

REMEMBERING REV. MARY
CLIMONS LACEY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Rev. Mary Climons Lacey, a pillar of our community who passed away this month at the age of 80.

Rev. Lacey made an indelible mark on our communities by tirelessly serving those at the margins. Across Lake County, children in need, the homeless, and inmates and their families directly benefited from her generosity and boundless energy.

Mary broke multiple barriers throughout her life. She was born to humble beginnings, as one of ten children in rural Mississippi. At age 21 she moved to Florida to further her education, where she met her late husband William, and eventually settled in his hometown of Waukegan. She found work as a contractor at Naval Station Great Lakes as well as handmaking elegant hats.

Never one to rest, she continued to study and was ordained a pastor, became a foster parent, and earned a certificate in social work.

In Waukegan, her memory lives on as the namesake of Mary's Mission, a homeless shelter she founded that has provided shelter to hundreds of individuals in times of need, and has helped them develop the job training and skills they need to get back on their feet and live independently.

Mary was also a fierce advocate for children, bringing joy to young residents during the holidays. Mary teamed up with the Waukegan police department to start a toy giveaway program for children who might not receive a gift during the holidays. I had the privilege to join several of her annual Christmas parades from Mary's Mission to the Lake County jail, where she handed out turkeys and toys.

Her perseverance in helping vulnerable people, touched and improved the lives of countless Illinoisans. She truly lived her faith every day, and she will be sorely missed. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her many family and friends who are mourning her passing.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.J.
RES. 31, FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI
OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 14, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for this government spending bill negotiated by the bipartisan Conference Committee. Although the bill is not what I would have drafted, and I recognize that we still have much work to do in the area of humane immigration reform, we simply cannot have another painful, costly, and unnecessary shutdown. The members of our Coast Guard, TSA, and other federal agencies are still recovering from the most recent shutdown.

They deserve certainty, and they need to know that they can continue working and that they will be paid on time. The President must also act responsibly and fulfill his duty to federal workers and those who rely on government services by signing this legislation.

This bill includes many victories I am proud to support; it delivers a pay raise to federal workers to keep pace with the cost of living, invests in the Census to provide a fair and accurate count for underrepresented communities, and dedicates \$17 billion in new infrastructure funding to improve our roads, bridges, and mass transit. The legislation increases investments in small business initiatives for minority and women-owned businesses, which will create jobs. The bill also rejects the Trump Administration's attacks on the environment by denying deep cuts to programs that protect clean water, clean air, and public lands.

As with any compromise, I have serious reservations about some of the provisions in this bill—particularly regarding immigration enforcement. I appreciate that our conferees were able to prevent the wasteful inclusion of any increased funding for an ineffective border wall and include humanitarian assistance funding for migrants, but the House must continue to push for smarter, more compassionate use of resources for border security and immigration enforcement. I am concerned that this bill gives the Department of Homeland Security too much leeway to continue the unchecked targeting and detention of immigrants who pose no threat to public safety, rather than focusing enforcement efforts on high-priority criminals.

I continue to support having the appropriate personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources to address crime and trafficking on our borders, but immigration enforcement should not be militarized and operate with impunity. We can treat individuals in a humane and just manner and still prevent crime, reduce trafficking, and keep our country safe. People fleeing violence in their home countries and seeking asylum in the United States need to be protected, not threatened with more persecution. We must enact commonsense changes to improve accountability and protect the fundamental rights of immigrants—especially those legally seeking asylum. I will keep pushing for rigorous oversight of ICE and reforms to our immigration enforcement system.

This legislation is the product of good-faith negotiations between bipartisan leaders in the House and Senate. I am hopeful that this result demonstrates the futility of chaotic brinkmanship, and I hope that we can learn from this experience to resolve differences through dialogue and trust in the legislative process.

HONORING MS. ANNE M. BRENNAN

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 22, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Anne M. Brennan for her 32 years of outstanding Federal service as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

Since she began her distinguished career with DON OGC in 1986, Ms. Brennan has held several attorney positions. Notably, she became a member of the Senior Executive Service in April 2004. In January 2008, she was selected to serve as the Deputy General Counsel, and in August 2009, she was designated Principal Deputy General Counsel. During her tenure in these latter positions as the DON's most senior career attorney, she twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from May 2009 to March 2010, and from January 2017 to February 2019.

From advising the Secretary of the Navy in the wake of the Washington Navy Yard shootings to serving as a lynchpin of efforts between senior DON leadership, numerous DON stakeholders, the Department of Justice, and a United States Attorney's Office on an extremely high-profile criminal fraud case, Ms. Brennan has distinguished herself as an extraordinary attorney, who has consistently exceeded expectations by working tirelessly to provide proactive, accurate, and innovative legal advice on legally complex, politically sensitive issues implicating business, procurement, fiscal, labor, ethics, environmental, and intelligence law. Additionally, she has demonstrated an unmatched record of leadership while overseeing and coordinating the provision of legal advice by more than 750 civilian and military attorneys within DON OGC, ensuring the successful execution of the Navy and Marine Corps missions worldwide.

Throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Brennan has received various awards for her outstanding contributions to the DON, the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Nation. These include the DON Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Civilian Service Awards, the DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Presidential Rank Awards of Meritorious and Distinguished Executive, the William R. Molzahn Leadership Award, and other performance-related accolades.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Anne M. Brennan as she retires from Federal service.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE D.C. SEAL IN THE MAIN READING ROOM OF THE THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 22, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the Library of Congress to install the District of Columbia seal in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The Library is one of the few buildings in the District that remains open to the public on most holidays. It provides not only D.C. residents but visitors and researchers from across the nation with access to incomparable resources. The bill requires the Library to depict the District's seal on the stained-glass windows in the Main Reading Room, where the seals of all