

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING JANICE FULLER'S TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SIXTH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Janice Fuller, who has served as one of my most trusted advisors for the last decade in her roles as District Director and then Chief of Staff. Janice is leaving my office after 10 years of distinguished service.

For 10 years now, my constituents in New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District have had a fierce advocate in Janice. She has a passion for constituent services and has always been a champion for the district's municipalities, counties, organizations and businesses as they explore funding or partnerships from federal agencies.

Janice's commitment to and advocacy for the people of my Congressional District was never more on display than in the days, weeks, months and years following Superstorm Sandy, which devastated my district. She was relentless in her efforts to ensure the federal government provided the assistance needed to New Jerseyans impacted by Sandy. Janice fought for increased temporary housing for those who lost their homes, worked to secure funding for critical flood control projects and highlighted flood insurance fraud that was perpetrated against homeowners. Her determination to improve the response and recovery process from this historic storm had an impact on countless people throughout New Jersey.

Over the last four years, Janice has served as my Chief of Staff, leading my legislative, communications and constituent relations staff.

Prior to joining my staff in 2009, Janice served the people of New Jersey in the offices of two governors. First, she served in the McGreevey Administration in 2001 and 2002 as an Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, and from 2006 through 2009 she was the Director of Cabinet Affairs in the Corzine Administration.

Janice is also well respected throughout New Jersey as one of the state's top political minds. From 2003 through 2006, she was the Executive Director of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. In this position, she ran the day-to-day operations of the state political party—this is no easy task.

Throughout her entire career, Janice has been a fierce advocate for the people of New Jersey. And that advocacy spills over into her free time—if that time even exists for Janice. Not only has she served as a Board Member on the Covenant House New Jersey—Asbury Park Program and the New Jersey Equal Opportunity Fund, she recently won an election to serve on the Ocean Township School Board.

It goes without saying that public service runs in Janice's blood. She may be leaving my

office, but I have no doubt that she will continue to find ways to serve the people of New Jersey throughout the remainder of her career.

Over the last ten years, Janice has spent a lot of late nights representing me and my constituents at meetings or events throughout the district. I want to acknowledge the support Janice always received from her husband, John, and her three children, Grace, Finn and Sloane.

Madam Speaker, the American people, New Jerseyans and the people of the Sixth Congressional District have been well served by Janice Fuller for the last 20 years. I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors and look forward to watching all the ways she looks to serve the public good.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at a funeral I was not present for the vote, on March 14, 2019, on H. Con. Res. 24, expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress. Had I been present for rollcall vote 125 I would have voted "yea." I am pleased that this resolution calling for the release of Special Counsel Mueller's report to the public and to Congress passed decisively.

### RECOGNIZING JUDY McCARTY

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of a wonderful friend and former San Diego City Councilwoman, Judy McCarty.

It is an honor to have worked in the same community as Judy. Throughout her accomplished life, Judy's selflessness and commitment to others never wavered. As a journalist, a community volunteer, and a dedicated public servant, Judy always remained focused on building community and improving the lives of her neighbors.

Judy brought a zest for life into everything she did. One of her biggest passion projects was the founding of Mission Trails Regional Park. Judy was a key figure in establishing this beloved public recreational amenity that is now the largest municipally owned park in the State of California and the 6th largest park in the entire country. This is just one of many accomplishments of Judy's, in a lifetime of service and dedication to the greater good.

Those who have had the pleasure to cross paths with Judy likely know that she was a

woman who valued the little things in life. She loved volunteering, tending to her garden, and cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers, but above all, she loved being a mother and a grandmother.

I wish her family the comfort to know that Judy left San Diego a better place than she found it, and that we are all better off because of her vision and leadership in our community.

I am grateful to have called Judy my friend and will miss her presence in the community. The joy she brought into life will live on in the thoughts and actions of everyone she has touched along the way. Though she will be missed dearly, the impact she made in San Diego will always endure.

### HONORING ROBERT B. THOMAS

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved member of the community who is celebrating a remarkable 95th birthday this year, Mr. Robert B. Thomas.

