

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MR. EDWARD HAMBERGER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Edward Hamberger on his retirement from the Association of American Railroads (AAR), where he has served as President since 1998. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee, and having worked alongside him for 14 years, I am pleased to recognize his contributions and commitment to America's rail transportation.

As President of AAR, Mr. Hamberger was committed to improving the safety and efficiency of our nation's rail transportation network. His more than 40 years of professional experience have spanned the legislative and executive branches of government, and private legal practice. As President of AAR, he was instrumental in elevating the voice of the rail industry during the consideration of important legislation including the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2016. Working collaboratively with Members of Congress, Mr. Hamberger was able to ensure these bills put forward policies that have improved safety and contributed to the strength of the industry.

In addition to his work with AAR, Mr. Hamberger has served as an appointed member of the Private Sector Advisory Panel on Infrastructure Financing and as a member of the Presidential Commission on Intermodal Transportation. Most recently, he served on the Blue Ribbon Panel of Transportation Experts, after being appointed by the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. He is also a Board Member with Railine, GoRail, and the University of Denver Intermodal Transportation Institute.

His impact on transportation extends to the farthest reaches of our transportation network, and I am grateful for his service and expertise. As a policymaker, I will miss his thoughtful contribution to national dialogue and his charismatic demeanor.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Hamberger's retirement and professional accomplishments throughout his career. While his presence will be missed on Capitol Hill, I wish him, and his wife Susan, a happy retirement.

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF GEORGE SCIMGER

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Elba Township Deputy Fire Chief George Scimger's 45 years of service to Lapeer County.

Born and raised in North Branch, Michigan, Mr. Scimger has served and protected our community for decades, working his way from a firefighter, to captain, to assistant chief, and now deputy chief.

In addition to his duties as a firefighter, fire-fighting instructor, and hazmat instructor, Mr. Scimger has contributed to many organizations serving as chairman for both the Lapeer County Fire Association and the Michigan State Firemen's Association.

George has been honored many times for his commitment to the community. The Lapeer County Fire Association awarded him the award for Firefighter of the Year and Outstanding Officer two times. Also, his home township, Elba Township, awarded him the Chief's Award two times.

He has been a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather to his wife of 53 years, Carol, their three children, and four grandchildren.

I join George's family, friends, and the Lapeer County community in thanking him for the years of service and wish him well in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF BIG TIMBER GRADE SCHOOL AND SWEET GRASS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the students and faculty of Big Timber Grade School and Sweet Grass County High School for supporting and encouraging Barrett Artukovich, a 7-year-old, second-grade student from Big Timber who is battling cancer.

In early December 2018, Barrett was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer that can advance quickly throughout the body and weaken the immune system. Barrett is undergoing a unique, personalized, two-year treatment plan in Colorado where he and his parents, Bill and Heather Artukovich, will travel frequently for clinical visits.

The Big Timber community has rallied around the family, offering generous support.

Because of the treatment, Barrett's head is shaved, and he wears a hat. The boys in Barrett's class shaved their heads in support of their friend. Big Timber Grade School and

Sweet Grass County High School recently observed "Wear a Hat for Barrett Day" with students wearing hats in school with a one-dollar donation to support a fund for the Artukovichs.

The schools kicked off "Barrett's Penny War," a competition among each grade level to see which grade raises the most money through the end of February.

The high school boys basketball team named Barrett its honorary captain for the season. With his parents taking precautions, Barrett attended the emotional game where the team presented him with an autographed basketball and team picture.

With the help of a grant, Barrett participates virtually in the classroom using a telepresence robot. The device provides a two-way audio/video connection which allows Barrett to interact with his teacher and classmates from home.

Barrett's uncle set up an online campaign to help with travel, accommodations, and other expenses. The initial goal of \$20,000 was met within a day, according to Bill Artukovich.

Madam Speaker, for their encouragement and support of a classmate battling cancer and his family, I recognize the students and faculty of Big Timber Grade School and Sweet Grass County High School for their spirit of Montana.

IN MEMORY OF TROOPER LUCAS B. DOWELL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourns the loss of Trooper Lucas B. Dowell of the Virginia State Police. Trooper Dowell was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2019, at the age of 28. His life, although too short, showed a commitment to the rigorous calling of law enforcement.

