

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PHYLLIS WEBSTER 90TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Phyllis Womack Webster on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A lifelong resident of St. Albans, West Virginia, Phyllis is known for her joyful approach to life and compassionate and kind nature. A member of St. Albans Baptist Church for more than half a century, Phyllis has impacted many lives for the better through her ministry with her church and the American Baptist Association. She was recognized in 2010 for her dedicated involvement in her church with the American Heritage Award.

Her outreach to people extended beyond her church family. Her door has always been open to host family, friends or anyone in need of a good listening ear or warm meal. Thanks to her hospitable nature, I would not be surprised if, as Scripture says, she hosted Angels unaware.

She can, and has made everyone and anyone feel special. Her love for family and people and sharp mind, she can remember the names of every family member through multiple generations. Phyllis' life, efforts and love for others are an example for us all of a life well-lived serving others.

It is my pleasure to recognize my beloved Aunt Phyllis on this momentous occasion. I wish her a very happy 90th birthday and may God continue to bless her.

### HONORING SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL WATKINS

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools, Michael Watkins, on his retirement after serving the Santa Cruz County Office of Education since 1980. Mr. Watkins was the first African American elected as a School Superintendent in the State of California in 2006. An outstanding citizen and educator, Superintendent Watkins made an unparalleled impact in the educational community of Santa Cruz County through 35 years of service.

Superintendent Watkins began his career with the Santa Cruz County Office of as the Learning Handicapped Program Specialist, a position which set the tone for Superintendent Watkins' career as a visionary advocate for change and accessibility in education. After one year, he was offered the role of General Administrator in charge of the Special Education Programs for Santa Cruz County,

where he worked to mainstream educational opportunities for students with special needs across the district. In addition, Superintendent Watkins pioneered and developed community and vocational programming through his role as Director of Alternative Education. Under Superintendent Watkins's leadership, the schools he developed have received acclaim and statewide recognition for their commitment to excellence. With the backing of his tremendous record as an educator, Michael Watkins was elected Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and is currently serving his third term.

Superintendent Watkins' expertise in education also led to his appointment by the California Senate Rules Committee to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence and the Special Education Task Force. He has also held statewide office as President of the Juvenile Courts, Community, and Alternative School Administrators of California for three years. In addition to his service in education, Superintendent Watkins has been an exemplary citizen and community member. He has coached multiple youth sports and sits on several significant local boards.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and work of Superintendent Watkins. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Superintendent Watkins and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. I extend my earnest appreciation to Superintendent Watkins for his service to our community.

### RECOGNIZING ALICJA EDWARDS OF EUREKA

#### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alicja Edwards of Eureka, a Montana artist, author, and World War II refugee, who overcame the atrocities of war and recorded her family's journey as part of the historic diaspora of the Polish people.

When she was a teenager, Alicja's small town in eastern Poland came under attack by Nazi Germany and suffered a brutal Soviet occupation. She and her family were forced into a Soviet gulag where they endured mistreatment, illness, and hunger.

Three years later, Alicja and thousands of other Poles were exiled to Iran. It was there where she met American Army Lieutenant Ernest Edwards who she married in 1945. The couple raised two children, lived in Japan, France, and America, and were married for 50 years before Ernest's passing.

Alicja is renowned for her memoirs, *And God Was Our Witness and They Called Us D.P.'s*, that detailed the suffering of her family and hundreds of thousands of Poles displaced during and after World War II.

In *And God Was Our Witness*, she describes the value of freedom and liberty:

"Priceless Freedom has never been perceived or truly understood by anyone, till it was lost or forcibly taken away. Only then, one becomes aware of the magnitude of its potency and power in directing one's life and fate."

Alicja is a noted artist and owns an antique and art shop in Eureka, where she continues to paint, play the piano, and inspire others.

Madam Speaker, for her indomitable resolve, strength and courage, and her inspiring memoirs of the Polish diaspora, I recognize Alicja Edwards for her spirit of Montana.

### IN RECOGNITION OF DENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOBBIE MITCHELL

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton County Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, who will receive the 2019 Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award on January 19, 2019 after more than 30 years of dedicated service to Denton County.

Commissioner Mitchell has served her fellow North Texans in a range of leadership roles since 1985, when she began her tenure on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. During the last three decades, she served on the Lewisville Planning and Zoning Commission, as Mayor Pro Tem, and on the Lewisville City Council. A resident of Lewisville since 1971, she led the city as its mayor from 1993 to 2000 before being elected as a Denton County Commissioner.

