

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