

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DIVIDED FAMILIES REUNIFICATION ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my Divided Families Reunification Act, and to raise the voices of families who have been separated for decades both across the DMZ and across the Pacific Ocean.

The division of the Korean Peninsula into South and North Korea separated millions of Koreans from their family members. While there have been some agreed upon reunions between South and North Koreans, for Korean Americans there is no pathway for such reunions. Many of these Americans are in their 70s–90s, and time is of the essence to be reunited with their families.

I am proud to introduce the Divided Families Reunification Act, which requires the Secretary of State or a designee to consult with officials in South Korea on potential opportunities to reunite Korean American families with family members in North Korea. This bill will also require the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights to submit a report on the opportunities for video reunions between Korean Americans and family members in North Korea.

Thank you to my colleagues, Chairman BRAD SHERMAN, Rep. KAREN BASS, Rep. BARBARA LEE, Rep. JAMES P. MCGOVERN, Rep. JAN SCHAKOWSKY, Rep. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Rep. GILBERT CISNEROS, Rep. ROB WOODALL, and Rep. TULSI GABBARD for supporting this bipartisan legislation.

DREAM AND PROMISE ACT

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge this Congress to provide permanent relief to the Dreamers, Deferred Enforcement Departure, and Temporary Protected Status holders whose lives have been turned upside down by the Administration. We must pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, without delay.

Fourteen months ago, the Department of Homeland Security announced that it was ending TPS for nearly 200,000 Salvadorans in the United States. The Department's decision about Salvadorans' TPS was just the latest in a string of such announcements since the fall of 2017—which also threaten Sudanese, Haitian, and Nicaraguan immigrants. Families have been living in a state of fear and uncertainty for a year and a half, and for no good reason.

Madam Speaker, I'd like to explain why this is not only cruel policy, but also unnecessary

and short-sighted. Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Irma Flores. Irma is a community engagement specialist for the city of Somerville, Massachusetts, where she assists the Spanish-speaking community. She lives in Haverhill, in my District, with her daughter, who goes to school at UMass Boston. Her son graduated from Suffolk University with degrees in International Relations and Political Science. Irma, herself, studied International Relations in her native country at the University of El Salvador. However, she and her kids fled to the United States 18 years ago because of a devastating earthquake.

For nearly two decades, the United States has been Irma's home and her children's home. The people of Somerville depend upon her; and she is a beloved part of the Haverhill community.

It is estimated that there are more than 12,000 people living in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Temporary Protected Status—half of whom are from El Salvador. However, people like Irma have had their lives upended by the callousness of the Administration's policy.

If Irma's story isn't persuasive enough for Congress to act, consider the fact that the law, despite the Administration's claim, does not require her return. That's because we have the power to permit extensions if these residents are unable to return in safety.

The United States does not—and should not—return people to disaster areas or warzones. In January, our State Department renewed its travel advisory to El Salvador. The warning reads: "Violent crime, such as murder, assault, rape, and armed robbery, is common. Gang activity, such as extortion, violent street crime, and narcotics and arms trafficking, is widespread." These are not conditions under which families should be forced to return.

But if the legal argument is not persuasive either, consider the fact that TPS holders contribute nearly \$650 million to the Commonwealth's economy. One analysis found that if Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian workers with TPS were removed from the labor force, the United States would lose \$164 billion in gross domestic product over the next decade.

Again, Madam Speaker, this is cruel, unnecessary and shortsighted policy. This Congress should approve the Dream and Promise Act, which provides a permanent fix for Dreamers, DACA, and TPS recipients without delay, so that people like Irma and her family can remain safely here as members of our communities.

RECOGNIZING WINNETT ACES

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of Winnett ACES

for leading efforts to encourage economic growth, revitalize their community, and protect its future.

Concerned about the decreasing population of rural America, Winnett ACES (Agricultural and Community Enhancement and Sustainability) formed in 2016 to strengthen its community so that future generations will live, work, and raise their families there.

The group's first program to take off was Winnett Beef in the School, which serves locally-raised beef to the local K–12 school system. Led by local producer Charlie Ahlgren, area ranchers made a three-year commitment to donate beef, about four cows per year, to the program. Other volunteers helped cut and deliver the fresh product. Within three months, the program had successfully launched, saving money for the schools to use on other education priorities.

Winnett ACES is also leading a revitalization project to build a community center. Land has been donated, and grant money awarded to design the center, which will accommodate 300 people.

Another project, known as grass banking, is underway after a feasibility study produced the program's guidelines. Local ranchers and landowners lease their lands for summer grazing in exchange for conservation work. Seven individuals will each graze 100 or more cattle when the program launches this spring.

These projects are a few of the inventive approaches Winnett ACES is taking to strengthen its community.

Madam Speaker, for their innovative efforts to bolster their community's future, I recognize the members of Winnett ACES for their spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISH MORRIS-YAMBA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a life well lived. Trish Morris-Yamba was an early childhood education visionary from South Orange, New Jersey. She passed away peacefully on March 8, 2019.

Ms. Morris-Yamba was called to serve children and community at a young age. When she was in college, she established a campus child care center for adult students. After completing her master's degree, she opened the CHEN School and served as founding president of Newark, New Jersey's Early Childhood Coalition. Over the years, Ms. Morris-Yamba served as president of the board of trustees at the Newark Public Library, a trustee of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Women's Board Association, a board member for Newark Emergency Services for Families, and executive director of Newark Day Center and the Greater Newark Fresh Air Fund, among other

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roles. Ms. Morris-Yamba was the epitome of a community servant, and the thousands of lives she touched are grateful for her visionary leadership.