During her many years as a devoted public servant, Commissioner Mitchell undoubtedly has made Lewisville a better place to work and live. In addition to her official service, she has had a significant impact on more than 30 nonprofit organizations in our community.

A longtime supporter of the United Way of Denton County, Commissioner Mitchell was a charter appointee to two of the organization's key initiatives: the Denton County Behavioral Health Leadership Team in 2016 and the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team in 2017. She is the sixth recipient of the Dr. Bettye Myers Humanitarian Award, which was established by the board of directors and lifetime members of United Way of Denton County in 2014 to recognize outstanding community leadership, philanthropy, and impact.

On a personal note, I have had the good fortune of knowing Commissioner Mitchell since I began my medical practice in 1981. Throughout my medical career and my time in public service, whether solicited or not, she has never hesitated to provide wise counsel and guidance.

It is a privilege to recognize my friend, Commissioner Mitchell, for her dedication and commitment to her fellow North Texans, and I congratulate her on this well-earned honor.

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RECOGNIZING LTC BRAD CARVER  
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM MILI-  
TARY SERVICE

### HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, on November 22, 2018, my friend William Bradley Carver retired from 28 years of service in U.S. Army Reserve. Today, I rise to pay tribute to Brad, a leader in the 11th Congressional District of Georgia, and a man who embodies the spirit of public service.

Brad was born in Valdosta, Georgia, the only child to Billy and JoAnn Carver, whom he has made proud by his multitude of life accomplishments thus far. Brad graduated from high school as Salutatorian and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" due to his many achievements, including serving as a high school surrogate speaker for President George H.W. Bush's 1988 campaign. He continued his education at Duke University as an ROTC cadet, and graduated with Honors earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He later earned his M.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Georgia.

While attending law school, Brad took a hiatus to serve as a 1st Lieutenant in the 341st A.G. Company in support of Operation Joint Endeavor and Operation Joint Guard, Tuzla, Bosnia. He was promoted to Captain in 2000 and served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel of the 335th Theater Signal Command at Camp Doha, Kuwait and Camp Bucca, Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brad was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Exceptionally Meritorious Service. Brad continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserve for an additional 15 years, elevating to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Brad has also been serving the public by impacting conservative public policy and in supporting his beloved Republican Party. Brad has been engaged in local, statewide, and national Republican campaigns for the past 24 years. He has served as an elected officer in the Buckhead Young Republicans, Atlanta Young Republicans, Fulton County Republican Party, 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, and on the board for the Georgia Republican Party Foundation. Brad has also held gubernatorial appointments on the Georgia Board of Corrections and as Special Executive Counsel for the commission on water issues.

In 2006, Brad became a partner at the law offices of Hall Booth Smith, P.C., serving as senior managing director of government affairs. He was chosen as a James Magazine Top 4 Rising Star (2010) and one of Georgia Trend Magazine Top 40 Under 40 (2011).

Brad married Michelle in 2007 and their two sons, William Bradley Carver, Jr. (7) and Wesley Thomas Carver (4), regularly attend political events with their parents.

On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Brad for his service to his community, state and nation, and congratulate him upon his retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve. We are fortunate to have a man such as Brad Carver in Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF MILBRA DOLORES  
WALTERS MATHIAS

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the life of an amazing member of our community, Milbra Dolores Walters Mathias, who passed away on January 3, 2019 in Conroe, Texas.

Born on January 16, 1923 in Ace, Texas, Dolores lived a determined life. Prior to retiring in Montgomery, Texas, Dolores spent time in the banking industry and later ran a dry cleaning business with her husband in Houston, Texas. Beyond her professional endeavors, she also led a service-oriented life with the goal of improving the community around her. One of her greatest joys was the community she found at the Montgomery United Methodist Church, where Dolores was a longtime and active member.

To those who knew Dolores, it comes as no surprise that she spent much of her retirement serving those in need. Dolores took genuine pleasure in being around people, and she found great satisfaction in helping others. She served in the Volunteer Auxiliary of Conroe Regional Hospital for several years and later as a Veterans Administration Volunteer at the Conroe VA Clinic. Here, Dolores dedicated over 9,500 volunteer hours to our veterans—a remarkable accomplishment, and one Dolores was extremely proud of. In recognition of her kindness, selflessness, and thoughtfulness, she was rightfully awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award highlights those like Dolores who go above and beyond to give back to their community.

She is survived by her nieces, Patsy Jackson, Betty Vanya and Charlotte Henner; nephew, Harold Stegall; and great nephews, Larence Jackson and Lynn Stegall; daughter-in-law, Joan Mathias; granddaughters, Nicole Panneton and Renee Mathias; and great grandchildren, Cooper and Ava.

