Commerce Committee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Health Quality Subcommittee.

He has been married to his wife, Debbi, for over 30 years and his children, Lindsey and Jason, attended and graduated from Broward County public schools.

Madam Speaker, this award is a true testament to Representative Richard Stark's ongoing commitment to his community. I want to extend my warmest congratulations to him on receiving the Elected Official of the Year Award from the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and send along my best wishes on such a momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF RENE DROUIN, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NHHEAF NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Rene Drouin on his upcoming retirement from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) Network Organizations after more than 40 years of service.

In addition to his work at the NHHEAF Network Organizations, Mr. Drouin has served as Chair of the Program Operations Committee of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, as well as the distinction of being designated with a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

Through Rene's leadership, the Organizations employ nearly 200 people, with more than 800,000 student loan borrowers serviced as part of NHHEAF's Federal Direct Loan Servicing Contract, as well as servicing 40,000 Federal Family Education Loan and private loan borrowers, including many Granite State students and families. Rene has ensured the Organizations continue to have a lasting economic impact in our state and local communities, including generous charitable spending for financial literacy and college planning.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Rene for his commitment to championing college access and affordability in his 40 years of service at the NHHEAF Network Organizations. His efforts will continue to benefit our state for years to come. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Rene and wish him the very best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING MR. PETER ARRIGONI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Peter Arrigoni, who passed away on December 18, 2018, at the age of 87 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born in 1931 in San Francisco, Mr. Arrigoni later settled in Fairfax, where his extended family had lived for more than 100 years. He

graduated from St. Ignatius High School as an all-city athlete and attended the College of Marin where he was an all-conference half-back on the football team. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he attained the rank of second class petty officer while serving in the Korean War, Mr. Arrigoni finished his college education at the University of Arizona. He was an honor roll student and was once again named all-conference for football. After graduating with a degree in business and economics, Mr. Arrigoni started working as a stockbroker. During this time, he became involved in many volunteer activities. He was a little league coach, joined the Fairfax Park and Recreation Commission, and served on the Fairfax School District's site selection committee.

As his passion for public service grew, Mr. Arrigoni ran for public office, and he was elected to the Fairfax City Council in 1964. He went on to serve as Mayor in 1966, and then decided to run for Supervisor in 1968. He won that election and many more to keep his seat on the board of supervisors until he retired in 1976. During his tenure as Supervisor, Mr. Arrigoni led the way for historic planning policies that have protected West Marin's ranchland for decades. He was also a member of many community organizations such as the Golden Gate Bridge board, the county pension board, the Bay Area Pollution Control Board and the Association of Bay Area Governments. More recently, Mr. Arrigoni was honored by the Marin County Free Library for his dedicated leadership when the library's community room was named for him. Mr. Arrigoni also enjoyed membership with the St. Rita's Church Men's Club and Fairfax Parlor No. 307.

Mr. Arrigoni was known to many in Marin County as a pioneer in helping to restructure local government and leadership to make the governing process more efficient and open to the public. He as been aptly described by many as being largely responsible for saving the true character and nature of Marin County by fighting against major wholesale developments and to protect open space preserves and canyons, which still exist today thanks in large part to his tireless work.

On a personal note, I met Mr. Arrigoni in 1994 when I first ran for public office, a seat on the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD). He was a strong environmentalist, and he was running the Marin Builders Exchange at that time. We came from different generations and political parties, but we became good friends. I will remember with fondness the tours he led for me of remote parts of the MMWD watershed where he used to go fishing and deer hunting as a kid. I could always count on him for a good joke, or an old political war story, or just some good cheer.

Mr. Arrigoni is survived by his loving wife Pat, his sons James and Robert, his brother Robert, and one grandchild. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Arrigoni's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his community and beyond.

CELEBRATING FORREST FLYNN'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Forrest Flynn as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Forrest was born on January 23, 1919, in South Bend, Indiana, as the youngest of four children. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in Middlebury, the town where he has spent the majority of his life. Growing up in northern Indiana taught Forrest how to work hard, be kind to others, and live a meaningful life.

When America entered World War II in 1941, Forrest answered his nation's call to serve and joined the U.S. Army, where he served for three years. At the front, he was a tank retriever for the 7th Army Division, 23rd Company, ferrying tanks in need of maintenance out of enemy fire and into the hands of the Army mechanics. His strength, bravery, and love of country were as steadfast then as they are now.