Ms. Morris-Yamba will be forever remembered for her belief that society must serve the total child. She had a love of learning and a passion for passing knowledge along to future generations. Throughout Newark, Essex County, and all of New Jersey, countless children grew into civic-minded adults because of Ms. Morris-Yamba's work.

Trish Morris-Yamba was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. I ask that my colleagues join me to celebrate Ms. Morris-Yamba and to honor her legacy.

HONORING MR. JOHN ALFIREVICH
FOR BEING NAMED THE 2019
TIME DEALER OF YEAR

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Alfievich of Apple Chevrolet in Tinley Park for being named the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year. It is an honor to recognize not only a successful businessman, but someone who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to our community.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award was created in 1970 by TIME magazine in partnership with Ally Financial and the National Automobile Dealers Association. It is an award honoring new-car dealers in the United States for exceptional performance and distinguished community service. This year, Mr. Alfievich was selected from 51 nominees out of more than 16,000 franchised dealers throughout the country. Criteria for the TIME award include sales record, customer and employee satisfaction, and service to the community.

Mr. Alfievich began his career in the car business at the age of 12 at Bob Motl Chevrolet in Chicago, the company that would later become Apple Chevrolet. From there, he continued his journey, working in every department, eventually coming to own the dealership along with his father. Mr. Alfievich credits his dealership's success to its emphasis on honesty and transparency in every transaction. His integrity also guides his philanthropic endeavors. In 2015, he served as the chairman of First Look for Charity, a fundraising celebration held before the Chicago Auto Show, raising \$3 million to benefit Chicago-area charities. Further, under his leadership, Apple Chevrolet made charitable contributions to almost 100 organizations in 2018.

As the 2019 TIME Dealer of the Year, Mr. Alfievich is recognized for his integrity, dedication, and service. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Alfievich. He is well deserving of this award and I am proud to represent such a talented and charitable businessman.

HONORING SYLVIA S. BANKS

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a friend, a colleague, a confidant, and a great Delawarean on the occasion of her semi-retirement. Sylvia Banks has served as my State Director since I was first sworn in as Delaware's member of Congress. While new members have a host of difficult decisions to make when assuming office, naming Sylvia as the leader of my team was by far my easiest. From her extensive experience as the Manager of Corporate Contributions Program at the DuPont Company, to her work as a founding trustee of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, Sylvia's resume even before this job was long and impressive. It's why I had to convince Sylvia to end her much-deserved retirement early to come and join my team. But it wasn't just her experience that made Sylvia a must-have. Her wise counsel had served me well personally for years and anyone who has spent any amount of time with her can testify to her calming, assured presence and her incredibly sharp sense of humor.

Luckily for me, and for my whole team, Sylvia's sense of public service won the day, and we made a deal that she would serve as State Director for 1 year. Well, Madam Speaker, 2 years and some months later, I'm happy to say that I got the better end of that bargain. Sylvia is now trying retirement again after failing the first time. Lucky for all of us, I managed to strike another deal with Sylvia. She will be staying on the team part-time as a Senior Advisor, meaning for all of us, her wise counsel will never be more than a phone call away. For her end of the deal, Sylvia will now have more time for her most important job; mother, grandmother, and golfer.

Sylvia Banks has left a lasting mark on my office and our State of Delaware, setting a very high bar, both professionally and personally for which we can all strive. I am eternally grateful for her work.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD WINFIELD
TAYLOR

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the attention of this distinguished body Mr. Edward Winfield Taylor of Clinton, North Carolina, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Mr. Taylor is a dedicated community leader in Sampson County and in commemoration of Mr. Taylor's outstanding achievements and service to the community, Mayor Lew Starling of Clinton proclaimed Saturday, February 9, 2019, as "Edward W. Taylor Day."

This is a well-deserved honor. Mr. Taylor helped shape countless lives during his 36-year tenure as an admired teacher and band director at Clinton High School. He even went on to earn induction into the North Carolina Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame in

2011. Mr. Taylor helped make a small-town band competitive with some of the largest bands across the state, marching in several national parades such as the Lion's International Parade in New York and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Taylor's service to the community extended beyond his role as a teacher and band director. He taught Bible school at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church for twenty years and coached baseball and football at the Clinton Recreation Department for fifteen years. Not only has he dedicated his life to serving his community and youth, he also served in the United States Air Force where he was a drum major for the marching band.

Edward Taylor and many others just like him brought liberty to millions throughout the world during a very dark time of world-history, and he is one of the giants of his time who made America great by doing his part day in and day out to influence the lives around him and serving our country every step of the way.

Congratulations to Mr. Taylor on 90 great years. May God continue to bless him.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the proclamation of the mayor of Clinton.

"EDWARD W. TAYLOR DAY"

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Whereas, family and friends will come together at Coharie Country Club, 101 Coharie Lane, Clinton, NC, on this day, Saturday, February 9, 2019, and celebrate the life of MR. EDWARD W. TAYLOR; and

Whereas, February 12, 2019, will mark the 90th birthday of this outstanding man of Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward W. Taylor was born February 12, 1929 in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; and

Whereas, he has been blessed throughout the years and others have been blessed by him in many ways. He has contributed much to the City of Clinton and surrounding areas as a band director at Clinton High School for 36 years that won titles at the state and national levels in some of the most prestigious events; and

Whereas, his name is known throughout the land: he led Clinton High School bands that marched the Lion's Club Parade in New York, Atlanta, and New Orleans and won events at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC; the Dogwood Festival in Knoxville, TN; and the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA; and

Whereas, he also served as choir director at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church for several years.