While we mourn with her family, we also celebrate Dolores' life and her remarkable legacy of service. She was truly a joy to all who had the privilege of meeting her, and I know I join her family, friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring her extraordinary life and her unwavering devotion to our veterans, her community, her friends, and her family. Dolores will be greatly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE CON-  
CURRENT RESOLUTION EX-  
PRESSING CONGRESS' SUPPORT  
FOR PROVIDING TEMPORARY  
PROTECTED STATUS TO HAITIAN  
NATIONALS RESIDING IN THE  
UNITED STATES AT THE TIME  
HURRICANE MATTHEW HIT HAITI

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my House concurrent resolution, which expresses Congress' support for

extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitian Nationals who resided in the United States when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti on October 4, 2016.

Hurricane Matthew was the worst hurricane to hit the country in 50 years. It took the lives of over 1,000 people and directly affected 2.1 million Haitians with the internal displacement of 175,000 people and leaving 1.4 million in need of urgent humanitarian aid.

It is estimated that Hurricane Matthew resulted in damage that will cost Haiti \$1,000,000,000, or about 11.4 percent of its gross domestic product. This includes extensive damage to Haiti's roadways, bridges, buildings, and other critical infrastructure. Additionally, Hurricane Matthew resulted in tremendous destruction in Haiti's agricultural sector with crop losses estimated to be \$360 million.

Madam Speaker, as we all know, Haiti continues its efforts to rebuild from the 2010, 7.0 magnitude earthquake, and recover from the Cholera outbreak of the same year. With these tragedies in mind, and the knowledge that Haitians continue to work diligently to address these and other important issues, including creating strong democratic institutions, I encourage all Members to join me in letting the Haitian Diaspora know that we stand with them.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY 2019

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following Presidential Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day 2019.

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY, 2019

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On Religious Freedom Day, we celebrate our Nation's long-standing commitment to freedom of conscience and the freedom to profess one's own faith. The right to religious freedom is innate to the dignity of every human person and is foundational to the pursuit of truth.

The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth shared an experience common to many of America's first settlers: they had fled their home countries to escape religious persecution. Aware of this history, our Nation's Founding Fathers readily understood that a just government must respect the deep yearning for truth and openness to the transcendent that are part of the human spirit. For this reason, from the beginning, our constitutional republic has endeavored to protect a robust understanding of religious freedom. On January 16, 1786, Virginia enacted the Statute for Religious Freedom to protect the right of individual conscience and religious exercise and to prohibit the compulsory support of any church. Authored by Thomas Jefferson, the statute set forth the principle that religious liberty is an inherent right and not a gift of the state. Jefferson's statute served as the inspiration and model for the legal architecture of the conscience

protections in the First Amendment, drafted by James Madison just a few years later.

Unfortunately, the fundamental human right to religious freedom is under attack. Efforts to circumscribe religious freedom—or to separate it from adjoining civil liberties, like property rights or free speech—are on the rise. Over time, legislative and political attacks on religious freedom have given way to actual violence. Last October, we witnessed a horrific attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in our Nation's history. Tragically, attacks on people of faith and their houses of worship have increased in frequency in recent years.

My Administration is taking action to protect religious liberty and to seek justice against those who seek to abridge it. The Department of Justice is aggressively prosecuting those who use violence or threats to interfere with the religious freedom of their fellow Americans. In January of 2018, the Justice Department announced a religious liberty update to the Justice Manual, raising the profile of religious liberty cases. Also in January of 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services undertook major policy changes to protect religious freedom, including forming a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within the Department's Office for Civil Rights and proposing a comprehensive new conscience protection regulation to reinvigorate enforcement of religious freedom laws within existing health care programs.

Around the globe today, people are being persecuted for their faith by authoritarian dictatorships, terrorist groups, and other intolerant individuals. To address this tragic reality, last July, at my request, the Secretary of State convened the first-ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. We are listening to the voices of those risking their lives for their religious beliefs, and we are listening to the families of people who have died fighting for their fundamental right of conscience.

Our Nation was founded on the premise that a just government abides by the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." As the Founders recognized, the Constitution protects religious freedom to secure the rights endowed to man by his very nature. On this day, we recognize this history and affirm our commitment to the preservation of religious freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2019, as Religious Freedom Day. I call on all Americans to commemorate this day with events and activities that remind us of our shared heritage of religious liberty and that teach us how to secure this blessing both at home and around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.