Trooper Dowell was a native of Chilhowie in Smyth County. He participated in athletics during his days at Chilhowie High School, playing football and baseball. After graduating in 2009, he pursued an interest in law enforcement. At Radford University, he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He graduated from the Virginia State Police's 122nd Basic Session in November 2014 and subsequently served in its Appomattox Division. While executing a search warrant in Cumberland County as part of a Virginia State Police Tactical Team, a suspect opened fire and Trooper Dowell was hit. He later died at Southside Community Hospital in Farmville.

Law enforcement can be a demanding vocation, requiring sacrifices that may include, as the example of Trooper Dowell shows, the ultimate sacrifice, one's life. This is a loss for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Smyth County, and the Town of Chilhowie. I mourn his loss, yet I am grateful that he and the other men

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and women of law enforcement step forward to protect us knowing full well the risks they face. Trooper Dowell's survivors include his parents, Mike and Rebecca, and his sister, Erica. His family is in my prayers.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NON-
PROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the NorthEast Foundation for receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year Award.

Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast has provided high quality health care and assistance to those most in need in our community, including when my young son, Lane, was delivered there just a few years ago. The hospital's NorthEast Foundation has been the driver of so much development and advances to help better serve our people, including raising the money needed to build the Jeff Gordon Children's Center, the Breast Health Center, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences and expanding the Tucker Hospice House.

Led by President Charlie Sastoque, the NorthEast Foundation was formed in 1994 to support one of our community's most valued assets, NorthEast Hospital. Utilizing a community-driven and donor-centric approach, the NorthEast Foundation has provided a platform for which donors can provide to specialty areas that interest or impact them the most. This approach allows donors to directly see the results of their donation, from a new piece of equipment in the neurology lab to support for a scholarship for aspiring nurses and doctors. These creative programs have led directly to Cabarrus County being at the forefront of many medical innovations the last 25 years.

Our community—and my home—is a much better place to live because of the work of the NorthEast Foundation, and I wish them success for the next quarter century.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating NorthEast Foundation on their achievement of the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year Award.

CONDEMNING THE STATE OF
AFFAIRS IN VENEZUELA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the human rights atrocities that are occurring in Venezuela. Under the leadership of Nicolás Maduro, Venezuela has reverted from one of the most prosperous nations in South America to a country into severe crisis.

Venezuela's economy, once the envy of South America, currently faces one of the worst cases of hyperinflation in modern history. The International Monetary Fund expects the inflation rate to reach an astounding 10

million percent this year. Across the country Venezuelans are struggling to survive, facing immense difficulties putting food on the table or affording basic necessities such as fuel and medicine. More than 80 percent of Venezuelan households have insufficient access to food. As grocery stores become increasingly bare, hospitals too are running dangerously low on supplies as the medical system continues to crumble. Even though the Ministry of Health has stopped reporting national health data, we know that rates of malnutrition are rising, as are outbreaks of preventable diseases and the rate of infant mortality.

Madam Speaker, more than three million Venezuelan citizens have fled their home to nearby nations, including nearly 300,000 who have come to the United States seeking refuge in 2018. As the situation continues to deteriorate, tens of thousands of protestors have taken to the street to protest the economic and humanitarian crises and demand change. We must stand with those who are putting their lives on the line to ensure that future generations of Venezuelans live in a peaceful and prosperous country.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE
KLEIN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George Klein, a Memphis original and one of the late Elvis Presley's longest and closest friends after they met at Humes High School in 1948, both aged 13. Mr. Klein died Tuesday evening in Memphis at the age of 83. George Klein, known as "GK," was Memphis disc jockey and protégé of pioneering disc jockey Dewey Phillips, hosting WHBQ-TV's "Talent Party" (1964 to 1973) and WMC radio's "George Klein's Rock & Roll Ballroom." He later hosted SiriusXM satellite radio's Elvis Radio channel until last year. Mr. Klein was inducted into the Memphis Music Hall of Fame in 2018. A member of King of Rock & Roll's "Memphis Mafia" traveling entourage, Mr. Klein was a groomsmen in Presley's wedding to Priscilla Beaulieu in 1967 in Las Vegas (Elvis served as his best man when Mr. Klein married in 1970) and served as an Elvis pallbearer after the singer's death in 1977. Mr. Klein also had bit parts in some of Elvis' movies, including "Jailhouse Rock" in 1957. When Elvis was posthumously inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, it was his loyal friend Mr. Klein who gave the acceptance speech. For Memphis, Mr. Klein was our Bob Hope, hosting many civic affairs programs and producing the annual George Klein Christmas Charity Show that people looked forward to seeing for years and which raised a lot of money for various charities. As a radio personality, he had a variety of career highlights, hosting Johnny Cash's radio debut; bringing the first African American recording artists—Fats Domino, Sam Cooke, James Brown, and Jackie Wilson—to play on live Memphis television; and introducing The Beatles when they played the Mid-South Coliseum in August 1966. Everybody loved George Klein. He was always cheerful and up-