Now, therefore, I, Lew Starling, Mayor of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, do extend good wishes and hereby proclaim this day, Saturday, February 9, 2019, as: "EDWARD W. TAYLOR DAY".

In Witness Whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal of said City of Clinton, this the 9th day of February, 2019.

LEW STARLING,

Mayor.

REMEMBERING PATRICIA HOWARD

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to a great woman of Memphis, Patricia Claxton Howard, a staunch

advocate of women's rights and girls' empowerment. Mrs. Howard had a lengthy Memphis lineage—one of her uncles played in W.C. Handy's band and her parents had a hair styling shop and a tire repair business on opposite sides of Chelsea Avenue. After graduating as the salutatorian of her Manassas High School class, she was admitted to Southwestern at Memphis, an early African American pioneer integrating what is now Rhodes College. It was as a sociology major at Southwestern that she got involved with an embryonic Girls Club of Memphis as a work-study project, an association that lasted more than 50 years during which she rose to become its President and CEO. She also served as the regional director of Girls Inc., and on the board of the national organization. Mrs. Howard also served as the executive director of the Memphis Center of Reproductive Health and on the board of the Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood. Mrs. Howard was inducted into the Memphis Chapter of The Links, Inc., in 1987 and served over the years as its vice president, president and financial secretary. Always active in her community, Mrs. Howard was on the Memphis and Shelby County Collaborative for American Humanities; the Community Forum; the Work Force Investment Agency; the Coalition of 100 Black Women; and the Blue Ridge Institute for Community Services Executives in the Southeast. She was also a member of Leadership Memphis '86. In 2017, she received the Girls Inc. of Memphis SMART Award. She received the Black Students Association Alumni of the Year Award from Rhodes in 2004, the 1999 Pinnacle Leadership Award from Youth United Way, the Thomas W. Briggs Community Service Award, the 1997 Mertie Buckman Mentor Award from the Women's Foundation and the 1992 Women of Achievement Vision Award. I want to extend my sincere condolences to her husband of 48 years, Aubrey; her son Adrian; her extended family and her many loving friends. She led an exemplary life and will be missed.

HONORING BRITTANY WELSH'S
SENIOR PROJECT

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Brittany Welsh, a senior at First Colonial High School. Brittany is an example of true perseverance and dedication, and I am honored to share her story.

Brittany Welsh recently underwent surgery to have one of her kidneys removed due to an issue causing high blood pressure. At such a young age, Brittany persevered through health complications and used her experience to help others. Brittany dedicated her senior project to raising awareness of the need for organ donations. She decided to fundraise for Lifenet, a provider of transplant solutions. Brittany's project will include an acoustic concert by a well-known local band, educational speakers, and speakers who have received an organ donation. Her senior project will not only raise awareness, but will also provide much-needed funds for organ donations.

Brittany is an example to all of us that organ donations can save lives. She also dem-

onstrates how to persevere through trials and use an experience to help others. I am honored to recognize Brittany's story today.

REMEMBERING REP. LOUISE
SLAUGHTER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this House suffered a tremendous loss a year ago. Louise Slaughter was not just a Congresswoman and Rules Committee Chair and Ranking Member. She was a respected colleague and a dear friend. She and I served together for more than thirty years in this House, and I will always remember her for her tenacity, her confidence, and her determination to make the American Dream attainable for everyone in this country.

Louise's drive to fight for better conditions for working people in New York and in our country can be traced to her childhood. The daughter of a blacksmith from a Kentucky coal mining town, she grew up with a thorough understanding of the challenges faced by those working hard and trying to make it in America. Those experiences shaped her as a legislator in her adopted home of upstate New York, where she fought to ensure that communities had safe drinking water, clean air, and economic opportunities.

In Congress, Louise dedicated herself to these same causes while promoting human rights and freedom abroad. We served together on the Helsinki Commission at the end of the Cold War, and I fondly recall traveling with her to the former Soviet Union, where we shared the experience of meeting with leaders and citizens of the newly independent states yearning to embrace American-style democratic institutions. I got to know her late husband Bob on those journeys and remember him fondly as well.

Back home, Louise made a difference for our country in Congress, serving as the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Rules Committee. In that position, she helped shape nearly every piece of legislation passed when Democrats held the Majority from 2007 to 2011, including the Recovery Act, Affordable Care Act, Dodd-Frank, and student loan reforms. Working Americans owe Louise Slaughter a debt of gratitude for being their champion and fighting so hard over the years on their behalf.

As we remember Louise, let us remember her for the courage she displayed, for her indefatigable nature, and for her wisdom and wit. I join with my colleagues in marking the one-year anniversary of her passing, and I extend once more my condolences to her family. I thank Rep. TONKO for leading the House's tribute, and I thank Rep. MORELLE for continuing his predecessor's commitment to outstanding service for the people of New York's Twenty-Fifth District.

HONORING JOHN DAVIS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of John Davis. John served as the Military and Veterans Liaison for Washington's Fifth Congressional District for the last 4 years, though his service to our country spans over 40 years.

When you hear about John's family's past perhaps it is no surprise that he too followed in their great footsteps of service to this nation.

Did you know he can trace his family's history back almost 200 years? And throughout that history, members of John's family line have fought in almost every major battle including most of the major battles here in the United States, from the Revolutionary War all the way up to the Gulf War.

John continued his family's legacy by serving as a crew chief on a C-130 for the United States Air Force during the war in Vietnam. He served tours in Korea, Japan and Israel and all around the United States. John was the original "rocket man," working in ICBM missile units as a combat crew member, planner and maintenance officer.