Robert's story is, in many ways, a uniquely American one. He was born on March 14, 1924 to Robert and Annie Thomas in Augusta, Georgia and he migrated with his family to New York, where he attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He graduated from New York Vocational High School, where he was introduced to, and excelled in, the trade of plumbing. During World War II, Robert heeded the call to serve his country and on March 15, 1944 he joined the United States Army. He became a gunner in the 394th Anti-Aircraft Unit and after serving our nation, he came back to serve his city with the New York City Public Housing Authority. In 1946, Robert met the woman who he would marry, Doris E. Jones and they had two daughters, Symra and Sandra. He also has three grandchildren, Duane Nichols, Turhan Brandon and Taniya Brandon, and four great grandchildren, Indira Nichols, Sebastian Brandon, Orion Brandon and Dominick Brandon.

Robert worked in construction as a member of Laborers International Union of North America, Laborers Local 60 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 15 and Con Edison, which enabled him to put his daughters through college. He likes to reminisce about the past and enjoy talking about how he was a foreman and helped build the Governor Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge. His experience on that project later led to his work on the Throgs Neck Bridge and second deck of the George Washington Bridge.

To his family, his friends, and his community, Robert Thomas is known as a kind, generous and loving person, who has helped others achieve their goals. It is my honor to recognize Robert on this special occasion and to

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thank him for his service to our country and community here in New York.

AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES  
100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The Legion was first chartered on September 16, 1919 to serve as a patriotic veteran's organization.

One of the oldest veteran non-profit organizations, the American Legion also stands as the nation's largest wartime Veterans Service Organization. The Legion is devoted to supporting service members, veterans, communities, and families. In its 100 years of existence, the Legion has made remarkable strides in advancing the cause of our veterans and service members through legislative accomplishments like the GI Bill, Flag Code, and the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, a forerunner of the Veterans Administration. The Legion is also active in our local communities, with programs like Operation Comfort Warriors, Boys State, and the American Legion Baseball. Since its charter, the American Legion has made it their mission to mentor youth, advocate for patriotism and honor, and promote strong national security and a continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

I applaud the Legion for passing the century mark in their never-ending quest to improve the lives of service members and veterans. I'm proud to be a member of such an excellent organization, and I wish them another 100 years of excellence.

RECOGNIZING EMERY COUNTY,  
UTAH LEADERS

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leaders in Emery County, Utah, who fought for over two decades to resolve long standing issues facing their county through federal legislation. On March 12th, 2019, President Trump signed into law S. 47, a sweeping public lands bill that included the Emery County Public Lands Management Act, with broad bipartisan support.

With this historic achievement, I would like to pay tribute to the exceptional efforts and years of dedication from the Emery County Commissioners, Emery County Public Lands Council, and many other state and local leaders who played an integral role in making this cooperative effort possible. This law will benefit Utahns for decades into the future.

This law is a model for how Utahns can work together to solve public land management questions in one of the most unique landscapes of the country. After years of input and stakeholder engagement, this law resolves a number of issues affecting the region through a school land trust exchange, con-

veying certain lands to Emery County, expanding Goblin Valley State Park, conservation designations, and the creation of the new San Rafael Swell Recreation Area. The bill also decreases the amount of land owned by the federal government in Emery County.

There are countless individuals over the years who deserve recognition and made this law possible. Over the last year, since I sponsored the Emery County bill in the House, I would particularly like to recognize:

Emery County Commissioners Lynn Sitterud, Kent Wilson, and Gil Conover.

Emery County Public Lands Council Members Rod Play (Chair), Edward Geary (Vice Chair), Laren Huntsman, Leon McElprang, Kim McFarlane, J.R. Nelson, Randall Stilson, Sherrel Ward, Les Wilberg, Bruce Wilson, and Ray Petersen (Public Lands Administrator).

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman ROB BISHOP.

Governor Gary Herbert.

Senator MITT ROMNEY.

These leaders should all be very proud of what was accomplished with this bill.

