

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 CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE SLAUGHTER

**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