After returning to civilian life, Forrest remained active in his community. He filled many roles around town, from his job gathering eggs to his work helping build the Mackinac Bridge. He is known by all as a man of great integrity, and he embodies the values of the Hoosier work ethic. And while his life is filled with inspirational moments, those lucky enough to know him well are also blessed with his bright and cheerful spirit that touches your heart and puts a smile on your face.

Madam Speaker, Forrest Flynn sets a strong example, not only as a Hoosier and an American but also as a friend, neighbor, and family man. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I offer Forrest my hearty congratulations on this incredible milestone, I thank him for his service to our country, and I wish him many more years of continued health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF THE HONORABLE
JUDGE WILLIAM C. RANDALL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to a dear friend of longstanding and servant of humankind, The Honorable Judge William C. Randall, Chief Judge of the Civil and Magistrate Courts of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia. Judge Randall was honored in a retirement ceremony on Friday, January 4, 2019, at 5:00 pm at the Terminal Station in Macon, Georgia.

Judge Randall was born on October 14, 1943, in Macon, Georgia to the union of the late William P. and Lillian Randall. He is a product of the Bibb County Public School System, where he attended L.H. Williams Elementary School and Peter G. Appling High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morgan State University and his

Juris Doctorate degree from Emory University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school, Judge Randall was an Earl Warren fellow with the NACCP Legal Defense Fund, Inc. in New York City. After which, he returned to his hometown of Macon and established a very successful law practice.

In 1974, Judge Randall was elected from Bibb County to the Georgia House of Representatives, where he served until 1999. During his 24 years of service in the Georgia General Assembly, he served on several committees, but most notably rose to become Chairman of the House Special Judiciary Committee.

He received several awards including the Outstanding Legislative Award by the Concerned Citizens League of Macon; the Outstanding Legislative Award from the Afro-American Law Enforcement League of Macon; the Outstanding Legislative Award from the Bibb Association of Educators; the Legislator of the Year Award by the Georgia Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse; and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, Inc.

In 1999, he was appointed by Georgia Governor Roy Barnes to be Chief Judge of the Civil and Magistrate Courts of Bibb County.

In addition to Judge Randall's legislative service, he is also a member of the Macon Bar Association; the State Bar of Georgia; The National Bar Association; the American Bar Association; the American Judicial Association; and the Executive Committee of the Magistrate Judges Council. Judge Randall is also a member of the Prince Hall Masons; the Elks; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

After his retirement, Judge Randall is planning to spend quality time with his wife, Laretta; his five children; and his 11 grandchildren. He has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of the family he cherishes so dearly.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Judge Randall for his friendship, advice, counsel, and support over the years. We were schoolmates at Emory Law School, shared the Earl Warren Legal Fellowship experience together and as a young lawyer, he assisted me by allowing me to work out of his Macon office when I had cases and trials in Bibb County Superior Court and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. I served under him in the Georgia House when he chaired the House Special Judiciary Committee. When I ran for Congress, his early support was pivotal in my gaining nomination and election as Congressman from the Second Congressional District. He and his family provided countless Sunday dinners during my weekend visits to Bibb County.

A true Georgian devoted to serving his great state, Judge Randall embodies Georgia's state motto, "Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation." Judge Randall is a man of great integrity who sets a high standard for himself and for others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to The Honorable Judge William C. Randall upon the occasion of his retirement.

HONORING MR. CLIFTON JAMES
COWARD, JR.

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, the Vietnam War is widely regarded as one of the most brutal conflicts our young service members have faced to this day. With such brutal conditions abroad and dwindling support within the United States, the Vietnam War left an indelible mark on our nation, and most importantly, on the people who served. One man to experience these effects was Mr. Clifton James Coward, Jr., of Washington, North Carolina. I rise today to honor him.

Known as C.J. to his friends, Clifton was a happy and outgoing person when he was younger. Unfortunately, by the time he returned home following his tour in Vietnam, his world was flipped upside down.

C.J. served in the military from 1967 to 1970, completing one tour in Vietnam. As a Specialist 4th Class in the U.S. Army, he was a part of a New Equipment Training (NET) team and was the operator/gunny attached to a Sheridan M551 tank. One of the hardships the group faced while fighting was that they traveled so quickly throughout the country. Letters that their loved ones sent often wouldn't arrive until after they had moved on to a new location.