IN HONOR OF JD LAMBRIGHT

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of JD Lambright, a larger-than-life Texan and dedicated leader in Montgomery County. He leaves behind a legacy of outstanding service to the great State of Texas and I know our entire community will miss his presence dearly.

A product of the Texas Panhandle, JD was born and raised in the town of Pampa, Texas. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech University, and remained a proud Raider for all his life. Law was another passion of his, and JD later went on to earn his law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.

JD made good use of his Master's and worked as a geophysicist and electrical engineer for Shell Oil Company and Shell E&P Technology Company in Houston. Following his successful career in the energy industry, he started his own private law practice in Conroe, where he focused on a variety of family, criminal, and civil law issues.

First elected to the Montgomery County Attorney's office in 2012, JD later became the chief legal advisor for Montgomery County. He not only possessed a shrewd legal mind, but a warm and caring heart. Those who were lucky enough to work with him remember most his genuine affection for his co-workers, and he was twice awarded Montgomery County's "Boss of the Year."

JD was an inspirational leader who used his positions of power for the good of the entire community. During his time at the County Attorney's Office, he was responsible for the passage of the first Code of Ethics in Montgomery County. He worked tirelessly to make this public office more accessible to those who needed it most—the residents. Under his leadership, the office kept more cases in-house, saved hundreds of thousands of tax-payer dollars, and brought in a new normal of govern-

ment transparency across the Montgomery County area.

Though I could spend hours listing the many positions held by JD and professional honors he accumulated, I know he considered his greatest accomplishment to be his family. He married his high school sweetheart, Belinda Cates, herself a prominent figure in the Montgomery County area, and they were married for forty-two wonderful years.

There is no doubt that JD left a positive professional impact on Montgomery County and the state of Texas, but what I will miss most about him is his old-fashioned friendship, his love for his community, and his infectiously positive outlook on life. I join JD's family, friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in mourning. JD will be greatly missed.

MIRIAM AND ARI LOREN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor two pillars of the Scarsdale community, Miriam and Ari Loren, who this year are being honored by Young Israel of Scarsdale at their 47th Annual Dinner.

Miriam was born in Bratislava, Slovakia and came to the U.S. in 1982. Her family moved to Silver Spring, MD where she graduated from the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington, now known as Melvin J Berman Hebrew Academy. Miriam is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia University's Teachers College, after which she worked for many years in early childhood special education, running classrooms for developmentally delayed children and their parents. Miriam has also worked as an evaluator, diagnosing, testing and evaluating children for special services.

For the past few years, Miriam has worked for Camp Yavneh as their Inclusion Coordinator. This program has grown from two campers participating in only the second month of camp to almost thirty campers across both months.

Miriam has volunteered extensively for her children's schools, including serving as their Parent Association President for six years. Miriam was also on the Westchester Jewish Council inclusion initiative for local synagogues. Miriam is currently on a mental health task force for the Ruderman Foundation.

Ari was born and raised here in New Rochelle. After graduating from Westchester Hebrew High School, Ari earned his BS from Yeshiva University and MBA from Bar-Ilan University.

Professionally, Ari operates a family business and manages some real estate. Outside of work, Ari has spent the last 8 years heavily involved in the local hockey scene. He served as President of New Rochelle Lightning Hockey from 2013 to 2018, growing the program from 52 players in 2013 to well over 200 kids today. Ari loves coaching hockey, and currently helps coach in the New Rochelle Lightning program, as well as at the Frisch School and as a head coach at Westchester Day School. Miriam and Ari have 5 fantastic boys, aged 6 to 16. The Lorens love raising their children in the same warm and loving community in which Ari was raised. Miriam and Ari

credit both of their parents in teaching them the importance of community and giving back.

Madam Speaker, Miriam and Ari are most deserving of the Community Service Award from YIS. Congratulations to them on this honor.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Wayne High School's AFJROTC's 25th anniversary. AFJROTC Unit IN-941 was established in 1994 at Wayne High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, under the leadership of Major Ed Bennett and Senior Master Sergeant Bill Tester. Since its inception, AFJROTC Unit IN-941 has prepared over 2,800 cadets for military service and success in and out of the classroom.