During his service, John was awarded the Lance P. Sijan Award, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership in their jobs and lives. John continues to be a leader in his service for his brothers and sisters in the armed forces. From helping the widow of a veteran facing eviction due to a filing error stay in her home to staying late in the night to hear from 29 veterans who walked into our office in Colville to ensure their voices were heard, John led with a spirit of service.

John spent more than 14 years assisting our Veterans who were homeless through the VA Homeless Programs as well as working as a mental health professional, serving as a senior clinician on the Involuntary Treatment Team. His passion to help our veterans continues to this day. Each year hundreds of veterans reach out to my office as their last hope, and when they called John was there, ready to fight for them, and get them the care and help they earned.

Forty years of faithful, diligent service to this nation deserves to be recognized, and I am so honored to be able to do so in this way. To my friend John Davis, I can never say thank you enough for all you have done for Eastern Washington veterans, for my office, and for America. His retirement is well deserved.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CON-
GRESSWOMAN LOUISE SLAUGH-
TER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the late Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

Today, Democrats are in the Majority. Twenty-eight women are leading committees

or subcommittees. And, the issues that Louise championed are moving. We are proud to pick up the torch that she left.

I commit to you, Louise, to fight for antibiotic resistant research, for equal pay for equal work—she was the chair of rules when we passed Lily Ledbetter—for ethics in government with regards to Supreme Court justices, and for trade agreements that work for working people. Louise and I fought against NAFTA and the TPP.

Each of those priorities were Louise's. Now, they are at the forefront of our agenda.

This is Louise Slaughter's majority. We miss her voice in the Congress, but we are moving forward with a positive agenda for the people. And it is because of her.

We miss Louise. We love her. And, we thank her.

RECOGNIZING RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN'S ARTICLE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Israel Zoberman and include in the RECORD this article, *Learning a Shared History of Sorrow*:

On February 22, 2019, George Washington's birthday, during Black History Month, I was privileged to travel to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, close to the Washington Monument on the inspiring National Mall of our nation's capital. I was in good company for the long-awaited tour organized by the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission. The 44 passengers on the bus included members of the Commission, of which I am a grateful member, representation of the Virginia Beach City Council and the Mayor's office along with the Virginia Beach Police Department, students and staff of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools as well as leaders of the African American Culture Center of Virginia Beach. What an impressive array of civic commitment!

As a family member of the Holocaust's surviving remnant of European Jewry. I knew ahead of the searing visit of the tragic bond between the African American experience and the destruction of European Jewry, of the binding bond among all affected by infectious racial, religious, ethnic, national and gender hatred seeking to demean, dehumanize and demonize the "other". There is an unmistakable thread connecting the 2015 murder of 9 Black members at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston S.C., with the gunning down of 11 Jewish worshippers at a Sabbath service in Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue in 2018; between the historical lynchings of Blacks and the 2017 White Supremacist mayhem in Charlottesville, Virginia, resulting in a murder, with the dreaded shouts of "Jews will not replace us!" still ringing in our ears. Vitriolic anti-Semitism is precipitously on the rise in the United States and Europe.

The imposing structure of the African American Museum stands within sight of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. I recalled my first visit there and the subsequent ones, when I felt the overcoming sense of uncontrollable loss. It was the same sensation of being assaulted to the core of my humanity that I experienced traveling the challenging halls of the African American Museum. Yet,

I emerged from both encounters with greater resolve to mend the world, Tikkun Olam, turning blemishes into blessings. Who can remain untouched gazing at the casket of brutally murdered 14-year-old Emmett Till and the photo of his agonizing mother, the only exhibit we are forbidden to photograph that we should focus uninterruptedly?

We were guided by an incredible docent telling the story of proud Africans forcibly and so cruelly separated from their rich roots and brought to America—those who made it through the terrifying Middle Passage—and brought here to be violated of all that is sacred. Both they as slaves and Europe's Jews were deemed sub-human. The former ones by colonial powers and a new America promising to advance liberty's cause, and the latter ones by a Germany regarded the world's most civilized nation. The vital Jewish and African American partnership during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, needs to be revitalized in the context of a wider coalition to move America forward.

I wish that both museums could be connected by a bridge or a tunnel to visualize their inseparable bond. Recently heroic French Father Patrick Desbois had a memorable presentation in Virginia Beach. He is renowned for documenting unknown Nazi massacres with local collaboration in occupied lands during WWII along with ISIS's mass crimes in Iraq. He shares a stunning statement in his unsettling book, *In Broad Daylight*, that applies as well to the inhumane treatment of African Americans, "I feel a mounting disgust for our species. The sort of nausea that makes you want to quit the human race." But we dare not quit the human race. Great strides have taken place though progress is an arduous work in the making. The large number of visitors at the museum, particularly the many students, is a hopeful sign. We dare not despair of past and present pain, for that only serves the hateful aggressor, while indifference, as Eli Wiesel taught us, only enables evildoers to succeed.

We need better tools to fight the scourge and resurgence of all forms of hatred, bigotry and discrimination. Democracies are at risk of backsliding, as was the case in Germany, and require eternal vigilance.

A precious teachable window is open to us following trying circumstances, as we celebrate this year the 400th Anniversary of Virginia with its dark shadows and shining lights. Let us pledge, one diverse but united family, to rise together higher and higher.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT SEWELL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a longtime area union leader, Mr. Robert Sewell, and to wish him well in his retirement.

Bob is a second-generation plumber, and like his father before him, a proud union member. After beginning his career as an apprentice with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 159 in 1979, Bob has remained a member for nearly 40 years, serving as an officer and a prominent member of union leadership.