DONALD J. TRUMP

#### TRIBUTE TO LYNDA DELAFORGUE

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding pro-

gressive warrior: Lynda DeLaForgue. Co-director of Citizen Action/Illinois, the largest progressive public interest organization in the state, Lynda has left an indelible mark on laws and policies that directly impact our families and institutions. A skillful, smart and strategic leader, she has had an outsized impact—one that has made untold thousands of people's lives better. While her death last weekend is a tremendous loss for all of us who worked with her, admired her and loved her, her legacy will remain strong for decades to come.

Lynda liked to quote Eleanor Roosevelt, and one of her favorite quotes was this one: "A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water." Lynda took those words to heart. In fighting against payday loans or for affordable health care, Lynda was "Eleanor Roosevelt". She was the epitome of "persistence"—fighting for financial protections, green energy solutions, or democracy reforms. Whether you served in local, state or federal government, when Lynda reached out you knew she would have facts, solutions and people behind her. And you knew that she would not give up until she had succeeded.

I first met Lynda when she worked for the Illinois Public Action Council as a door-to-door canvasser, office manager and voter registration organizer. She expanded her role to work on consumer issues—health policy, financial protections, marriage equality, and energy—always being sure to link policy to the real people and to organizing. In 1997, she became associate director—and three years later co-director—of Citizen Action/Illinois. While there, she and co-director William McNary made Citizen Action/Illinois an innovative and effective organization, recognized throughout Illinois and the country.

Throughout her career, Lynda focused on an underlying idea: that we can empower people to demand and organize on their own behalf to win a more just, fair and opportunity-filled society. It is an idea easier to state than to achieve, but Lynda knew the keys to success: to have convictions, persistence, and to work hard. She also knew the power of organizing and building coalitions. Lynda led by example, and she always took time to mentor and train her staff and provide solid counsel to her allies and aspiring young organizers and leaders. There is no one who combined all these attributes more than Lynda.

Even as she struggled with colon cancer, Lynda kept her eyes on the task at hand. She was actively engaged in leading the progressive political coalition that she built. She used her own experiences with the health care system to promote reform and access. She was on the phone with my office talking about the possibilities before us in the 116th Congress even as she was getting her chemo-therapy treatments.

Lynda brought the same joy and passion to her private life as to her justice work. Everyone enjoyed being with Lynda. She was interested in others and interesting to be around. She was excited to travel, whether exploring her French roots or discovering new avant-garde artists. Above all, she was devoted to her family: her sister Laura, her children Katy and Jordan, and her life partner Brian Reizfeld. To them, I extend my sincere sympathy and my hope that they will take some comfort in knowing how many people loved and are inspired by Lynda.

As Eleanor Roosevelt told us, "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes . . . and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." Lynda DeLaForgue chose to live a life of conviction and action. I will miss her very much.

#### RECOGNIZING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY

#### HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee of the Coachella Valley for their dedication to celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Since 1986, the MLK Commemorative Committee has kept Dr. King's commitment to civil rights, nonviolence, and grassroots activism alive. Every year, they have demonstrated to our Desert community that the values Dr. King preached—justice, love, respect—are as important today as they were during his lifetime.

This committee was born from the vision and service of Mr. Joseph Beaver, a lifetime civil rights advocate and community leader. Answering the call to service during World War II, Mr. Beaver was one of the first African Americans to join the Marine Corps.

We are blessed by Mr. Beaver's advocacy for social justice, which has inspired and enriched our valley. To this day, he remains on the frontlines fighting for civil rights here in our community. In 2014, it was my honor to present Mr. Beaver with the Congressional Gold Medal for his accomplishments as a service member and civil rights leader.

While the manifestations of racism and prejudice may have changed, the injustice Dr. King battled endures today. Racism endures. Inequality endures. Dr. King prophesized that the arc of history bends toward justice, but the road there has never been smooth.

As we remember Dr. King, we cannot relegate him to the history books. To keep his legacy alive, we must stand up to hatred, white supremacy, and the systematic racism that continues to plague our nation. In doing so, we embrace the values Dr. King lived: justice, equality, and the courage to do what is right.

That is the mission of the Commemorative Committee: not to simply remember Dr. King once a year, but to inspire us to carry on his spirit in our hearts and enact his vision of love and equality. It's a message of freedom that, through their efforts, rings across the Coachella Valley and every valley, hill, and stream across our nation.