Unfortunately, by the time his tour was over and C.J. was discharged, he had developed anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. This greatly exacerbated other health problems, which arose later in his life. Having married Lola Woolard after returning to the states, C.J. dealt with emphysema and episodes of anxiety that led to his wife driving him around into the early hours of the morning to help calm him down. Even throughout the hardships, the couple was happily married for 48 years. The two of them have lived in my district for 45 of those 48 years. C.J. was a proud father to Lynn and Kylie Coward Carter and a grandfather to Lucas and Lily Carter. After his service, he continued supporting his family by preparing bread trays, that way he could avoid the stress of your typical 9 to 5 job and he was able to work at his own pace.

The effects of Vietnam are still felt by many, just like Clifton. Despite never returning to the same happy, outgoing young man he once was, he always tried to keep a smile on his face and was a dear friend who will be missed by many. May God continue to uplift his family.

IN MEMORY OF MR. FRANKLIN
DEAN SMITH

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of the life of Mr. Franklin Dean "Frank" Smith, who passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Frank was a lifelong patriot who bravely and proudly served our great Nation as a member of the United States Navy. Not only did he love our

country, he was a lover of God, his family, and his community, and he worked his entire life to give back to that which he loved.

Before his service, Frank was born and raised in Cherokee, Iowa. He made his way to the East Coast when he received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Following his graduation in 1956, he attended the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia before serving on the destroyer USS *Hunt*, as well as in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Frank later returned to his alma mater to spend two tours teaching math to the next generation of naval officers. He served at the Atomic Energy Commission under Admiral Hyman Rickover, the "father of the nuclear Navy" at Westinghouse's Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory; as the supply officer on the USS *Maury*; and as well as at the U.S. Naval Supply Center. His last official duty was with the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

Frank led an accomplished life, also receiving his Master's Degree from Harvard Business School and serving as a long-time member, and even President, of the Fairfax Hunt Club. Additionally, Frank was a founding member of the "Morattico Waterfront Museum," which is the cultural center of activity in Morattico, the small town where he lived during the latter years of his life.

Frank is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Scott, Elizabeth, and Alex; stepchildren, Edward, Genie, Vicky, and James; as well as his sixteen grandchildren. His dedication to our Nation and his local community was second to none, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and recognizing Mr. Franklin Dean Smith for his life of service to our Commonwealth, Nation, and the United States Navy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF TYLER TRENT, A PURDUE
BOILERMAKER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tyler Trent, a twenty-year-old Purdue University student journalist and super fan who devoted his all too short life to inspiring and helping others. He recently lost his battle with cancer as 2019 began. Tyler Trent is now a name known in households across the nation for his love of Purdue football and his inspiring passion and energy as a fan. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Tyler's significant impact on Purdue University, the State of Indiana, and our nation.

Tyler was a life-long Hoosier, a native of Carmel, Indiana and son of Tony and Kelly Trent. The oldest of three brothers, he was always described as a special kid who "stood out" his entire life. This maturity would follow Tyler throughout his life as he faced three consecutive battles with osteosarcoma or bone cancer, starting at the age of 15. Determined not to let cancer impede his dreams of attending Purdue University, Tyler graduated from high school and scored in the 1500s on

the SAT. His hard work and dedication to success earned him the Presidential Scholarship to Purdue in early 2017. This scholarship is awarded to individuals with high academic achievement, leadership, and service in their school or community. Determined to not let cancer dictate his life, Tyler began college at Purdue University in the fall of 2017. Unwavering in his dream to be a Boilermaker and become a national sports writer, Tyler attended class during the week and returned home on the weekends for cancer treatment at Riley Hospital for Children.

His remarkable spirit was evidenced by his unwillingness to let cancer impede his passion for Boilermaker football, attending Purdue football games and cheering on his favorite team whenever possible. His passion was quickly recognized by Coach Jeff Brohm, who admired his fight and inability to quit. When asked about his future, Tyler stated, "The immediate future in my mind . . . Purdue beats number two-ranked Ohio State." And they did. He also earned the position of honorary team captain. The team often credited Tyler for their wins, particularly the Old Oaken Bucket game. Ever committed to his Boilermakers, he attended his last game while in hospice care.

Beyond Tyler's love of sports was a love of doing good. Even as he battled osteosarcoma, Tyler thought of others, forming an organization called Teens With a Cause where he raised over \$100,000 for pediatric cancer research. The organization recruited kids to do service projects for families affected by cancer, such as raking leaves, shoveling snow and running errands. Tyler also volunteered with the Purdue Dance Marathon, which raises money for Riley Hospital for Children and the Purdue Center for Cancer Research. Committed to advancing research and curing his cancer, Tyler donated the tissue from his tumor for research, one of the first osteosarcoma patients at Riley to do so. When speaking about tissue donation, Tyler said "I feel like I'm getting to view my legacy come to life. I'm incredibly thankful that I'm getting to see the impact tissue donation is having. Most people don't get to live long enough to see their impact but I'm getting blessed with that."