In 2002, Bob was elected as the union's Financial Secretary Treasurer and has served as its Business Manager since 2016. Among many other responsibilities, Bob led the Local in partnering with other regional unions to ne-

gotiate project labor agreements. Thousands of residential units in Contra Costa County benefited from his efforts to ensure that all workers earn a living wage and benefits.

Bob has also been a leader in collaborating with community organizations to encourage environmental responsibility in development, and has promoted workforce training through his role as the chair of the Local's Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

After a long career of fighting for working people, Bob is now retiring. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Robert Sewell for a life of hard work and service, and in wishing him luck in his next chapter.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Capital Planning Commission District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would remove the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) to review or approve the development of District of Columbia-owned land. This bill would also remove the requirement that the Mayor of the District get NCP's approval before selling D.C.-owned real estate, and would allow D.C. agencies to transfer jurisdiction over District-owned land among themselves without NCP's approval.

Under federal law, the development of District-owned public buildings, including the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of such buildings, in the "central area" is subject to NCP approval. The District is required to consult with NCP on its buildings outside the central area, but NCP has only advisory authority in those areas. The central area is defined by the concurrent action of NCP and the D.C. Council, and currently consists of the Downtown and Shaw Urban Renewal Areas.

This authority is unnecessary, as shown by the virtual absence of its use to disapprove sales or development. This latent authority of the federal government should not be able to slow or block the development of District-owned land, or add to the cost of development. The District is not a federal agency, and should not be treated any differently by federal law than other local jurisdictions, where local development proceeds without federal interference.

NCP consists of 12 members, three appointed by the President, two appointed by the Mayor, the Mayor, the Chair of the D.C. Council, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Chairs of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

This bill is one more important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING OHEF SHOLOM
TEMPLE'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ohef Sholom Temple's 175th anniversary. Ohef Sholom Temple is a strong light in the Norfolk community. The fact that Ohef Sholom has provided a spiritual home across many generations throughout its 175-year history clearly shows the Temple's importance to the community. Ohef Sholom Temple stays true to its mission and works for the betterment and welfare of Norfolk.

Since Ohef Sholom was established in 1844 and is the largest and oldest Reform Jewish congregation in Hampton Roads, it has been a welcoming and open community to all people. The words written above the sanctuary doors ring true: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

I am proud to honor and recognize Ohef Sholom for this important milestone. I know Norfolk and Hampton Roads are better because of Ohef Sholom Temple's leadership, congregation, and good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to the funeral services for Seaman First Class Earl Paul Baum. I was forced to travel back to my district and miss the vote on amendments and final passage of H.R. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 115; nay on Roll Call No. 116; yea on Roll Call No. 117; and nay on Roll Call No. 118.

CONCERNS REGARDING H. RES. 183

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my concern regarding H. Res. 183, Condemning anti-Semitism as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values and aspirations that define the people of the United States and condemning anti-Muslim discrimination and bigotry against minorities as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contrary to the values and aspirations of the United States. This resolution fails to condemn a specific act perpetrated by one of my colleagues, therefore rendering this resolution pointless. By broadly condemning every act of hatred, we condemn nothing. My colleagues consumed hours on the floor of the House of Representatives to debate a commonsense sentiment instead of passing meaningful policy to better the lives of Americans and condemning the specific statement of antisemitism made by a Member of the House of Representatives.

HONORING MIKE POULSON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Poulson's career and service to Washington's Fifth Congressional District as Senior Policy Advisor focusing on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Mike's experience with farming extends back to his family settling in the Columbia Basin of Washington State after his father went through the very detailed process of eligibility to purchase land in the Connell area. After graduating from Connell High School, Mike enlisted in the Army National Guard because, in his words, "he just assumed that everybody pulled a stint in the military." In 1965, Mike bought some farmland of his own in a unit close to his family unit and started to build his own home. In the mid 1980s, Mike was elected Vice President of the Washington State Farm Bureau, a position he took on even while farming full time.

Mike ventured outside of farming in the 1990s when he began consulting on public policy and environmental issues. Mike had a way of being able to communicate complex, and often controversial, environmental issues to the public. I had the fortune of meeting him during my time in the Washington State House and came to have a deep respect for his understanding of these issues which affected many in my district. A few short months after I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Mike leased out his farmland and joined my staff—becoming the longest serving member on my team until his retirement on February 28, 2019.

Mike has many significant accomplishments in his career including: developing solutions for Columbia Basin water shortages; speaking out against the harmful impacts of the Waters of the United States regulation; combatting the recent falling numbers of our wheat and coordinating an effort to find long-term solutions with the Washington Grain Commission and Washington State University; and bringing the A to Z project to fruition on the Colville National Forest—which is a national model for restoring the health of our forests. In the words of Derek Sandison, Director for the Washington State Department of Agriculture "Mike has the ability to sort through rhetoric around complex issues to get to the core facts and quickly get to the right side of the issues."

I am grateful for his friendship, advice, and most importantly, service to Eastern Washington over the past 15 years. I wish Mike well in his retirement.

HONORING THE CITY OF NORFOLK
LIFEGUARDS FOR THEIR EXCEL-
LENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Lifeguard Lieutenants Courtney Hutchens and Madeline Solano and Lifeguards Beatty Barnes and Robert Warren

for their excellent emergency response during an emergency on September 1, 2018, in Ocean View, Norfolk, Virginia.

Each lifeguard recognized the situation and responded promptly with the proper treatment the injured swimmer needed. They met the proper protocol and fulfilled the action plans required for an emergency.

Because of their exceptional and rapid response, these lifeguards received the 2018 Dr. Frank Pia Lifesaving Award from the Virginia Lifeguard Association Annual Aquatic Management Symposium. This is a great honor.