On behalf of the residents of California's thirty-sixth congressional district, I congratulate the Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee of the Coachella Valley for their commitment to celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. I thank them for their service to our community.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR SENIORS ACT OF 2019

## HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2019. This legislation would direct CMS to promulgate the long overdue Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) final rule by April 1, 2019.

PACE is a proven care model delivering high-quality, comprehensive, integrated and coordinated community-based care to both Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries 55 years of age or older, who meet the criteria for a nursing home level of care, but wish to live at home. Multiple studies show that people receiving care from PACE organizations live longer, experience better health, have fewer hospitalizations and spend more time living at home than those receiving care through other programs.

PACE is a comprehensive, capitated, fully integrated, provider-based health plan. At present, there are 124 PACE organizations operating in 31 states, serving over 45,000 elders and those living with disabilities every day. PACE operates based on the fundamental principle that it is preferable in terms of quality of life, quality of care, and costs to public and private payers for PACE-eligible individuals to be served in the community whenever possible. Ninety-five percent live at home in their communities.

The PACE organization assesses each individual upon enrollment and develops a personalized care plan, implemented primarily by PACE staff across all settings of care twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Most PACE participants, 90 percent, are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The average participant is 76 years of age, and lives with multiple chronic, complex medical conditions, which often significantly limit activities of daily living. Approximately half live with dementia. Thus, PACE organizations enroll an exclusively high-risk, high-cost population, with 85 percent being at least 65 years of age, and 15 percent between the ages of 55 and 64.

When individuals with chronic and medically complex conditions do not have access to care, their quality of life is diminished, which over time leads to increased expenditures. PACE deliberately was constructed to address the chronic care needs of individuals by providing timely and clinically appropriate treatments and social supports.

Currently, PACE programs operate under outdated regulations from 2006. It is critically important that CMS issue the PACE final rule, which will bring much needed regulatory flexibility, allowing PACE organizations to innovate and grow to best serve their participants, their families, and their communities. I urge all of my colleagues to join me to pass the Comprehensive Care for Seniors Act of 2019.

# TRANS-SAHARA COUNTERTERRORISM PARTNERSHIP ACT

## HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, since 2005, the United States has been actively involved in the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership, which is an interagency program to assist partner countries in the Sahel and Maghreb regions of Africa, including Niger, Nigeria, Tunisia, and Mali, to address terrorist threats and prevent the spread of violent extremism.

This legislation is needed due to the continued high rate of terrorist activity on the continent, and this Partnership helps coordinate our diplomatic, defense, and development efforts to counter those threats.

Recently, the Pentagon, under the President's direction, has been re-evaluating our troop presence in Africa, which means the United States will need to rely more heavily on strategic partnerships built up over years. This bill would do that.

The bill directs the Departments of State and Defense as well as USAID to develop a comprehensive, interagency strategy for U.S.-Africa counterterrorism cooperation. It also improves monitoring and evaluation of the Partnership's programs to help guide whether efforts should be refocused on certain aspects of building partnership capacity.

Success in mitigating terrorism and violent extremism in Africa and elsewhere around the globe is predicated on our ability to work closely with our allies and combat violent extremism in a consistent and effective manner. This piece of legislation allows us to do just that.

I'd like to thank Ranking Member MCCAUL for his important work on this issue and introducing this legislation with me. I urge my colleagues to support this package.

## RECOGNIZING THE 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

## HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I proudly recognize the 46th annual March for Life taking place on January 18, 2019. Thousands of Americans from across our great country have made the pilgrimage to Washington to stand up for the protection of unborn children.

Ever since the Supreme Court's reprehensible ruling in *Roe vs. Wade*, the barbaric practice of abortion on demand has been rampant in our nation. Too often people erroneously conflate abortion with women's health care, presenting a false choice of caring for women or protecting life. It is possible to do both.

I stand firmly with the millions of Americans who believe that we must protect the lives of innocent children. I have long been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues. During my tenure as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the ban on partial-birth

abortion through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law. I have fully supported every effort in Congress to prevent taxpayer dollars from funding abortions—both in the United States and abroad—and will continue to fight efforts to reverse this practice. I am inspired by all who have traveled to Washington to participate in the March for Life, especially those from Wisconsin, and am grateful for all who believe that every life is precious and must be protected.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF "JUMPIN' JOHNNY" WILSON OF ANDERSON, INDIANA

## HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Edward Wilson, an Anderson legend. "Jumpin' Johnny" Wilson was known for his exceptional drive, hard work, and mentorship displayed both on and off the basketball court. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Wilson's revolutionary contributions to the city of Anderson, Madison County community, State of Indiana, and our nation.