The mission of the AFJROTC is to develop citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community. Now, two decades after its establishment, the Wayne High School AFJROTC continues to uphold the mission. Over the last five years, an average of 122 cadets have joined Unit IN-941. The unit has recorded an impressive 1647 Leadership Development Requirement hours with extracurricular activities such as Model Rocketry, the Academic Bowl and Junior Shooting. Cadets give back to our community by providing Color Guards for events and assisting with Honor Flights from Ft. Wayne. In fact, Unit IN-941 has logged over 4143 hours of community service and has set a goal of 1200 hours for 2019.

Unit IN-941 has prepared its cadets for success. About five percent of all cadets pursue military-related careers after graduation. I recently had the privilege of appointing Wayne High School AFJROTC cadet Wendy Samayoa to the United States Air Force Academy. Every cadet who served in Unit IN-941 at Wayne High School gained valuable skills and experiences that prepared them for life after high school.

Congratulations to Wayne High School's AFJROTC Unit IN-941 on their 25th anniversary.

HONORING ANDREI BEZZUBIKOFF

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor two pillars of the Scarsdale community, Andrei Bezzubikoff, this year's Distinguished Service Award honoree at the Young Israel of Scarsdale 47th Annual Dinner.

Andrei studied Theology at the Facultad de Teología Pontificia y Civil de Lima. He later graduated from the Stated University of New York at Purchase in 2013, and went on to receive his Masters degree from St. John's University.

Since 1997, Andrei has worked at Young Israel of Scarsdale. He also serves as adjunct

faculty at my alma mater, Lehman College, since 2018. Andrei has become a beloved part of the YIS community and is well known throughout the congregation.

Outside of his professional work at YIS, Andrei is also a very accomplished author. In 2008, his short story *La Mujer de los Barcos*, was awarded first prize at the "2008 Palabras" contest in Lima-Perú. In 2010, *Asilos de Luz*, his short narrative book, was published by Hipocampo Editores. He had read his work at McNally bookstore, at Westchester Community College, Purchase College, and at the Ossining Public Library.

Of course, Andrei's true love and passion in life is his family. He has been married to his wife, Shirley, since 2001 and they have two wonderful children, Oleg age 13 and Ilari age 11. Andrei's hobbies also include reading, playing soccer, visiting museums, listening to classical music and traveling.

Madam Speaker, no one is more deserving of the Distinguished Service Award than Andrei Bezzubikoff. I want to congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his years of service to the Scarsdale community.

TRIBUTE TO CHAD PADGETT

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute today and thank Chad Padgett for his years of service on my staff, the great state of Alaska, and to the United States of America.

Chad Padgett first came to work in my office in 1994 and has served as my State Director for more than a decade. Madam Speaker, to put the magnitude and demands of his job into perspective requires some explanation. There are only seven other states in the U.S. House of Representatives that have State Directors. In the other 43 states, the position is commonly referred to as District Director. For example, the State of California has 53 House District Directors.

During Mr. Padgett's tenure in my office he has traveled to almost every city, town, village and road stop in the state. That's quite an accomplishment in and of itself, when you think about how large the 49th state actually is. Alaska has 6640 miles of coastline representing 50 percent of our nation's total coastline and is one-fifth the size of the entire country. Many of the places Mr. Padgett has traveled to have only been accessible by air or water. Remember, even our state capitol, the third largest city in the state, can only be accessed by plane or ferry. He has traveled by car, truck, jet, single-engine plane, helicopter, state ferry, and boats of all sizes and makes.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Padgett has had a lot of geography to cover in Alaska—more than California, Texas and Montana combined. These three states have 90 people doing what Mr. Padgett does.

As mentioned earlier, Mr. Padgett joined my team in 1994 as a Campaign Assistant. In 1995, he became a Special Assistant in my congressional office and quickly became my Deputy State Director. He remained in that position until, under President George W. Bush's

administration, he received a Presidential nomination to serve as State Director for the Farm Services Agency. From there, he became the State Director for USDA Rural Development. He remained with the USDA until 2009, when he chose to come back to work as my State Director.