I am sincerely thankful that Virginia has lifeguards like them to watch over and guard our Commonwealth. I am confident our beaches are a safer place because of their presence.

REMEMBERING JOHN KILZER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember my friend John Kilzer, a man who embodied the very essence of Memphis as a Memphis State basketball player, talented musician and songwriter and Methodist minister specializing in recovery from addiction. John died Tuesday night at 62. Born in Jackson, Tennessee, he spent most of his life in Memphis. An All-American high school basketball player, he came to the then-Memphis State Tigers roster as a good outside shooter and a scrapper. A chance encounter with legendary Stax guitar player Mabon "Teenie" Hodges in a Memphis State dorm room led to his serious study of guitar playing and a song-writing career. He went on to become an English Literature professor at his alma mater and also received a master's degree in divinity from the Memphis Theological Seminary in 2006 and a Ph.D. from Middlesex University in Britain in 2010. John's evident lyrical skill with poetic storytelling resulted in two early albums produced by David Geffen—the roots-rock 1988 "Memory in the Making" and the 1991 "Busman's Holiday"—and appearances on MTV. His "Seven" was produced by Grammy Award winner Matt Ross-Spang. More recently, his 2014 "Hide Away" marked the return of an artist at the height of his powers, an album graced with such all-star talent as Kirk Whalum on saxophone; Hold Steady's Sid Selvidge, Alvin Youngblood Hart and Stax's Bobby Manuel on guitar; North Mississippi All Stars Luther Dickinson on mandolin, Rick Steff on keyboards and Greg Murrow on drums. When I learned of his death this morning, I played John's "Until We're All Free," which Whalum co-wrote and plays on, and I want to hear "Sleeping in the Rain" again tonight. Some of John's songs were recorded by such artists as Roseanne Cash ("Green, Yellow and Red"), Maria Muldaur, Dobie Gray and Trace Atkins. His most recent album, "Scars," came out in January, and he was scheduled to play the Beale Street Music Festival in May. John will be remembered in Memphis for his weekly Friday night recovery ministry at St. John's United Methodist Church that he called "The Way," begun in 2010. John was beset by the demon of alcohol and knew the inside of jails but did a lot of good for a lot of people with his exceptional talents. As one admirer

said today, his recovery is now complete. He will be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE VIRGINIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION BANK DAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas, the Virginia Bankers Association conducts an annual Bank Day Scholarship Program throughout the Commonwealth, held on the third Tuesday in March, to provide the opportunity for young Virginians to better understand the vital role of banks and the financial services industry in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the Virginia Bankers Association organizes Bank Day as a means of involving high school students and banks in the Commonwealth in this endeavor to identify potential future career opportunities available in the banking sector; and

Whereas, since every citizen benefits from a basic understanding of the economic system and the wide variety of banking industry career opportunities available to students upon graduating, it is appropriate that the industry works closely with the Virginia education community to promote personal finance and economic education; and

Whereas, Bank Day allows seniors from Virginia high schools to shadow bankers in their communities for a day to learn about banking operations, financial services and products, potential career opportunities in banking, and the vital role banks play in their community and with their customers; and

Whereas, the Virginia Bankers Association and Virginia banks have reached more than 2,000 high school students through this program since 2012; and

Whereas, participating students write essays on the topic, "What did you learn on Bank Day that will help you manage your financial future and what did you learn about how banks support their communities," to help students consider their own personal financial decision-making; and

Whereas, thirteen scholarships totaling \$26,000 are awarded annually based on the merits of the essays to assist winners pursue their higher education endeavors; and

Whereas, the Virginia Bankers Association, through their Education Foundation, has awarded a total of \$137,000 in scholarships to 66 Virginia high school students since 2012, helping to defray the cost of higher education tuition for future leaders continuing their education and career preparation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the House of Representatives—

1) Commends the Virginia Bankers Association for their valuable contribution to the economic education of the youth of the Commonwealth;

2) Honors the Virginia banks that participate in the annual Bank Day Scholarship Program; and

3) Encourages banks to continue to support the Bank Day Scholarship Program and other

financial literacy and career awareness opportunities in their communities.

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE SLAUGHTER

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Congresswoman Slaughter's legacy and the impact she made throughout her decades of dedicated public service.

She was a friend and an invaluable mentor, especially during my first term in Congress.

She paved the way for every woman in the House by becoming the first Chairwoman of the Rules Committee—the same committee I now serve on.

She spearheaded the passage of the Affordable Care Act, one of the most consequential pieces of legislation in recent history.

Congresswoman Slaughter was also a fierce and fearless champion for women.

She co-authored the Violence Against Women Act and founded and co-chaired the Pro-Choice Caucus—which to this day, continues to be on the frontlines of protecting women's reproductive rights.

As we near the anniversary of her passing, I can't help but to be reminded of her unparalleled leadership. She's left a void in the House that is hard to fill.

But her memory lives on inside these halls, and it inspires each of us to keep up the fight to better the lives of all Americans.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside her.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL TASTE OF INDIA 2019

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Thirteenth Annual Taste of India 2019. This is a very special event which occurs annually in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Hampton Roads region is lucky to have such an active Asian Indian community. The Hampton Roads Asian Indian community consists of wonderful people who make our region a better place.

The annual Taste of India event has been an amazing success and has hosted local, state, and federal officials. Taste of India provides all Hampton Roads residents with a valuable cultural, political, and educational experience. Taste of India is crucial for Hampton Roads' awareness, education, and enjoyment. This event will continue to thrive for many generations to come.

CONGRESSIONAL TEACHERS AWARDS IN FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding public school teachers in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

I was once told that children are 25 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of the future.