A life-long Hoosier, Wilson was born in 1927 and raised in Anderson, Indiana, where he attended Anderson High School. During high school, he used his athletic ability to shatter racial barriers. Wilson led the Anderson Indians to their third state title, scoring 30 points in the 1946 championship game, then a state finals record. Wilson's love of sports extended far beyond basketball. He was an all-around athlete and enjoyed playing football, track, and baseball. His tremendous athletic ability led him to be named the state's first African-American Mr. Basketball and earned him the nickname Jumpin' Johnny. True to his moniker, Wilson won the state championship in the high jump.

Upon graduating high school, Wilson aspired to play college basketball. During this time, racial integration was discouraged. Due to public sentiment, Wilson was not afforded the opportunity to play for his dream school, Indiana University. Wilson later passed up opportunities with other schools to play for Anderson College, which was integrated in all aspects of student life. As an Anderson Raven, Wilson earned 11 letters in four different sports, was selected three times in basketball as all-conference and team MVP, was a twice named All-American, and finished third in the nation in scoring in 1949. Anderson College qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) small-college tournament during Wilson's sophomore and junior years, but the Ravens' integrated team was excluded. He still holds Anderson University's (AU) records for career scoring average (23.3), season scoring average (25.4), field goal attempts in a game (56), and ranks eighth on the career scoring list with 1,540 points. Wilson was also named All-Conference and team MVP in both baseball and track.

Wilson eventually left Anderson University, attending various baseball tryout camps before earning a spot on the Chicago American Giants in the Negro Leagues in 1949. Wilson's

baseball career lasted only one season before he switched sports, becoming a member of the famed Harlem Globetrotters.

A true patriot, Wilson left the Globetrotters to serve in the United States Army, later returning to the team until retiring in 1954.

After retiring from the Harlem Globetrotters, Wilson returned to college where he obtained a teaching degree. He accepted a coaching position at Indianapolis Wood High School where he was named the first African-American coach at an integrated school in Indiana. In his eight seasons as coach, Wood teams won an astounding 139 games and lost 59.

After leaving Indianapolis, Wilson was hired as athletic director and later head basketball coach at Crane Community College in Chicago. The junior college was soon renamed in honor of civil rights figure Malcolm X. Wilson was head coach of Malcolm X basketball for 16 years where his teams won 378 games and lost 135, a .737 record. After retiring in 1989 from Malcolm X, he returned to his hometown of Anderson, where he became assistant coach for Anderson University with good friend, and then head basketball coach and athletic director, Barrett Bates.

Wilson was known as a great ambassador to the community as assistant coach at AU. Wilson was dedicated to his players' success and taught them the importance of working hard, often claiming there is no such thing as a "free lunch." Encouraging players to go to class and get an education was instilled in his coaching philosophy. It was important to him that players were successful both on and off the court. Wilson was respected by other coaches and the people he worked with. He spent four seasons as an AU assistant coach and three years as a volunteer assistant coach at Anderson High School under Ron Hecklinski. After being passed over for a head coach position at Anderson High School more than once, Wilson become head coach for the girls' basketball team. In 2002, he served as an assistant coach to his son, John E. Wilson Jr. at Lock Haven State College in Pennsylvania.

Wilson was recognized consistently over the years for his excellence in athletics. His contributions were so significant, Anderson High School erected a statue in his honor in 2016. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1994, the Anderson University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997, and was named Madison County's 100 Greatest Athletes in 2012. Wilson was also honored as one of the Top 50 Athletes of the Century in Indiana and Co-Athlete of the Century by the Herald Bulletin with fellow teammate and AU Hall of Famer Carl Erskine. He won the Humanitarian Award from Malcolm X College and the Black Sports Pioneer Award from Alpha Kappa Sorority. Wilson was the recipient of the Distinguished Service and Citizen Awards from the Boy Scouts of America, the Masons, Black Expo, the City of Anderson and was chosen as a Goodwill Ambassador by the Harlem Globetrotters. Notably, Wilson enjoyed meeting young men and women at the Herald Bulletin's Johnny Wilson Awards annual luncheon, where local multi-sport-student-athletes were honored.

Wilson will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Anderson community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Wilson's son, John E. (Jackie)

Wilson Jr., daughters, Sherri Wilson and Gena Wilson-Stockard, brother, Gene (Mae Helen) Wilson, and his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends who mourn his loss. The Anderson and Hoosier community will forever miss his positive attitude, mentorship, and unwillingness to quit.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE HAITIAN EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2019

##### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2019.