beat and made life better for all he met; you could say he helped make your day. Mr. Klein very closely followed Memphis State and later University of Memphis sports, particularly basketball. University of Memphis basketball coach John Calipari said he used to talk to Mr. Klein before basketball games and called him "an unbelievable ambassador" for Memphis. George and I had a mutual friend in Irvin Salky, who was his contemporary and occasionally his counselor. Priscilla, who visited my office last month, recognized Mr. Klein's influence. She released a statement Tuesday evening calling Mr. Klein "a legendary broadcaster," adding "but he was so much more to our family. George has been there from the beginning . . . He was a true Memphian and always made it feel like home on trips back to Graceland. I will forever cherish our memories together, they will stay with me always." George was my friend and his was a life well-lived. He will be missed.

PASSING OF SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ
REMENESKI

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski, a dear friend and fellow New Yorker who passed last week. Shirley was an inspiration to all of us, a trailblazer and a leader. To me, she was a friend. Her passion was for people and community and her rich career encapsulates those values.

In 1965, she created and directed the first Social Services Unit in the Bronx Borough President's Office under the leadership of Herman Badillo and, later, Robert Abrams. Six years later, she became the District Administrator for then-Congressman Herman Badillo, serving as a vital bridge between New York City and Washington, D.C.

Shirley's next step was in the Koch Administration, working as Assistant Deputy Mayor for affirmative action, intergovernmental relations, and community development in South Bronx, Harlem and other underdeveloped areas in New York City.

When President Carter visited South Bronx, calling it the nation's disgrace, Shirley became the Legislative Coordinator for the South Bronx Development Organization. In that role, she secured funding for vital programs like Bathgate Industrial Park and the Charlotte Gardens Housing Development Project. She helped to create the South Bronx Job Corps Center, and other land revitalization projects. By helping South Bronx become an Empowerment Zone, she channeled needed business development and economic opportunity to the area.

Later, as Executive Director of Governor Mario Cuomo's Office for Hispanic Affairs she initiated the Puerto Rico Exchange of Officials Program to enhance governmental services to Puerto Ricans on the island and in New York state. In 2002, Governor Pataki appointed her Senior Vice President at the Empire State Development Corporation's Economic Development Division.

While Shirley's professional accomplishments are impressive, to me she was so much

more. For 35 years she was one of my closest friends. We traveled together and Shirley's love for people always shined through wherever we went. She loved entertaining and her house became a gathering place for all the women she had mentored and empowered. No one could throw a party like Shirley and I'll remember many nights of food, drink and, most of all, lots of laughs and warm company in her home. She truly meant the phrase Your house is my house (*Su Casa es mi Casa*). She always said she adored my Tina Turner impression. I'll do it again for Shirley when I next see her.

I'll miss my dear friend, Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski. Her soul was infused with a passion for improving her community, for serving others and for strengthening New York. In every position she served, she brought a tireless commitment to positive change and an infectious energy that made those around her feel no obstacle was insurmountable. I send my prayers and thoughts to Shirley's family. May they take comfort in knowing our community mourns with them and that our city will continue paying homage to her myriad contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, due to logistical challenges, I unintentionally missed a roll call vote on H.R. 502. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 53.