And it's true. The education of a child is an investment, not only in that student, but in the future of our country.

Therefore, I established the Congressional Teacher Awards to honor educators for their ability to teach and inspire students.

An independent panel has chosen the following teachers from Manatee and Sarasota counties for Florida's 16th District 2019 Congressional Teacher Award for their accomplishments as educators:

Marissa Dobbert for her accomplishments as a 7th Grade Math Teacher at Sarasota Military Academy Prep;

Elizabeth Harris for her accomplishments as a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Interventionist at Myakka City Elementary School;

Chris King for his accomplishments as a 6th–9th Grade Special Education Teacher at Haile Middle School;

Kate Kramer for her accomplishments as an English as a Second Language Teacher at Fruitville Elementary School;

Kari McMillan for her accomplishments as a Math Teacher at Palmetto High School;

Ashlee Middleton for her accomplishments as an 11th and 12th Grade English and Reading Teacher at Sarasota High School;

Nancy Miller for her accomplishments as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Ballard Elementary School;

Kymberli Rivers for her accomplishments as a Literature and English Teacher at Manatee High School;

Maria Underhill for her accomplishments as an 8th Grade Reading Teacher at Braden River Middle School.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

CELEBRATING THE GROUP 3 STATE CHAMPION MOORESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL QUAKERS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Moorestown High School Quakers boys' basketball team, who on Sunday won the Group 3 State Championship for the first time in 60 years.

Led by 2018 Burlington County Coach of the Year, Shawn Anstey, and a strong roster from starters to reserves, the Quakers showed incredible teamwork and perseverance all season. From clutch shooting, to diving for loose

balls and making hustle plays, the team's balance and focus helped them play through a tough schedule to bring home the school's first state championship since 1959.

In the State Final, Moorestown's strong fundamentals and a focus on doing the little things right helped propel them to victory: they shot well from the free-throw line late in the game to secure the title. The Quakers played through pressure in the final to finish the season on a 14-game winning streak, ending the year at 27-5.

I'm proud to be able to celebrate the success of some of the talented student-athletes from my district in New Jersey. I want to congratulate Coach Anstey and the Moorestown boys on their tremendous season and wish them luck in the Tournament of Champions.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COREY JONES ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Corey Jones Act, which is named after a young man who was taken from us far too soon under circumstances far too tragic and preventable to be allowed to happen again.

During the early hours of October 18, 2015, Corey Jones of Lake Worth, Florida, was shot and killed by Nouman Raja, a plainclothes police officer operating an unmarked vehicle. Corey was legally and peacefully pulled to the side of the road awaiting roadside assistance when he was approached by Mr. Raja. Corey had no reason to believe that the person in plainclothes and driving an unmarked vehicle was a law enforcement officer. This uncertainty and confusion ultimately led to a tragedy that could have been easily avoided.

After Corey's tragic death, I met with members of his family as well as officials from Palm Beach County. We discussed the urgency of addressing the issue of plainclothes officers in unmarked vehicles engaging in routine traffic stops. I promised that I would work to promote safer policing practices in our communities and the Corey Jones Act helps to accomplish this goal.

Madam Speaker, Nouman Raja, the officer involved in the tragic shooting death of Corey Jones, was recently found guilty of manslaughter and attempted murder. In an effort to ensure that this tragedy does not happen to other families, I respectfully ask my colleagues to lend their support to this important bill.

HONORING THE UNVEILING CEREMONY FOR THE PORTRAITS FROM A PLACE OF GRACE PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the new public art instal-

lation, Portraits from a Place of Grace. This beautiful and thought-provoking artwork will be installed at the future home of the African American Cultural Center of Virginia Beach.

The African American Cultural Center (AACC) worked hard over the last year to make this happen. Staff partnered with Richard Hollant, a renowned artist, on a series of portraits and interviews with Virginia Beach's 14 historically African American neighborhoods.

The installation features people and stories that capture the community's history. I commend the community for taking the next step in building the African American Cultural Center of Virginia Beach.

Recognizing the important contributions of African Americans to the history, development, and success of our region is vital to appreciating the journey in building our community. The vivid visual representation and poignant audio interviews will promote, preserve, and celebrate the inspiring pioneers of our community.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF LATINAS IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, one in six women in the United States is a Latina. There are currently nearly twenty-eight million Hispanic women living in the United States. Latinas have been part of our nation's fabric from the start. They contribute to our nation through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, the military, and public service at every level of the government. Many have overcome a unique set of challenges and have paved their own paths to success. During National Women's History Month, I want to honor the millions of Latinas who have contributed to our nation.

Therefore, I am reintroducing a resolution recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of Latinas in the United States. This resolution will recognize their contributions to American society and further celebrates those who have inspired the next generation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRWIN MARINE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irwin Marine, an institution on Lake Winnepesaukee, who is celebrating its 100th year in business. Since its founding in 1919 by Jim Irwin, Sr., Irwin Marine has always remained a pillar of the Lakes Region community.

Irwin Marine has had a storied century-long history. Pioneers in the recreation industry, the Irwin family has never stopped innovating. After founding Irwin Marine in 1919, Jim Irwin, Sr. later went on to buy the Weirs Music Hall in 1924, where he used the connections he developed from his time serving with a Navy band in World War I to draw top acts to Lake Winnepesaukee, such as Duke Ellington and the Dorsey Brothers. Since its distinguished early days, Irwin Marine has continued to maintain a stellar reputation as a trusted name in the boating industry. Today, Irwin Marine has three locations in the Lakes Region and was recently named the twelfth-best boat dealer in North America by Boating Industry Magazine; thanks to their extensive supply and deep commitment to customer service.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate everyone at Irwin Marine on an exciting anniversary. I hope that they celebrate this exciting achievement by taking a cruise around Lake Winnepesaukee and wish them the best of luck in their next 100 years of business. I thank them for all that they do to make the Granite State such a wonderful place to work, live, and play.

