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BENJAMIN B. TUCKER

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2019*

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor First Deputy Commissioner Benjamin B. Tucker of the New York Police Department for his years of public service and tireless work to improve the lives of our community and our city. He is a great example of the countless contributions that African Americans make every day to the Bronx and our Nation.

First Deputy Commissioner Tucker began his career with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) in 1969 as a Police Trainee. In this role, he conducted an innovative school-based drug prevention education program. He became a Police Officer in 1972 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1987. During his 22 years of service with the NYPD, Mr. Tucker performed patrol, school task force, anti-crime, and community affairs assignments. In addition, he served as a Police Academy instructor, legal advisor in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters; and as the Assistant Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

In 1995, President William Jefferson Clinton appointed Mr. Tucker as the Deputy Director for Operations in the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services at the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2009, Mr. Tucker was nominated by President Barack H. Obama, and confirmed by the United States Senate, as the Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs within the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

His unique experiences in law enforcement, public service, and academia led in 2014 to Mr. Tucker's appointment as Deputy Commissioner for Training during NYPD Commissioner William J. Bratton's tenure. Proving to be a valued member of the executive staff, Mr. Tucker was promoted to First Deputy Commissioner and entrusted to direct design and implement a broad range of policy, programs, and training to strengthen community relations and improve the performance of the Department.

First Deputy Commissioner Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law, and is a tenured professor at Pace University.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring First Deputy Commissioner Benjamin B. Tucker for his distinguished public service and extensive contributions in ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents of New York City.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, due to my Air National Guard unit being mobilized to assist operations on the southern border, I was unable to be present and cast votes during the week of February 11. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" on Roll Call No. 76; "yea" on Roll Call No. 77; "nay" on Roll Call No. 78; "nay" on Roll Call No. 79; "yea" on Roll Call No. 80; "yea" on Roll Call No. 81; "yea" on Roll Call No. 82; "nay" on Roll Call No. 83; "yea" on Roll Call No. 84; "nay" on Roll Call No. 85; "nay" on Roll Call No. 86; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 87.

CONGRATULATING MAUREEN  
MCFADDEN ON HER RETIREMENT  
AFTER 40 YEARS AT WNDU-TV

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maureen McFadden and congratulate her on a remarkable 40-year career at WNDU-TV. I want to take a moment to honor the iconic legacy Maureen is leaving behind at WNDU-TV and thank her for all she has done for Michiana communities.

A lifelong Hoosier, Maureen has been a fixture in South Bend as a reporter and anchor at WNDU Newscenter 16 for the past four decades. She has played a vital role in mak-

ing northern Indiana stronger, not only by bringing us the day's news but by always finding ways to serve her neighbors and give back to the community she loves to call home.

Generations of viewers have gotten to know Maureen as she delivers the local news each night. Her career in journalism began in her hometown of South Bend, and though she will soon anchor her last WNDU-TV newscast, her retirement is far from the end of her positive impact. She displays a strong sense of affection and pride for our community when sharing the stories of our fellow Hoosiers. Her steadfast commitment to shining a light on important issues, encouraging community service, and keeping Hoosiers informed and engaged is why Maureen has become such a beloved household name.

I am grateful to Maureen not only for her excellence in journalism, but also for the incredible example she has set for aspiring journalists and young Hoosier women looking to give back and build a brighter future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exceptional character, leadership, and compassion Maureen has demonstrated both on and off the air. I wish Mo the very best.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVING AMERICA'S POLLINATORS ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 25, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the peer-reviewed journal Biological Conservation recently published a scientific analysis that paints a terrifying picture for the future of insects and our planet. This analysis concluded that largely because of intensive agriculture, and specifically heavy use of pesticides, over 40 percent of insect species are threatened with extinction. Furthermore, this analysis found that around 41 percent of all insect species have seen their populations decline over the last 10 years, and that 3.5 million of the United States honeybee colonies have been lost since 1947.

These alarming statistics foretell a catastrophic collapse of nature's ecosystems. Already we are seeing the impacts of the climate crisis wreak havoc on our natural world, public health and, importantly, our food system. Pollinators and other insects are vital to our economy and our livelihoods. One of every three bites of food we eat is from a crop pollinated by bees. This analysis is a call to action to do all we can to protect these valuable insects, particularly in the face of climate change.

That's why today I am introducing the Saving America's Pollinators Act. This legislation will suspend the use of certain insecticides until they are thoroughly assessed and determined to be safe for pollinators. Furthermore, it establishes a monitoring network for native bees, and clarifies the emergency exemption powers that this Administration is afforded under current law.

This law is much needed, and my hope is that with this new and alarming information, Congress can finally act to adequately protect our future food supply and agricultural and ecological health before it's too late.