

middle to high school. Under my legislation, participating students would develop and execute a formalized plan for success in high school and beyond, and be supported by a school faculty member or volunteer from the community known as a "Success Coach."

Middle school is a uniquely challenging time for students, and ensuring a smooth transition from middle to high school is critical to their long-term success. School-based mentoring is an innovative supplement to the traditional learning that takes place in the classroom, providing underserved and at-risk students with attention and support to keep them engaged in school. This legislation is a small step towards providing some of the most vulnerable students with individual attention to help cross the bridge towards high school, college, and career. I urge you to join me.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE SIBLEY

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Texas's longest tenured and most respected staffers, Mrs. Joyce Sibley of Austin. For 32 years, Joyce has served the United States Senate. During that time, Joyce earned a reputation as a problem solver who always went the extra mile for those she served.

Joyce's resume stands among the most impressive in modern Texas history. She began working in government in 1971 by answering phones for Senator John Tower's Austin office. She later went on to work for Governor Bill Clements, Governor George W. Bush, and the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison.

There are countless stories demonstrating her willingness to go above and beyond for Texans facing difficult challenges at home and abroad. During my tenure as Chief of Staff for Senator TED CRUZ, I had the good fortune of witnessing Joyce's invaluable expertise. It is often difficult to deal with the bureaucracy of the Federal Government, but Joyce brought confidence and a tenacious attitude to our team, and made tedious work look easy.

Of all the people with whom I have worked in my career, none surpass Joyce with regard to her servant's heart, her grace, and her humility. She was the kind of colleague you could count on to support the Senator, myself, and all the staff. She called to offer support when you needed it—personally or professionally. She truly was one of the best in the business.

She will now have more time to do the things she loves. We happen to share a love of blues and outlaw country that is unique to Austin's storied music scene—from Stevie Ray and Jimmie Vaughan to James Cotton. I am certain retirement will be filled with many live shows in Austin, where I look forward to celebrating the next chapter in your life.

Again, I want to congratulate Joyce on her decades of service and extend my sincere, heartfelt thanks for the dedication and skill she has brought to the people of Texas. Without question, she will have a long-lasting impact on the State of Texas and Congressional staff for years to come.

Joyce is a blessing to all who know her and while I am sad to see her leave this post of

service, I know the Lord has much more in store for that great heart of hers. Godspeed, my friend.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JACK SHIFREL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Jack Shifrel. For decades, Jack was a tireless voice for our veterans, the Democratic Party, and for countless other causes close to his heart. I was blessed to count him as a close friend. He was one of the very first people to endorse me for public office. He supported me in three losing causes, and in 1992 when I was first elected to Congress. I will always be eternally grateful to my dear, dear friend.

Jack dedicated his life to serving our community. As a proud veteran, he worked tirelessly to ensure that his fellow veterans had access to the services they rightfully deserved. He was deeply committed to improving access to health services, and his advocacy helped make it safer and easier for veterans to access the VA Clinic in Sunrise, Florida. Among the many hats Jack wore was that of the President of the Broward Veterans Coalition, where the good work he did continues to positively affect the lives of those who have served our country.

Jack was also known for going out of his way to mentor the next generation of Democratic activists, and was always available for advice and counsel. As a leader in the Broward Democratic Party, he was a delegate to five Democratic national conventions and an outspoken advocate for equal rights and what he considered our collective responsibility to each other. He was serving his 10th four-year term as a Democratic Party committeeman, and was just as committed to making our community and country stronger as the day he began. That's who Jack was, and he was one of a kind. He made our entire community a better place, and every life he touched was made better. His loss will be felt in Broward County for years to come.

I extend my deepest condolences to Jack's wife, Laurie, his children Darrin, David, and Jillian, his siblings Lori, Myke, and Scott, his grandchildren, and his entire family during this extremely difficult time.

HONORING THE MIDDLETOWN LIONS CLUB ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Middletown Lions Club as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary. Striving to always meet the Lions' motto, "We Serve," the Middletown Lions have served our community and the families they serve with pride and distinction.

The second oldest chartered Lions Club in Connecticut, the impact that the Middletown Lions have had in the community is immeasurable. In 1961, the Club volunteered for and helped to establish Big Brothers Big Sisters; they created Lions Park in 1963, a space that families continue to enjoy today; they have managed the vendor services for the Middletown Regatta; and helped to coordinate the first "After Ball" which provided a safe environment for graduating high school seniors to eat, dance, and socialize on prom night. The Club continues to strengthen our community through their support of the food bank and service projects for the hungry and homeless at the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen and the New Horizon's Women Shelter.

At the heart of any Lion's Club is their mission to supporting individuals with vision impairments. To that end, the Middletown Lions have conducted medical and eye screenings for countless adults, seniors and children. Additionally, their work with and support of KidSight USA has helped to save the vision of some of our most vulnerable children six months to six years of age. For the Middletown Lions, their service projects extend beyond supporting those facing visual impairments. Their work on behalf of the Clara Barton Diabetes Camp Rising Sun, a camp for children with cancer, the Connecticut Radio Information System for the blind or print challenged, as well as their fundraising efforts to provide hearing aids and service dogs have made all the difference in the lives of thousands of families and children.

Over the course of the last ninety years, the Middletown Lions have not only met their mission but have set the standard for what it means to live up to the motto "We Serve." Today, as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary, I am honored to stand today to pay tribute to the Middletown Lions Club for the myriad of ways that they have improved the quality of life for children, adults, and seniors as well for all of their efforts to enrich the Middletown community. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone and best wishes for many more years of success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO DIABETIC SHOES ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act, which would remove an unnecessary burden, allowing a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to prescribe diabetic shoes.

According to the American Diabetes Association, 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with diabetes every year, and it is a condition that affects approximately 9 percent of the population. Both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetics are faced with a high lifetime risk of developing foot ulcers. Specialized insoles and footwear are required to prevent further breakdown and injury, and to ensure that recurring ulcers do not develop. If these ulcers are allowed to recur multiple times, patients can lose toes or feet entirely.