IN HONOR OF CHRIS ARCHER FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CABARRUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Chris Archer for receiving the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

The Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador team is a group of highly visible, prestigious volunteers who serve as the Chamber's primary liaison to Chamber members and the community. They provide vital leadership by sharing their business insights and connections with members and represent the best the Chamber has to offer.

Since joining the Cabarrus Chamber two years ago, Mr. Archer understood that building relationships is the key to any successful business. As an Account Manager at Sharp Business Systems, he has seen success as a result of his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce. He is always ready to greet new members and promote the Chamber to non-members—he's one of the key reasons our Chamber has been so successful the past year.

Mr. Archer is deserving of this award and I wish him success as he continues to provide excellent service to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chris Archer on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Home Rule Act, a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining authority on federal matters. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states and territories. Each governor—including the governors of the three U.S. territories with Guards—has the authority to deploy the National Guard to protect his or her state or territory, just as local militia did historically.

The National Guards in the 50 states and territories operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President currently has the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for both national and local purposes. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to federalize the D.C. National Guard for federal matters at will. It does no harm to give the mayor authority to deploy the Guard for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the deployment of their National Guards, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District, as chief executive, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of federal homeland security activities. My bill permits the mayor to deploy the D.C. National Guard only after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District that Congress began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District matters to an elected mayor and Council. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN HONOR OF TIM VAUGHN, THE 2019 DUKE ENERGY CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Timothy F. Vaughn for receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

The Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award seeks out individuals who use their time, talent and compassion to positively impact the lives of others in their community or in the workplace. Recipients of the award help foster a culture of citizenship and service that acts as a catalyst for others to become involved in civic and social activities.

Even though he always puts others first, I can think of no one more deserving of recognition than Tim Vaughn. I've known Tim for over twenty years at this point—despite managing Hilbish Ford, one of the biggest car dealerships in the state, he's always found time to step up and lead our community. He's helped lead the Rotary Club, he's helped our children in both Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools, and he's always been thoroughly involved with the Cabarrus Chamber.

Tim Vaughn truly represents the best our county has to offer, and I'm thrilled he is being recognized by Duke Energy and the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Timothy F. Vaughn on receiving the 2019 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award from the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK KELEHER FOR HIS INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITAL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Keleher. Jack has worked in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office as an intern through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) since January. I am so pleased to acknowledge his hard work and dedication.

Jack is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws at Deakin University in Victoria, where he is a Member of the Deakin Law Student's Society, the Law Institute of Victoria, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. He earned a certificate in Advanced Legal Research in 2017 and gained valuable experience as a legal caseworker, law clerk, and paralegal.

For the past 19 years, UCWIP has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving them the opportunity to work in the halls

of Congress and learn about the American legislative process. Over the years, I have been honored to host many outstanding Australian students, and Jack has been no exception.

As an intern, Jack has helped my office with many of the day-to-day administrative functions, including taking calls from constituents, welcoming visitors, and drafting letters in response to inquiries. He also had the opportunity to work on floor remarks, as well as helping my staff with legislative research and outreach on several bills that I have introduced in the 116th Congress. Jack approached his internship with great enthusiasm and clearly has showed his passion for public service.

On February 5th, Jack had the opportunity to attend the 2019 State of the Union Address by President Trump. I know this is just one of several experiences that he will take away from his time in Washington and the United States.

Madam Speaker, it has been my honor to host Jack for his Congressional internship. I have no doubt he will go on to do great things in the future. I wish him much success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. MILLIE RUTH
McCLELLAND CHARLES

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles, a legendary social worker and native of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. McClelland passed away at the age of 96.

Mrs. Charles was born July 25, 1923 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Rev. Williams McClelland, a Baptist preacher, and Frankie Little, a school teacher.

Mrs. Charles entered Dillard University when she was only 15 years old and graduated with a degree in secondary education. However, after a few years of teaching in north Louisiana and loving the children in her classes, she realized she could find more fulfillment in social work because she would be able to help children and their families find ways to solve problems. Therefore, she earned a master's degree in the subject at the University of Southern California in the mid-1950s.

Mrs. Charles was married briefly, to Charles Carrol Charles, in 1950, while she was working in the City Welfare Department, Children and Family Services Division. He died while she was pregnant with her only child, who goes by the name H.M.K. Amen.