As much as I hate to see Mr. Padgett leave my office, I am equally pleased that he has been selected to serve as the State Director for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska.

Mr. Padgett will excel in his new position. He brings to the job the right temperament, integrity, experience and knowledge necessary to provide leadership and stewardship overseeing our federal lands.

Mr. Padgett has proven himself as a loyal, competent and respected public servant. He has shown care and compassion for literally thousands of Alaskans by helping them resolve their problems and navigate the bureaucratic mazes.

He is well-liked by his co-workers and has helped mentor many young staffers by instilling his core values of hard work, loyalty, responsibility and maintaining a positive attitude.

To me, Chad Padgett is more than my State Director. Most of all, he is a trusted friend. He is an advisor with my best interests always at heart. He is like family—and always will be.

While it is difficult thinking of his departure from my staff, it gives me a great sense of pride and comfort knowing he will oversee and be the steward for about a quarter-of-a-billion acres of federal land in Alaska.

On behalf of the countless number of Alaskans that he has helped, his co-workers, and most of all, my family and me—I thank him and God bless.

We are excited and extend our best wishes to him for the challenges ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD HART, THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS 2019 MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Hart, who was named the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons Man of the Year at their annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

Edward is a Pittston native and the son of the late Edward and Jean Morrow Hart. He is a graduate of Pittston Area High School and the University of Scranton.

Edward has dedicated his career to radio and broadcast television, concentrating in revenue development and management. He began his career at WARM before moving on to Magic 93. In 1988, while working at Q102 Radio, Edward became the youngest radio station manager in the country. He then transitioned to television, working in various sales and management roles for WOLF-TV, which later became FOX56. In 1998, Edward was the first to generate over \$1 million in revenue in FOX history. Edward transitioned to WNEP in 2006 where he also managed the local sales efforts to record levels.

Edward is an active member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. In 2014,

he served as president during the group's centennial year. He dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort liaising with the Secret Service and the Office of the Vice President to secure Vice President Joe Biden as the principal speaker at the organization's centennial celebration. Edward also instituted the recitation of St. Patrick's prayer to begin every meeting—in order to honor the group's patron saint.

Edward has been married to his wife, Natalie Amico Hart, for 25 years, and they have three children, Edward IV, Alexandra, and Emma. Edward is actively involved in his community as a youth sports coach for basketball, baseball, football, and soccer. He is a member of Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in Pittston and a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus Assembly No. 948 and JFK Council No. 372.

It is an honor to recognize Edward as the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons 2019 Man of the Year. I thank him for his dedicated service to our community and wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF BETTY  
CONNER

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**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Pittsburg resident, Ms. Betty Conner.

Betty was born on May 20, 1936 in Sondheimer, Louisiana to parents Maggie and Ray Frost. She soon made her way to Contra Costa County, and Betty spent 73 years as a resident of Pittsburg and graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1964. For 29 years, Betty served the community and worked as a nurse for Contra Costa County Social Services.

For a decade, Betty and her husband of 50 years, Douglas, used their retirement income to cook lunches for children in downtown Pittsburg. After Douglas' passing in 2009, Betty continued serving meals with the help of her granddaughter, Tania Currie.

In 2014, Betty's community efforts were officially established as a non-profit organization called Branches of Community Service. Now, Betty's annual backpack and toy drives service over 125 children and her free Saturday lunches continue to be a trusted and important resource for Pittsburg youth.

Betty and Douglas' contributions to the Pittsburg community have been celebrated. Douglas was honored by the City of Pittsburg with a cement plaque at the local park across from the Conner residence and Betty was recognized as a Woman of the Year for Contra Costa County.

Betty is survived by her five sons and many relatives. She will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her, and will be remembered for her endless service to the community.

HONORING SYLVIA LASK

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**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my great and distinct privilege to honor one of my dearest friends, the incomparable Sylvia Lask, as she celebrated her 85th birthday this year on February 25th.