Thought the current occupant of the White House may want to have us believe that all is well in Haiti while, parenthetically, speaking of the country in derogatory and disgusting terms, those of us who truly know this country, those of us who truly care about the country and the Haitian Diaspora, know that Haiti remains on the road to recovery. The rebuilding continues from not only Hurricane Matthew, but the 2010 earthquake and the cholera outbreak, all of which continue to provide roadblocks to Haiti's full recovery. It is imperative that we do all that we can to ensure that the Haitian people receive the assistance they need to realize a vibrant, strong, and healthy democracy.

To that end, the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2019 authorizes the Secretary of State to establish a scholarship program for Haitian students who have had their studies disrupted by the 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Matthew. Such scholarships will ensure that Haiti has access to the future teachers, doctors, lawyers and civil servants it will need to realize its full potential with strong democratic institutions and a strong economy.

Madam Speaker, I invite all of my colleagues to join me in support of this important bill—a bill that will help Haitians help Haiti as the country continues its hard work on its road to recovery.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make it clear that had a recorded vote on H.J. Res. 28 been recognized and called, I would have voted no.

#### HONORING THE HARRISBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EARNING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

##### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the outstanding men

and women of the Harrisburg Police Department on earning the National Association of Town Watch "Rookie of the Year" Award.

On August 7, 2018, 16,780 law enforcement agencies across the Country held local National Night Out events, aimed at promoting police-community partnerships through neighborhood block parties and cookouts with officers. Out of nearly 800 nationwide law enforcement groups who held a National Night Out for the first time, the Harrisburg Police Department was one of only three agencies in Pennsylvania selected for recognition.

Law enforcement officers are heroes, and we must not take their service for granted. They put their lives on the line to keep our neighborhoods, homes, businesses and schools safe and secure. The National Night Out in August was just one more example of the Harrisburg Police Department's cherished charge to protect and defend the people they serve.

I've long appreciated the commitment and self-sacrifice of our law enforcement professionals. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend, congratulate and extend my heartfelt thanks to the Harrisburg Police Department on this great accomplishment, and wish them Godspeed as they continue serving and safeguarding our communities.

#### OATH CEREMONY ON JANUARY 25, 2019

##### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on January 25, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On January 25, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Julia Sui Nei Mawi, Balida McCraw, Song E. Paik, Bruno Frederic Penteado, Angel Chiang, Maricela Garcilazo, Luis Antonio Huerta, Carmen Navarro Lopez, Tatiana Madon, Jorge Martinez, Lucia Tiscornia, Karina Furlic, Viktoriya Trenkinshu, Ana M. Anguiano, Jose Arturo Jimenez, Nishi Wairimu Muna, Elyahu Harold Herszberg, Tianlin Wang Ford, Tsoelopele Quincy Mukwena, Haneen Abuhasan, Sofia Rebeca Cavazos, Belen Candelario, Ljubica Trajeski, Shing Vucich Chung, Jabrieh Mustafa Issa, Dijana Najdeski, Suthon Somjana, Elena Eshanova, Martin Paul Nowosadzki, and Selenne Serna.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on January 25, 2019. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

RECOGNIZING MR. EDDIE FARRIS AS THE 2018-2019 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Eddie Farris as the 2018–2019 Walton County Educational Support Professional of the Year. For seven years, Mr. Farris has served the Walton County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to service.

It is recognized that the position of Plant Manager comes with numerous responsibilities, but Mr. Farris continues to dependably perform his many duties while exceeding at his profession. Remarkably, Mr. Farris does all this while consistently offering a warm smile to everyone who enjoys the pleasure of working with him.

Mr. Farris is cherished by his supervisors and colleagues for his incredible kindness and positive attitude. He generously considers the needs of both students and staff because of the immense pride he possesses for his school.

His support knows no bounds, as evidenced by his willingness to provide assistance whenever and whenever it is needed. Mr. Farris has displayed dedicated teamwork by working with the PTO in coordinating events, such as Fall Festivals and movie nights. He is to be commended for his steadfast desire to serve as a positive example for those who matter most—the students.

I am truly proud to have Mr. Farris as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District and offer my gratitude for his admirable contributions to his community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mr. Eddie Farris for his accomplishments, as well as his commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, service, and collaboration in the Walton County School District. I

thank him for his good work, and wish him continued success in the future.