In or about 1965, Dr. Emmett W. Bashful, asked an energetic, passionate 42 year old Mrs. Charles to start a social work program at Southern University in New Orleans (SUNO). In its beginnings, it was a department of Social Work. Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles, the department transformed into a fully-accredited school of social work offering baccalaureate and masters level degrees.

Mrs. Charles's work has been recognized nationally. The National Association of Social Workers named her Social Worker of the Year. SUNO has a Millie McClelland Charles

Endowed Chair of Social Work, and the Louisiana Legislature passed a special resolution to name SUNO's School of Social Work building after her. The building opened in 2016.

Mrs. Charles served as Co-Chair of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Meeting; a Member of the CSWE Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum Standards; and a Site Visitor for the CSWE Accreditation Commission. In addition, since 1972, she has consulted with numerous Undergraduate and Graduate Social Work Programs around the U.S., advising them on curricula.

Mrs. Charles has received numerous awards: National Social Worker of the Year (NASW), 1975; Humanitarian of the Year, Federal Women Employees Association, 1975; Founders Award, New Orleans Chapter, National Association of Black Social Workers, 1979; Doctor of Humane Letters, Dillard University, 1993; and she also was one of four women honored by the New Orleans YWCA for lifetime of service to the community. Mrs. Charles was hailed as a lifelong crusader for equality during a ceremony in which she was presented The Times-Picayune Loving Cup on Tuesday, June 24, 2013.

Mrs. Charles loved the city and the people of New Orleans. Her legacy will forever be a part of the city and her dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mrs. Charles, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Millie Ruth McClelland Charles.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

Located in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, 73 & Main Restaurant has established itself as a restaurant that caters to not just folks from around the area, but people from across the country. This restaurant features a bourbon bar, chef's table, patio, event space, and more. 73 & Main has quickly become a source of pride for the community, myself included.

Led by Dr. Allen Dobson and General Manager Anthony Misuraca, 73 & Main over the past year has not just become Mt. Pleasant's largest employer, but has also helped revitalize downtown Mt. Pleasant and eastern Cabarrus County. With over 50 percent of their guests coming from outside Cabarrus County, it is clear that 73 & Main is worthy of their already stellar reputation.

Dr. Dobson, Mr. Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant are deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to provide excellent service to our community. I personally look forward to my next visit while I'm traveling across the district.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Allen Dobson, Anthony Misuraca and 73 & Main Restaurant on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce New Business of the Year Award.

HONORING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT DAVID HOUTZ

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Senior Master Sergeant David Houtz. After 24 years of dedicated and honorable service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, SMSgt Houtz will be retiring at the end of this month.

I have a profound admiration for those individuals who answer the call to serve and dedicate themselves to our country and community. SMSgt Houtz is actively engaged in strengthening his community and serves as an important role model for both fellow airmen and our younger generations.

Throughout his distinguished career, SMSgt Houtz has received various awards and accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also served as a Boy Scout leader, a coach for various youth sports, and a member of the Myerstown Water Authority.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking SMSgt Houtz for his dedicated service to the United States and his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We wish him the best as he enters this next chapter in life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YAKIMA
RIVER BASIN WATER ENHANCE-
MENT PROJECT PHASE III ACT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Phase III Act. As my constituents know all too well, communities across the western United States are often faced with the detrimental impacts of droughts and water shortages. This bipartisan legislation offers solutions to give water users more certainty, while also recognizing the concerns of conservationists and the various stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin.

The Yakima River Basin is one of the leading agricultural regions in Washington State and throughout the country. The orchardists, wine grape and hop growers, and other members of the agricultural community inject approximately \$3.2 billion into Washington's economy and support countless jobs in the area. However, the demand for water in the region currently exceeds the resources available, especially during times of drought, which have hit the state especially hard in the past few years.

With researchers predicting that drought seasons will only become more common and

get worse as snowpack in the mountains continues to decline, action needs to be taken so that stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin can continue operating without having to worry about whether or not they will be able to water their crops or support key commercial and municipal activities. As the nation has witnessed extreme water problems in California, we must be proactive and have a viable plan in place should intense drought persist in Washington State.

The Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders from the region, including farmers and ranchers; irrigation districts; county and city governments; tribes; conservation organizations; and state and federal agencies. The Plan will protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; provide increased operational flexibility to manage instream flows to meet ecological objectives; and improve the reliability of the water supply in the Yakima River Basin for irrigation, municipal supply, and domestic uses.

After years of tough negotiations, the Yakima River Basin Plan is a model of collaboration that offers a solution to give water users more certainty, while also recognizing the concerns of conservationists and the various stakeholders in the Yakima Basin. The authorization of this next crucial phase of the Plan is vital for my District. This legislation will provide the tools and necessary next steps to addressing our water challenges in Central Washington.

I thank my new colleague, Representative SCHRIER, for joining me in introducing this legislation, as well as Senator CANTWELL for her partnership and continued determination to get this effort across the finish line. As this identical legislation currently moves through the Senate in the lands package legislation, I welcome all members to join me in supporting the legislation here in the People's House.

AMERICAN FOOD FOR AMERICAN
SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the "American Food for American Schools Act." I want to thank my colleague and northern California neighbor Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA) for his support as the original cosponsor.

The "American Food for American Schools Act" would strengthen "Buy American" requirements under the National School Lunch Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This will ensure that school districts use federal taxpayer dollars to purchase domestically sourced food products for in-school meals. Our bipartisan bill would also increase transparency so that parents are notified when their schoolchildren are served foreign-produced foods.

Even in northern California and Central Valley farming communities, some school districts use taxpayer dollars to buy imported foods, unnecessarily, without informing parents. In numerous cases, these same imported foods have been recalled due to safety concerns and outbreaks of foodborne diseases, when

those same foods could have been sourced locally in the first place.

Under our bill, school districts would be required to obtain a waiver from the USDA to use any federal taxpayer dollars to purchase foreign-sourced food products. Any such USDA waivers would only be granted if the domestically produced food was cost prohibitive or simply unavailable.

Our bill would also require that school districts notify parents of all foreign-sourced foods served to students, by posting any such waivers obtained from the USDA on the school's website. This would increase public transparency and provide American farmers an opportunity to seek out school districts that need affordable, domestically grown foods. Our nation's schoolchildren should be served nutritious, American-grown foods produced under the strictest food safety standards in the world. That is exactly what our bill would do.

Last year, Congress included "Buy American" language for the National School Lunch Program in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334). This is a good first step in addressing this critical issue for American farmers and school parents. Now Congress needs to finish the job by passing our "American Food for American Schools Act" into law.

Madam Speaker, I hope all members of the House will join me and Congressman LaMalfa in cosponsoring the "American Food for American Schools Act of 2019." I also hope that our bipartisan bill will be included in any future Child Nutrition Reauthorization taken up by the House and Senate.

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD
WINNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate DecisionPathHR for receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

With North Carolina locations in Charlotte and Concord, DecisionPathHR is one of the finest staffing companies in the country. Their ability to compete with national and international companies has allowed them to create an impressive reputation in the industry, and through their hard work and dedication they exemplify the true meaning of a successful small business.

Led by President and CEO Tom Gibson, DecisionPathHR has quickly risen from their founding in 2012 to leading the industry today. Achieving a number of industry staffing awards over the years, DecisionPathHR has developed through innovation in internal hiring and improvements in their digital marketing and collaboration process. It is clear that the best days for DecisionPathHR are still ahead. They also shared the same office site as my District Office in Concord, so my team has personally witnessed their hard work in action over the years.

DecisionPathHR and its entire team is incredibly deserving of this award and I wish them success as they continue to help folks in

our area find good jobs to provide for their families and our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating DecisionPathHR on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

SALUTING THE HEROIC ACTS OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM
BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
PALM BAY, FLORIDA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 27, 2019, the City of Palm Bay will recognize the courage and bravery of the City's law enforcement officers and civilians during their Annual Award's Ceremony to be held at the Dragonfly Farms located at 750 Osmosis Dr. in Palm Bay, FL. Over two-hundred Law Enforcement Officials and Civilian Employees make up The City of Palm Bay's Police Department.