HONORING DR. AMELIA ROSS-HAMMOND FOR HER CAREER AND SERVICE TO HAMPTON ROADS COMMUNITY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond for her tremendous career and service in the Hampton Roads area.

Dr. Ross-Hammond recently retired from Norfolk State University where she taught music and was the director of service-learning and civic engagement. Not only has Dr. Ross-Hammond been dedicated to her work as a professor, but she has been a renowned public servant. She has served on various councils and boards such as the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation Board, the City's Diversity and Inclusion Forums, and the Mayor's African American Roundtable—just to name a few.

Dr. Ross-Hammond received awards for her service to the Hampton Roads community such as the Urban League of South Hampton Roads Young Professionals Award for Community Service. She was also the 2016 Honoree for the Norfolk State University Music Department's Spring Gala.

Dr. Ross-Hammond's dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Dr. Ross-Hammond's leadership and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

KEVIN CHARLES MURRAY, 2019 INDIANAPOLIS IRISH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2019 Indianapolis Irish Citizen of the Year, Kevin Charles Murray.

Kevin has long been active in the Indianapolis Irish community. In 1981, he co-founded the Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Celtic Cross Committee in 1990. His involvement in events and advocacy for the Indianapolis Irish community are too long to list, which is why this accolade is so long overdue.

In addition to his work in the Irish community, Kevin has worked diligently as an attorney in our city for 40 years. He has used his passion, community connections and education to work at all levels of Indiana government and politics. He served under former Governor Joe Kernan, Lt. Governor Kathy Davis, as the Senate Parliamentarian, and most recently, under the three Marion County Sheriffs, Sheriff Frank Anderson, Sheriff John Layton and Sheriff Kerry J. Forestal.

Kevin's contributions will be felt in Marion County for generations to come. I am thankful to consider Kevin a friend, congratulate him on this achievement, and look forward to his continued work in our city and state.

HONORING BOY SCOUT ADAM PIETRAS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the true story of Adam Pietras, a Boy Scout from my home town of Hamilton, N.J. in the Fourth Congressional District.

Adam's remarkable courage—without any concern for his own personal safety—and his

immediate and decisive response action literally helped save the life of his sister.

This Saturday, March 16, 2019, Adam will be honored at a Court of Honor by his fellow scouts of Boy Scout Troop 87, members from the Veterans of Foreign War who host Troop 87, friends, and family. We will be proud and humble to present him with a U.S. flag, flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor.

Madam Speaker, Adam was only 10, when he acted without regard to his own safety as he fought off a loose Bullmastiff dog that was charging to attack his younger sister, Rachel, then age 7, in the family's backyard in 2015. Though Adam sustained severe injuries from the powerful dog, his actions enabled his sister to escape and his brother, Tyler, to run for help. Truly, Adam and Tyler's teamwork to protect their little sister prevented what could have been a tragedy. Adam was rushed to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital—Hamilton. He lost a lot of blood and needed 200 stitches and months to recover.

Adam's exceptional actions went largely unreported in the news and were not well known outside his immediate family and community. That changed when he was a guest of the Sunshine Foundation Mercer County Chapter's 2018 Operation Dreamlift that takes children to Disney World. Trentonian reporter L.A. Parker happened to be on that flight, met Adam and heard Adam's story. In a column detailing the dog attack and Adam's actions, L.A. Parker—my fellow Trenton State College alumnus, quoted Adam as saying “Yes, I was afraid really afraid. But I had to save my sister.”

Adam is a student at Reynolds Middle School in Hamilton, N.J. I've had the pleasure to meet Adam's father, Peter Pietras, who with his wife, Lisa Pitoniak-Pietras, and family and friends, are immensely proud of Adam. Adam, whose outstanding love for his sister shows he puts other people first, has a bright future.

Adam was honored by Hamilton Mayor Kelly Yaede with a proclamation as an example of a model citizen, and by the Boy Scouts of America with its highest national award for life-saving and meritorious action, the Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. Given only for outstanding and unusual acts that demonstrate unusual heroism, skill, or bravery and reflect Scouting ideals, the medal is only presented to Scouts who have “demonstrated un-

usual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self.” That sounds like Adam to me.

Today it is my honor to make Adam's heroism and extraordinary act a permanent part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

In an age of fictional movie action heroes and comic book superheroes, this Saturday a real-life action hero will be the star. If Adam were in the military our nation would be looking to bestow one of its highest medals for his valor. Well done, Adam, well done.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL G. DANIELS FOR HIS CAREER AND SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON ROADS COMMUNITY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Michael G. Daniels for his tremendous career and service in the Hampton Roads area.

Dr. Daniels is a true academic with bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Management and Administration, and a doctoral degree in Ministry. Not only is Dr. Daniels an academic, but he is a true public servant. Dr. Daniels is dedicated to serving and leading Enoch Baptist Church, a congregation of approximately 1,200.

Dr. Daniels has received various honors for his commitment to service in Hampton Roads. He received honors from the Virginia Beach Chapter of the NAACP for his community service and the Virginia Beach Civil Rights Commission for advocating for the rights of residents.

Dr. Daniels' dedication to strengthening bonds among people of different racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds is truly inspiring. I am proud to honor and recognize Dr. Daniels' leadership and the role he plays in making our community a better place.

Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from his presence.