## REJECTING WHITE NATIONALISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2019*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 41 to reject White nationalism and White supremacy. I applaud Mr. CLYBURN and the House for acting against hate speech. Representative KING has rightly been stripped of committee assignments by his colleagues, but today's vote has been a long time coming. His latest comments were not the first time Representative KING has made ugly, offensive, demeaning, and unashamedly racist remarks. Unfortunately, for more than a decade now, House Republican leadership did nothing while Representative KING freely espoused white nationalism, anti-Semitism, and bigotry. Today, under Democratic Leadership, the House is taking appropriate action against a member of the House who has time and again promoted hate speech in Congress and Republicans have finally acted to impose discipline for misconduct. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 41 to reject Representative KING's racism, bigotry, and hate.

RECOGNIZING MR. TIMOTHY W. COY

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy W. Coy for over four decades of extraordinary public service. Mr. Coy will retire this month from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense as a Team Chief after nearly a decade of providing accurate, rapid, and actionable guidance on a broad range of issues including legislative proposals and appeals, congressional hearing support, and statements of administration policy.

Preceding his role with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Mr. Coy served his country in the United States Air Force (USAF). He received assignments as a member of the USAF “Thunderbirds” and the initial cadre of the F–117 “Stealth” fighter program. Mr. Coy worked through the ranks to receive the title of Crew Commander, where he became the Aide-de-Camp and Executive Officer for the Commander, 4th Air Division. More recently, Mr. Coy was selected to be one of nine Air Force Legislative Fellows and, in this capacity, specialized in defense policy for Senator Wayne Allard. After graduating the program, Mr. Coy worked for the United States Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), where he advocated for JFCOM programs on Capitol Hill as the Chief of Legislative Affairs. After a successful 27 years in the military, Mr. Coy retired from the USAF in 2004 to become the Deputy Director and, later, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Missile Defense Agency.

During his service with the Agency, Mr. Coy advocated for a \$9 billion budget in Congress to help develop new missile defense systems that protect the United States and its allies from hostile ballistic missile attacks.

Mr. Coy has received numerous accolades throughout his distinguished career. In addition to earning the title of “Top Performer” in his Minuteman III training in Officer Training School, Mr. Coy has been selected as one of Strategic Air Command's top missileers for assignment to the TOP HAND Program. Mr. Coy also attended Harvard University as a Senior Executive Fellow, where he earned a Certificate in Public Policy.

All who knew and worked with Mr. Coy will miss his leadership and strong work ethic. I am sad to see him leave, but even more proud to congratulate him on a well-earned retirement as he starts a new chapter in his life.

ROE V. WADE 46TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today as constituents of the First District of Georgia, and from across the nation, come to D.C. to be a voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the misguided U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

It is a tragedy that since this ruling in 1973, millions of defenseless babies have been denied the right to life.

As a health care professional, father, and grandfather, I strongly believe that life begins at conception, and I support the sanctity of human life.

This past Congress, I worked tirelessly alongside fellow Members and pro-life advocates in our fight to end abortion.

We accomplished a lot.

Most notably, passing and signing into law H.J. Res. 43, which overturned the Obama administration's rule preventing states from redirecting Title X funds away from abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

Now, states have the freedom to distribute Title X grant money in a way that best serves the needs of their constituents.

Additionally, the House approved multiple pro-life bills including the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

Each one of these bills represents a step forward in our fight to save the life of a child.

Rest assured, we are committed to continuing our fight for the precious lives of the innocent unborn in the 116th Congress.

I want to thank each and every person who have traveled to our Nation's Capital today for this important occasion.

I look forward to meeting with my constituents and other Georgia residents to discuss pro-life values and initiatives for the upcoming year.

RECOGNIZING THE 46TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 17, 2019*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the first and most fundamental right guaranteed to every individual . . . the right to life.

Next week marks the 46th anniversary since the tragic ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. In that time, more than 60 million lives have been lost to abortion.

That's 60 million babies who were never given the chance to fulfill their potential as a future doctor, farmer, artist, or Member of Congress.

Last year the House made significant progress to protect life through the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and by urging the Trump administration to update Title X guidelines so that tax dollars for family planning services don't go to abortion providers.

I was proud to help lead that effort in the House, but I know we can't stop there.

That's why I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Americans from Kansas and throughout our country who are arriving in

Washington this week to participate in the March for Life.

As part of this year's theme, Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science, we know that research has proven what pro-life Kansans have already known—that life is precious and it begins at conception.

As a proud father of three and a Kansan, I stand in support of the hundreds of thousands of fellow Kansans and Americans who will be the voice for the voiceless at the March for Life.

I want to thank Congressman SMITH for organizing the Special Order.