The 166 Sworn Officers, and all the men and women that make up the Palm Bay Police Department lay down their lives on a daily basis as peacekeepers, maintaining law and order for the protection and enhancement of our community. Their motto of Connect, Serve, and Impact speaks of officers connecting with the community as they serve with pride to provide a positive impact to its citizens. Their selfless actions are right and noble. Their actions help keep our community safe.

The Palm Bay Police Department obtained its State of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation status on October 31, 2007, from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. and has successfully reached reaccreditations over the last twelve years.

I am honored to show my support for the law enforcement personnel of the Palm Bay Police Department and their heroic acts. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families.

Among those to be recognized are the Officer of the Year Recipient, Agent Sean Pindar, the Civilian of the Year Recipient, Crime Analyst Dawn Strickland, and the Telecommunicator of the Year, Shift Supervisor Magan Salender.

The Distinguished Service Cross Award Recipients: Corporal Neal Valenti and Officer Christina Martin.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Life Saving Award: Officer Matthew Boggess, Officer Thomas Danti, Officer Joseph Moreno, Officer John Neal, Officer William Pennington, and Officer Brandon Williams.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award: Sergeant Steve Shytle, Agent Sean Pindar (second award), Officer Aaron Arndt, Officer Christopher Jones, Officer Edwin Lutz, Officer Frank Tobar, and Officer Thomas Trotter.

Officers and Civilian Recipients of the Community Service Award: Lieutenant Steve Bland, Lieutenant Lance Fisher, Sergeant Jeffrey Spears, Sergeant Tina Hensel, K9 Officer Byron Patrick, YSU Officer Roy Lavanture, Officer Ryan Austin, and School Crossing Guard George Henderson (second award).

HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT DESMOND DOSS

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynchburg, Virginia, native and Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond Doss, on what would be his 100th birthday.

An Army Medic, Pfc. Doss was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, for his heroic actions during the infamous World War II Battle of Okinawa.

According to his Medal of Honor Citation, "As our troops gained the summit, a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire crashed into them, inflicting approximately 75 casualties and driving the others back. Pfc. Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire-swept area with the many stricken, lowering them one by one to the edge of the cliff into friendly hands."

Though seriously injured himself, Doss spurned an initial rescue attempt seeing a more critically wounded man nearby. Awaiting the return of litter bearers, Doss was again injured yet crawled 300 yards to safety at an aid station.

"Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions, Pfc. Doss saved the lives of many soldiers," the citation read. "His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty."

On the date of what would be his 100th birthday, I take this occasion to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Pfc. Desmond Doss.

CELEBRATING MR. DON KIVLER'S
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, It is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Kivler of the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department. Don, who currently serves as President of the fire department and as Captain of the Fire Police, recently celebrated his 90th Birthday.

Don has been a member of the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Department for over fifty years. A man of humility and integrity, he has bravely responded to countless emergency situations and dedicated over half of his life to promoting the safety and security of his friends and neighbors.

Don has strengthened the department and shaped his community for years to come. He is truly a cornerstone of Lake Silkworth and serves as an example to those around him. As Don embarks on his 90th year, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and wishing him many more happy and healthy years.

RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TIM
BLACK

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the incredible life and career of Fire Chief Tim Black. Chief Black is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to the City of Macedonia. Originally hired as a Parks and Recreation employee, Chief Black rose through the ranks and was promoted to Fire Chief in 1995. Chief Black facilitated the growth of not only the fire department but of the City of Macedonia as a whole, all while protecting and serving the residents of Macedonia. In his retirement, Chief Black hopes to spend more time camping with his wife, Mary, and his children and grandchildren. I applaud and congratulate Fire Chief Tim Black on a life of service and dedication to his community. While I am sure he will be missed serving in this role, I am certain he will continue to serve Northeast Ohio and wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to a scheduled medical procedure, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives from January 10, 2019 to February 5, 2019. During that time, I missed 44 recorded votes. Had I been present for those votes, I would have voted: on Roll Call No. 22 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 267, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 23 on the Passage of H.R. 267, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 24 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 265, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 25 on the Passage of H.R. 265, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 26 on the Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 266, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 27 on the Passage of H.R. 266, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 28 on the Passage of S. 24, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 29 on the Passage of H.R. 221, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 30 on the Passage of H.R. 116, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 31 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 27, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 32 on the Passage of H. Res. 41, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 33 on the Passage of H.R. 135, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 34 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 43, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 35 on the Adoption of H. Res. 43, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 36 on the Passage of H.R. 190, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 37 on the Passage of Amendment No. 2 offered by Mr. MCGOVERN (D-MA), I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 38 on Ordering the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 39 on the Passage of H.R. 268, I would have voted "Nay;"