A true testament to his outstanding character, Tyler was the subject of ESPN features and received the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest Hoosier honor bestowed by Governor Holcomb. In December 2018, he was the recipient of Disney's Wide World of Sports Spirit Award, given annually to college football's most inspirational individual or team. When Tyler received that award, he said, "At the end of the day, there's always a light at the end of the tunnel and as long as you rely on your faith, things will work out." Finally, Tyler wrote an autobiography entitled *The Upset: Life, Sports, Death, and the Legacy in Between, The 'TYLER STRONG' Story*, with a portion of every purchase being donated to cancer research in Trent's name.

It is with that optimistic and positive outlook on life that Tyler was able to inspire the nation. He has united Americans far and wide to be Boilermakers. Tyler will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Purdue community. I hope we can all live every day as he did: #Tyler Strong. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Tyler's parents, Tony and Kelly Trent, his two brothers,

Ethan and Blake, and his extended family and friends who mourn his loss. Tyler's inexorable ability to find good in every situation will continue to inspire the State of Indiana and our nation, now and in the future.

HONORING RUTHANN GEIB ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN SUGARBEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruthann Geib, a great friend, who is retiring after 36 years of working with the American Sugarbeet Growers Association and the sugarbeet and sugar cane communities.

Originally from Wooster, Ohio, her grandparents had a dairy and feed grains farm nearby where she learned about the care and feeding of animals and the joys of grain harvest.

After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with Minors in Psychology and Political Science from Malone University, Ruthann was accepted into a three-month internship program in Washington, D.C. She worked at an international development organization and was later hired to be the diplomatic liaison with embassies for the more than 20 countries where the organization had development and linguistic projects.

Following her internship and after a brief stint at a law firm, she joined the American Sugarbeet Growers Association (ASGA) in 1982. Ruthann quickly moved through the ranks, becoming Vice President of the association a few years later. Her portfolio included federal legislation, regulatory and administrative issues, Board education and communications, and management of the annual grower fly-ins. Her years with ASGA covered 19 Congresses, seven farm bills, and multiple free-trade agreements. In 2016, after over 30 years of service, the ASGA presented Ruthann with a Distinguished Service Award.

Her most memorable experiences include visiting the farms and communities in sugarbeet and sugar cane areas, and visiting Cuba in 1999 as a member of the U.S. sugar industry delegation to a United Nations sugar meeting.

Ruthann and her husband, Paul, currently live in Alexandria, Virginia, but are looking forward to moving to the mountains of Tennessee in 2019. In her retirement, she plans to travel and volunteer with various projects in her new community.

Madam Speaker, Ruthann's impact on the sugarbeet and sugar cane communities is a true testament to her longstanding commitment to the industry. I wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life in the beautiful mountains of Tennessee.

IN HONOR OF CENTRAL-PHENIX CITY WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 7A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Phenix City High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 7A football championship.

The Red Devils defeated Thompson 52-7 in the championship game in December played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. The Red Devils had a perfect season going 14-0 under Coach Jamey DuBose.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Central High School, the coaches, the players and all the Red Devil fans on this exciting achievement. Go Red Devils.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARRY GRODSKY & CO., INC.

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Established in 1918, Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. is one of the largest and most experienced mechanical contractors in America. For four generations, the family-owned firm has remained focused on solving complex problems, and has built a robust reputation based on exemplary professionalism and customer care.

For 100 years, Grodsky has prioritized family and safety in every aspect of its work. The group has continued to build strong relationships with repeat customers, suppliers, and subcontractors on the way to becoming an integral part of the economy of western Massachusetts and beyond. Across the board, Grodsky has proven its commitment to quality and integrity with every project. The firm has played an active role throughout New England over the years and the communities of the region have undoubtedly benefitted from major projects carried out by Grodsky, including those at top hospitals, universities, and large financial and manufacturing facilities.

Once again Madam Speaker, over the course of its history, Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc. has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and integrity. Those traits are hallmarks of the group's long and admirable tradition of service in western Massachusetts and beyond, and are certainly worthy of recognition. On the occasion of Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc.'s 100th anniversary, I wish the Grodsky family and the dedicated individuals who work with them, all the best and much continued prosperity.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN FACILITIES, EASEMENTS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO THE KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to transfer title of certain Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) works to the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) in Central Washington.