Born in 1934 to Vera Lask and Max Lask, Sylvia was one of three children in the family, which included her brothers Ronald and Robert. She grew up in Detroit, Michigan and later moved to New York City, where she became certified as a dietician. Sylvia and I first met when we were both living in Co-op City. I had knocked on her door while gathering petition signatures, and she began asking me all kinds of questions pertinent to both our community and the political world. After we had a long chat, I asked if she was a member of the local political club, and suggested she join us at the next meeting. She did, and we became fast friends.

Sylvia and I were both heavily involved in the club's work from there on out. She went on to serve as Democratic State Committee Person, was also a delegate at two democratic conventions, for Ted Kennedy and Bill Clinton.

Sylvia is a fierce advocate for her community and always a strong voice on the issue of mental health. Her lobbying trips to Albany have become the stuff of legend. Among other things, her efforts led to the passage of the Mental Health in Education Act, which requires Mental Health to be taught in all public schools in New York State. Even at 85, Sylvia still makes those weekly trips to Albany and continues her advocacy work on behalf of the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS).

When not saving the world, Sylvia enjoys listening to folk music—specifically The Weavers, Pete Seeger and Peter Paul and Mary—and taking long strolls. Her spirit is indomitable; she never sits down, never spends too much time celebrating a victory, and is always planning the next steps needed to advance patient rights. Sylvia's drive has always been fueled in large part by her family and friends. She was married to Sam Hershkowitz and has two beautiful children, Vicki and Marc, and one grandchild, Ron. They are the light in Sylvia's life.

Madam Speaker, I count myself fortunate every day to know Sylvia Lask, and I'm not alone in feeling that way about such a special individual. Her list of friends, from elected officials to community activists and everyone in between, is too long to list. She has done incredible work to help the people of New York over many decades, and her contributions cannot be overstated.

Sylvia is like a family member to me and my entire family. I am so honored to recognize her achievements, and I am so thankful to have her in my life.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF REV-  
EREND DOCTOR MYRON  
PANCHUK

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**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus, and as a Chicagoan, to honor the memory of Reverend Doctor Myron Panchuk, a widely respected religious leader and community activist whose sudden passing on March 9th brought tremendous sadness and reflection to the Ukrainian-American community in Chicago and beyond.

A pillar of Chicago's Ukrainian-American community, Father Myron served countless parishioners throughout his 37 years of Priesthood for the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Diocese of Chicago. In addition to assisting thousands of Chicagoans from all faiths and backgrounds, Fr. Myron was actively involved in more than half a dozen community organizations, including during his tenure as Vice President of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation.

After decades of community service, Fr. Myron turned to academia and activism. In 2017, he earned a Ph.D. researching the effects of intergenerational trauma on ethnic Ukrainians. He was committed to building coalitions to fight for ethnic and racial justice, especially in the area of genocide prevention.

In recent years, as Ukraine's sovereignty has been challenged and outside interference appears unrelenting, Fr. Myron, as an example to us all, continued to pray, and to work, to end the violence and corruption that has marred his ancestral homeland.

He will be especially remembered for his optimism and courage, and for his faith in a young, new wave of Ukrainian-Americans who face the challenge, and opportunity, of healing the scars of the past and building the future of the Ukrainian-American community. While the City of Chicago and Ukrainian-Americans everywhere mourn his loss, Fr. Myron's legacy is sure to live on in the hearts of all those who knew him.

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IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J.  
WILLIAMS, RECIPIENT OF THE  
GREATER PITTSBON FRIENDLY  
SONS' SWINGLE AWARD

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**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Williams, who will receive the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons' Swingle Award. William was honored on Sunday, March 17, at the Friendly Sons' annual St. Patrick's Day event.

William was born to William and Susan Rudick Williams on May 25, 1955. He is a graduate of Pittston Area High School (class of 1973), and he earned an associate degree in industrial electronics from Luzerne County Community College and a real estate license from Penn State University.

