

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.

Currently, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, who often act as primary care providers for many patients with diabetes, are required to refer diabetic Medicare patients who need therapeutic shoes to a physician for further certification. The patient must then refer to the physician going forward. In addition to accruing unnecessary fees, this process delays patients from getting efficient and time-sensitive care.

Timely access to diabetic shoes is crucial, and is well within the scope of treatment that nurse practitioners and physician assistants should be able to prescribe. That is why I am proud to sponsor the Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me to pass this important piece of legislation.

**CELEBRATING BOONE DRUG'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Boone Drug in Boone, North Carolina, on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of its original store, opened in North Carolina's Fifth District by Dr. George Kelly Moose. With this longevity of service in the community, Boone Drug can truly claim to be a neighborhood institution. When it opened, it was one of only two drugstores in Boone, and it has thrived in the midst of the changes of the pharmaceutical industry through the last century.

For 50 years, customers went to see Dr. Moose, walking from miles away to buy their medicine at Boone Drug. The upstairs of the building was occupied by a group of doctors and a dentist, which kept constant traffic moving in and out of the store. Dr. Moose even kept his drugstore open until each doctor had seen his last patient, often late into the night.

In 1947, two brothers, Dr. Odell Kelly—"O.K." for Odell Kelly—and Dr. Wayne Richardson, joined Dr. Moose at the pharmacy. The space was expanded for a soda fountain and grill, where many locals socialized, and the town's movers and shakers talked politics.

Joe Miller was next to join the Boone Drug ownership. Having worked at the fountain in high school, the Richardson brothers convinced him to go to pharmacy school and eventually made him a fourth owner.

Dr. Miller was joined by Dr. John Stacy and Dr. Jim Furman. They have kept alive the legacy of customer service, philanthropy, and business expansion of their predecessors. The Boone Drug pharmacists often volunteered their services, staying open until 9 p.m.; so that physicians could work long hours and patients could fill their prescriptions after a late-night doctor's visit. The store's philosophy was that anyone who came in with a prescription left with medicine, even if one didn't have the means to cover the entire prescription's cost right away.

In the mid-1980s, Dr. Miller broadened the store's horizons, selling art supplies. The popular art supply store, named Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, began in the upstairs of the drugstore. At first, art supplies were placed on shelves between over-the-counter medicines down-

stairs. Eventually, what started as Dr. Miller's hobby outgrew the drugstore and Cheap Joe's Art Stuff moved into its own location, serving customers worldwide.

Although the drugstore's fountain and grill closed in 2011, the owners have filled its former space with a nonprofit community kitchen that feeds the hungry. Today, there are 17 Boone Drug locations in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The pharmacists in these pharmacies serve as direct contacts for medical information without an appointment or the expense of a doctor's visit. Boone Drug provides a shining example of the important role that pharmacies play in supporting healthy communities. They provide immunizations, durable medical equipment, counseling, and expertise in healthcare.

I have been a patron of Boone Drug since moving to Boone as a student at Appalachian State University and always enjoy my visits to the store. I continue to love all the wonderful employees and am privileged to represent this small business and local pharmacy. It treats clients like family, which is the hallmark of a small-town drugstore that lasts a century, and I wish Boone Drug another 100 years of success.

**IN HONOR OF THE 88TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
FLETCHER MCCOLLISTER POST
135**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 88th Anniversary of The American Legion—Fletcher McCollister Post 135.

The American Legion Post—Fletcher McCollister 135 in Phenix City, Alabama was chartered on April 3, 1931. It was named for Robert Fletcher and Theodore McCollister, both of Phenix City, who were killed in action during World War I.

In September of 1919, Congress chartered The American Legion. The organization celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

On March 16, 2019, The American Legion—Fletcher McCollister Post 135 will host an event to commemorate their 88th Anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating The American Legion Post—Fletcher McCollister Post 135 on their 88th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, January 24, 2019, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

on roll call no. 50: YEA, and

on roll call no. 51: NAY.

HONORING PEGGY TURK BOYER

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2019

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peggy Turk Boyer, Executive Director of the Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO), a binational, non-profit organization whose mission is the protection of the marine life in the Northern Gulf of California region. She is retiring from her position in 2019 after 40 years of service.

Peggy has devoted her life to preserving the marine environment of the northern Gulf of California and the livelihoods of the people who live there. Her work started in 1980 in Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, when Peggy began managing a marine research field station with her husband. That field station grew into the headquarters of CEDO.

Peggy recognized early on that the Gulf of California region is impacted by the social dynamics and conservation efforts on both sides of the border. This insight produced a governance structure for CEDO composed of two independent boards—one Mexican and one American—to share responsibility for finding resources, developing strategies and insuring the financial stability of the organization. Peggy has raised millions of dollars in Mexico and the United States from international foundations, government agencies, research contracts, individual donors, and events to support CEDO's work.

CEDO has established trust with local fishing communities and the Mexican government. From developing fishing gear that reduces harmful by-catch to providing training on monitoring populations and regulations, CEDO has been in a partnership with fishermen and women, supporting local communities while also giving these communities the tools to make their livelihoods sustainable and environmentally responsible. CEDO's ongoing educational programs for children and adults, including natural history talks, ecotours, environmental contests, beach clean-ups, and a binational marine biology camp for youth, have helped develop a culture of environmental stewardship.

Peggy's vision also included environmental protection. She served on the management planning committees for both the Upper Gulf of California and Colorado River Delta Biosphere Reserve and the Pinacate and Gran Desierto de Altar Biosphere Reserve. She was one of four individuals who were recognized by both the Mexican and U.S. Government for her invaluable contributions to the creation of these two Biosphere Reserves. Peggy and CEDO have received numerous awards on both sides of the border for their work in conservation, education, and tourism. Most recently, CEDO received first place among recipients of the first National Award for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture. The award was for CEDO's work in developing cooperative, grass-roots stewardship of the fishing communities of the Sonoran Corridor.

Peggy Turk Boyer and CEDO have been agents for meaningful change, working tirelessly towards goals of conservation and protection for vulnerable communities both human and marine. We honor her life's work and her