The legislation will transfer title of BOR works beginning at KID's headgate extending 40 miles east. The transfer includes the conveyance of land and project facilities and must be completed no later than two years after its enactment. This title transfer will allow KID to manage water supplies more efficiently, while also reducing federal liabilities and providing a cost savings benefit to the federal government.

KID was initially built to serve the agricultural community in the Tri-Cities area. Today, the majority of ratepayers live in residential developments, and the change from farmland to urbanization is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

Madam Speaker, in the last Congress the House overwhelmingly supported this legislation. Unfortunately, the Senate was unable to bring the bill up for consideration before final adjournment, so that is why I am reintroducing this legislation to attain swift action and consideration by our Senate colleagues to get this to the President's desk.

I hope that we can move this legislation soon to ensure there will be a safe, reliable, and efficient water supply for the next generation in Central Washington.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LOW-WAGE FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BACK PAY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Low-Wage Federal Contractor Employee Back Pay Act to grant back pay to federally contracted retail, food, custodial and security service workers who are furloughed during the current and any other federal government shutdown this fiscal year (fiscal year 2019). This bill applies to all three branches of the federal government. After government shutdowns, federal workers have received back pay, but not federal contract workers, who often perform the same jobs as civil servants. While I believe that all federal employees and federal contract workers should receive back pay after a shutdown, we know that we cannot get Congress to make whole all who are hurt by a shutdown. Therefore, my bill focuses specifically on low-wage federal contract workers, some of whom work here on the

Capitol Grounds providing Members of Congress and congressional staff with daily services, because these are the workers most likely to be irretrievably hurt by lost wages during a shutdown.

Many federal contract workers earn little more than the minimum wage and receive few, if any, benefits. While some are unionized with a little better wage, all are the lowest-paid workers in the federal government and should not be penalized because Congress has failed to do its job to keep the government functioning. Congress, historically, has provided back pay to federal employees furloughed during government shutdowns, who often work in the same buildings as these low-wage contract workers, but not to low-wage contract workers. However, both groups of workers deserve to be made whole after shutdowns. I recognize, of course, that contract workers are employees of contractors, but the distinction between federal workers and, at least, the lowest-paid contract workers, who, for example, keep buildings clean, fails when it comes to a deliberate government shutdown. Unlike many other contractors, those who employ low-wage service workers have little latitude to help make up for lost wages. Low-wage, federally contracted service workers can least afford the loss of pay during a shutdown and should not have to go without back pay while everyone else in their federal buildings receives back pay.

The nation's capital is the high-profile home of the federal government's complicity with contractors who pay low wages through leases and contracts with federal agencies. At least this legislation would provide some parity to their low-wage federal contract workers.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team on winning the IHSA Class 5A State Championship. On November 24th, JCA captured their 14th state championship with a victory over Montini Catholic High School at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. I want to congratulate all of the players, coaches, trainers, and parents, and commend them on their hard work and on the dedication they have shown to their team, their school, and their community. I also want to congratulate Coach Jake Jaworski for his first championship and the principal of Joliet Catholic Academy, Dr. Jeffrey Budz, for helping lead these young men to victory.

In the championship game, Nick Iannantone had 40 carries for 318 yards and 3 touchdowns, with offensive linemen Colin Cox, Dave Monnot, Ryan Laule, Ty O'Janovac, and Connor Kovas clearing the way for the team to gain a total of 461 yards on 66 carries. This prolific offense came despite losing one of their key players, senior running back Keenan Hailey, due to an injury early in the game.

With the help of a defense that only allowed one touchdown in the second half, this amazing team fought back from the 21–7 deficit to win 35–27—bringing home the state championship.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers football team and to congratulate them on their IHSA Class 5A State Championship. I wish each player continued success as he moves forward.

IN MEMORY OF T. MOFFATT
BURRISS, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, beginning with Gov. Henry McMaster lowering flags across South Carolina, tributes are being made to honor the memory of T. Moffatt Burriss, Sr., who is an American War Hero, business leader, pioneer of the modern Republican Party, and devoted Family Man. I include in the RECORD the obituary from The State on January 6, 2019:

THOMAS BURRISS SR.