William found success in a variety of fields throughout his career, in the medical field as

a respiratory therapy technician, in commercial building sales, and as a real estate agent with Atlas Realty. William has been involved with the Pittston City Ambulance Association since 1973, and he earned his EMT certification in 1977. He is also a member of the Hughestown Hose Company, president of the Eagle Hose Company, and the secretary of the Pittston Volunteer Fireman's Relief organization.

In 1990, William was hired by the City of Pittston as a firefighter. In 1998, he received commendations for valor from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate after valiantly rescuing an elderly woman from her gas-filled home. William retired from the profession in 2018 as an Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Inspector.

In addition to having an impressive professional career, William has always been actively involved in his community. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1998, achieving 4th degree in 2003. William has been a member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons since 1998, serving as president of the organization in 2009. He currently serves as the co-chair of the Friendly Sons Scholarship Committee.

William resides in Pittston and has been married to his wife Irene for 42 years. He is the proud father of three daughters: Amy, Jennifer, and Samantha.

It is an honor to recognize William for his many years of service to our community. I wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING RISÉ AND MARC ROBBINS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 18, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor two pillars of the Scarsdale community, Risé and Marc Robbins, who this year are being recognized as the Keter Shem Tov Honorees at this year's Young Israel of Scarsdale Anniversary Dinner.

Risé and Marc have been members of the Young Israel of Scarsdale community, together, for nearly 30 years. Risé grew up in New Rochelle and moved to Scarsdale in 1973, when she joined the YIS. She graduated NYU and then attended Touro college where she graduated the Physician Assistant Program.

Marc grew up in New Rochelle and graduated Columbia University. He is the president of IM Robbins P.C. an engineering company in New York City.

The two met at the Scarsdale volunteer Ambulance Corp, where they were both EMT volunteers for over 20 years. They have been active on committees in their children schools and the shul. The YIS plays a very important part of their lives. It is a warm and welcoming community and they feel very lucky to be a part of it.

Together Risé and Marc have raised four children, Jennifer, married to Yakov, Daniel, Amy and Michael and have three grandchildren. Avishai, Shira and Moshe.

Madam Speaker, Risé and Marc have together done tremendous work to strengthen the Scarsdale community, both inside and outside of the YIS. They are most deserving of

this wonderful recognition, and I want to congratulate them on this special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, had I been present for roll call vote No. 125 to H. Con. Res. 24—Expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress, I would have voted AYE on the measure.

HONORING THE WORK OF ANNE B. WICKS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anne B. Wicks on her retirement from the District of Columbia Courts.

The Joint Committee on Judicial Administration appointed Ms. Wicks to serve as Executive Officer of the D.C. Courts in February 2000. She is the first woman and longest, serving Executive Officer in the Courts' history.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Officer, Ms. Wicks worked for the Courts in a number of capacities, including Acting Chief Financial Officer, 1999 to 2000; Deputy Executive Officer for Court Operations, 1997 to 1999; Deputy Director for Research and Development, 1988 to 1997; and Chief of Research, 1986 to 1988. Ms. Wicks previously held positions with the Legal Services Corporation and the Georgetown University Law School.

Ms. Wicks' led the D.C. Courts through many changes over the past 19 years. She oversaw the integration of 19 stand-alone computer systems into trial court case management system. She managed the adoption of long-term planning for capital programs in IT and facilities, and the development of a comprehensive education and training program. She participated in the extensive growth of and renovation to the Courts' buildings and Judiciary Square campus, and the adoption of strategic management as a governance structure. She also assisted with the creation of a strong management team, leadership principles and employee engagement initiatives that focus on collaborative and integrated judicial and administrative leadership.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Anne B. Wicks for 33 years of outstanding service to the District of Columbia Courts. Her steadfast leadership is one of the reasons the D.C. Courts are highly regarded around the world.

RECOGNIZING THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the Michigan Public Health Association (MPHA) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. This organization was founded in 1919 and has been advocating for public health ever since.

For 100 years, the MPHA has worked diligently to eliminate and reduce gaps in health and health outcomes by improving the quality of life of Michiganders through advocacy, knowledge, practice and research. They perform valuable work in a field that has an immeasurable impact on the lives of all Americans.

