

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 groomsman 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