CHAPIN SC.—Thomas Moffatt Burriss, Sr. passed away on January 4, 2019 at the age of 99. He was born in Anderson, SC, on Sept. 22, 1919, to Frank Judson Burriss and Frances Moffatt. He had two siblings, Frank J. Burriss, and Jean Burriss Wattley, both now deceased.

Upon graduating from Clemson College in 1941, he moved to Orangeburg and taught physics and science at Orangeburg High, where he met his future wife, Louisa Righton Hay, of Morristown, Tennessee.

When the war broke out on December 7, 1941, Moffatt was called into the service at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he volunteered for paratrooper training school. While on a two week leave, he and Louisa were married on June 22, 1942, in Morristown, IN., by Louisa's father, a Presbyterian minister. In May, 1943, Moffatt's unit was ordered to North Africa to prepare for the invasion of Europe and would not see his wife again for two and a half years. Moffatt was involved in almost every major World War II European battle including Sicily, Italy, Holland, and Belgium.

In Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, Burriss's company was the lead company in the famous Waal River Crossing and the capture of the Nijmegen Bridge. As a company commander, Captain Burriss's part in the battle was portrayed in the movie *A Bridge Too Far*.

For his service during the war, he received the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, and Combat "V" for valor, the Purple Heart, three Presidential Unit Citations, French Fourragere, Belgium Fourragere, and the Dutch Lanyard.

After the war, Moffatt and Louisa moved to Columbia where he taught school for a few years and then went into the construction business.

In 1970, Moffatt and his three sons formed Burriss Construction Company which was involved in major construction projects throughout the southeast. He was active in numerous civic and business organizations including the Executives Association of Greater Columbia (EAGC) of which he was president in 1964–65, a Board Member of Lions Club, Presbyterian Home of SC, Med-

ical Missions, SC Lottery Commission, and as Executive Director of the Business and Industry Political Action Committee (BIPEC). Moffatt was a founding member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church where he served as a ruling Elder.

In 1976, he was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives where he served until he retired in 1991. He was elected minority leader for nine of those years where he was instrumental in building the present day Republican Party. In 1989, he received the "Order of the Palmetto" from Governor Carroll Campbell.

In 2000, inspired and persuaded by his children, Moffatt documented his war experiences by writing the book *Strike and Hold*, a memoir of the 82nd Airborne in World War II.

In 2009, Moffatt was invited to Holland to participate in the 65th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden in Nijmegen. At the ceremony Mr. Burriss was recognized by the Queen of Holland and the Mayor of Nijmegen and awarded the Nijmegen Medal of Honor for his part in capturing the Nijmegen Bridge in 1944. Mr. Burriss celebrated his 90th birthday by once again parachuting at the original WWII battle site in Holland.

Over the years, Moffatt and Louisa built their vacation home at their beloved Lake Dogwood in Eastover, where he enjoyed fishing in the lake. They also enjoyed vacations in Montreat, N.C., where, even in his nineties, Moffatt helped each of his four children build their own vacation homes.

In the early 70's, Moffatt faced the toughest battle of his life when Louisa was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. He courageously cared for her until her death in 1986. Moffatt was later blessed to marry Jean Wheelwright Dooley, who had four grown children of her own, Richard, John, Mary, and Michael. Jean died in 2010. He is survived by his three sons and one daughter, John Hay Burriss (Becca), Moffatt Burriss Jr. (Suzanne), Francis Burriss (Nancy), and Louisa "Weesa" Burriss (Bob Toomey); twelve grandchildren, Catherine Tuttle, John Burriss, Jr., Louisa Adam (Brian), Elizabeth Teal (Bart), Alle Denny (Chris), Lisa Thornton (Brian), Philip Prescott, Rich Prescott, Moffatt Prescott, Rachel Burriss, Thomas Burriss III, and David Burriss (Rebecca); and ten great-grandchildren, all who are grateful and humbled to have shared the life of this honorable gentleman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lowman Home and Lutheran Hospice for their compassionate care of Mr. Burriss during his last two months.

A memorial service will be held at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, in Chapin, on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00. The family will receive visitors at the church at the conclusion of the service. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29063. Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

IN HONOR OF CENTRAL-CLAY COUNTY WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 5A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Central-Clay County High School football team for winning the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 5A football championship.

The Volunteers defeated Vigor 43–42 in the championship game on December 6th played at Jordan-Hare Stadium at Auburn University. The Volunteers brought home the program's first ever state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students and faculty of Central-

Clay County High School, the coaches, the players and all the Volunteer fans on this exciting achievement. Go Volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 4.