In addition to raising the standard of care throughout Michigan, the Michigan Public Health Association works to increase access to care in all counties of Michigan and assure that no child is uninsured. MPHA advocates for good health policy through community organizing and collaboration.

On this momentous occasion, I want to congratulate the visionary founders and members of the Michigan Public Health Association, as well as MPHA's current President, Ms. Lorena Disha, and all the leaders of the MPHA for their important work. I look forward to their continued work for the health of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK BALON, RECIPIENT OF THE FREELAND SONS OF ERIN 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Balon, who was named the Freeland Sons of Erin 2019 Citizen of the Year. He was honored on Saturday, March 16, at the organization's annual St. Patrick's Day event.

Frank is a graduate of Freeland High School and Pennsylvania State University. He worked as a mechanical engineer at Tobyhanna Army Depot before retiring after thirty years of service in 2013. During his tenure at Tobyhanna, Frank received the Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in both 1997 and 2002.

Frank brings something unique to Northeastern Pennsylvania that is never in adequate supply: the joy of music. He plays trumpet in several local ensembles including the Freeland St. Ann's Band, where he also serves as band president, and the Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra and Big Band. Frank is also the leader of the popular brass quintet, the Hot Tin Roof Brass Band. As part of his musical career, he has performed the national anthem for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Triple-A baseball teams on many occasions, and he has additional appearances scheduled for the upcoming season. Frank's musical talents extend to singing as well. He is a choir member and cantor at Immaculate Conception

Church and an officer and founding member of the Freeland Community Choir.

Frank is diversely active in his community. He is a contributing writer for the monthly Progress Magazine, and he enjoys researching family history and genealogy. Frank enjoys hiking and is an avid outdoorsman. He also currently serves as the secretary for the Hazelton Archery Club.

Stemming from his civilian employment with the United States Army at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Frank is dedicated to honoring and serving our veterans. He is part of the honor guard and a proud honorary member of American Legion Post 473 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5010. His community efforts were recognized by the Freeland American Legion Post when they named him Citizen of the Year in 2017.

It is an honor to recognize an outstanding individual like Frank as he accepts the Citizen of the Year Award. I am grateful for his many talents and his willingness to serve the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, especially veterans. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING JOAN ROBERTA  
WILLIAMS

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 18, 2019*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joan Roberta Williams, who passed away on February 20, 2019 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Williams was named Miss Crown City in 1958 after being nominated by her colleagues at Pasadena City Hall. Though she was supposed to perform the ceremonial duties around the Rose Parade now performed by the Rose Queen, such as ribbon cuttings and appearances with the Mayor of Pasadena, the float on which Mrs. Williams was scheduled to appear was cancelled. Mrs. Williams was denied these honors after city officials discovered that she was African American.

It wasn't until New Year's Day of 2015 that Mrs. Williams finally appeared in the Rose Parade, this time in a float honoring "Inspiring Stories." After an article appeared in the Pasadena Weekly detailing her racist treatment nearly half a century earlier, Mrs. Williams received a formal apology from the

Mayor of Pasadena and was offered the opportunity to ride in the parade that had been denied to her, which she accepted as an opportunity for reconciliation.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Williams in 2014, when the Pasadena non-profit Men Educating Men About Health honored her at a gala, where I had the opportunity to present her with their Woman of the Year Award. In the years between her original crowning and her eventual appearance in the Rose Parade, Mrs. Williams had a long career with Kaiser in Southern California, including several years in their Medicare office in my district. She volunteered for the Pasadena AIDS Service Center and with the Pasadena Unified School District, was honored on the floor of the California State Assembly, and had three children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

When she finally made her appearance in the 2015 Rose Parade, Mrs. Williams said the experience was "especially important because [it pointed] out that with people of goodwill working to correct these mistakes, change can come. We hope it won't take so long, but when you look at our history, none of it has happened overnight, none of it has happened without a fight. The fight goes on." It is my honor today to recognize Mrs. Williams' legacy in that fight.