on Roll Call No. 40 on the Adoption of H. Res. 52, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 41 on the Passage of H.R. 150, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 42 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 30, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 43 on Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 44 on the Passage of H.R. 676, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 45 on the Passage of H.R. 328, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 46 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 28, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 47 on the Passage of H. Res. 61, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 48 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 49 on the Passage of H.R. 648, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 50 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 51 on the Passage of H.J. Res. 31, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 52 on the Passage of H.R. 624, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 53 on the Passage of H.R. 502, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 54 on Approving of the Speaker's Journal, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 55 on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 56 on the Passage of H.R. 428, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 57 on the Passage of H.R. 449, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 58 on the Passage of H.R. 769, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 59 on the Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H. Res. 77, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 60 on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 87, I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 61 on the Passage of H. Res. 87, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 62 on the Passage of Amendment No. 3 offered by Mrs. TRAHAN (D-MA), I would have voted "Nay;" on Roll Call No. 63 on the Republican Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "Yea;" on Roll Call No. 64 on the Passage of H.R. 790, I would have voted "Nay;" and on Roll Call No. 65 on the Passage of H. Res. 79, I would have voted "Nay."

IN HONOR OF THE 2019 CABARRUS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOLUNTEER
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Team Honeycutt of Allen Tate Realtors for being named the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Business of the Year.

Team Honeycutt is one of Cabarrus County's premier real estate teams. Helping North Carolinians find new homes for over 30 years, Team Honeycutt and their 24 employees are known not just for their exemplary work in real estate, but their commitment to volunteer service in their community.

Led by my good friend and Cabarrus County Commissioner Diane Honeycutt, Team Honeycutt has been a pillar of the community for decades. Their team has an astounding 100 percent participation rate on service projects, and in the last 15 years has contributed over \$150,000 in the Cabarrus County

area. These contributions include scholarships to local schools and community colleges, donations to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Relief, and direct contributions to countless community organizations we know and love.

Diane and all of Team Honeycutt are deserving of this award and I couldn't be more proud of the example they set for our county and beyond.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Diane Honeycutt and all of Team Honeycutt on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Business of the Year Award.

REMEMBERING NORMAN "COACH"
POLLOM FOR HIS COMPASSION
AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Norman Pollom, a constituent

of mine who led a full and inspiring life defined by his compassion for others.

As a young man, Mr. Pollom served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After returning to civilian life, he brought his leadership to the football field, where he had a long and successful career.

Mr. Pollom was a member of the University of Washington Huskies' Rose Bowl-winning team in 1960. He went on to have a decorated career as a college coach and NFL scout, helping to build a Los Angeles Rams team that won seven straight Western Division Championships. He later moved to the Buffalo Bills, helping to draft Hall of Famers Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith, and Andre Reed. Mr. Pollom is widely regarded as one of the best NFL scouts of all time.

While Mr. Pollom's professional accomplishments were impressive, his conduct off the field deserves the highest praise. After his son passed away from cancer, Mr. Pollom established the Mike Pollom Scholarship Foundation in his memory. His foundation helped students from underrepresented and underprivileged backgrounds go to college and pursue their dreams. Many students' lives have been

forever changed by his kindness and generosity.

While I did not know Mr. Pollom personally, those who did remember a man who always saw the best in people and encouraged others to follow their dreams. His charm and contagious laughter helped brighten every room he was in. As a veteran, a coach, and a good Samaritan, Mr. Pollom exemplified the spirit of service and empathy that make our nation great.

Mr. Pollom died as he lived: eating a burger, drinking scotch, and watching the Alabama-Clemson National Championship. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie, and their three daughters, two stepsons, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. His legacy will live on in their hearts, and in the memories of the many friends and neighbors whose lives he touched.