The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Wexton).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, March 21, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Jennifer Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people’s House, as they meet with their respective constituents, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 208, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Republican Leader:

WASHINGTON, DC, March 20, 2019.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 104(b) of House Resolution 6, 116th Congress, I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission to serve as the Republican Chairman:

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 208, the House adjourned until noon on Monday, March 25, 2019, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 2 o’clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 25, 2019, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

410. A letter from the Director, Cost Analysis Office, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing six officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 509(a)(3); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

411. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing six officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

412. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing six officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 509(a)(3); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

413. A letter from the Alternate OSD PRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Program to Encourage Public and Community Service (PACS) [Docket ID: DOD-2019-05-0224] (RIN: 0700-AK44) received March 15, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

414. A letter from the Director, Cost Assessment/Program Evaluation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a determination; to the Committee on Armed Services.

415. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 2590-AB01) received March 15, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

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416. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting a determination of the Department of Education that portions of sections 111(d)(2)(B) and 830(d)(1) of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), Public Law 89-10, codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. Secs. 6320(d)(2)(B) and 7881(d)(2)(B), respectively, are no longer in the law, in response to the Supreme Court’s decision in the Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer, 137 S. Ct. 2012 (2017), pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 530(e); Public Law 117-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

417. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Attainment Plan for Indianapolis and Terre Haute SO2 Nonattainment Areas [EPA-R05-OAR-2015-0700; FRL-9991-10-Region 5] received March 15, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 988); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

418. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; California; Moderate ozone area plan for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS [EPA-R09-OAR-2017-0728; FRL-9990-34-Region 9] received March 15, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 988); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

419. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; San Joaquin Valley, California [EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0535; FRL-9990-13-Region 9] received March 15, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 988); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

420. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of March 8, 2003, and Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 988); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

421. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted six-monthly within the six-month period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(a); Public Law 92-443, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 107-295, Sec. 906); 98 Stat. 2612 (1984); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

422. A letter from the Congressional Relations Office, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's combined Annual Performance Plan for FY 2019-20 and Annual Performance Report for FY 2018, and Budget Request for FY 2020, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 201); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

423. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's combined Annual Performance Plan for FY 2019-20 and Annual Performance Report for FY 2018, and

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DENT (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

H.R. 1837. A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize assistance for Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, Science, Space, Research, Technology, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MARCHANT (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Missouri):

H.R. 1838. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the release of personal identifiers to the Secretary of Education to identify numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 1839. A bill to amend title XIX to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, establish a State Medicaid option to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through principal homes, prevent the misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. RUZ, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. BROWN of Indiana, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 1840. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes outpatient self-management training services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MULLIN):
H.R. 1841. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the designation of general surgery shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. McNerney, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

H.R. 1842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow graduate students to exclude tuition reductions from gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GALLAGHER.

H.R. 1843. A bill to amend the National Emergencies Act to provide that a national emergency declared by the President terminates 60 days after the President reprograms or transfers an amount in excess of $25,000,000 for the response to such emergency, unless a joint resolution affirming such declaration is enacted into law; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KRISHINAMOORTHI (for himself, Mr. RUSH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHENDELER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. BOST, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. SHINkus, Mr. KINEZINGER, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mr. L. LEACH).

H.R. 1844. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court Elgin, Illinois, as the Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself and Mrs. MULLIN).

H.R. 1845. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Prescription Safety Alert System with respect to covered drug products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PLATT of Florida (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. OMAR, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. McNERNEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TREY GOWDY, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. CANTOR, B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. WILD, Mr. OCEANS and COASTS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SchaKOWSKY, Mr. PETRAS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Ms. DELAURO).

H.R. 1846. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the increased burden that maintaining the health and hygiene of infants and toddlers places on families in general, the resultant adverse health effects on children and families, and the limited child care options available for infants and toddlers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEUDS of the University of California (for himself and Mr. HICK of Georgia).

H.R. 1847. A bill to require congressional notification of, and changes in status of inspectors general, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. LOEBSCAH (for himself and Mr. MERRILEES).

H.R. 1848. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a grant program to make grants for the establishment or expansion of job training programs for communications tower service, consistent with the requirements of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. COLEMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. KIM, Mr. LOWE, Mr. GRIJALVA of Arizona, and Mr. ENGEL).

H.R. 1849. A bill to modify the treatment of certain loans in consideration for fixed guideway capital investment grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MART (for himself, Mr. GOTTTHAMER, Mr. MCCaul, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GAZZT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. Latta, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCOTTZIOLI, and Mr. ENGEL).

H.R. 1850. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for Palestinian terrorism, and to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEADOWS.

H.R. 1851. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for designation of qualified opportunity zones every 10 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEADOWS.

H.R. 1852. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for designation of qualified opportunity zones every 10 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NUGENT.

H.R. 1853. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide for the automatic appointment of judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEADOWS.

H.R. 1854. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on House Administration in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. NADLER, and Mrs. WAGNER).

H.R. 246. A resolution opposing efforts to divert the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mr. FERGUSON).

H. Res. 247. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CHABOT.

H. Res. 248. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States’ One-China Policy does not commit it to the People’s Republic of China’s One-China Principle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. QUIGLEY).

H. Res. 249. A resolution expressing support for Ukraine in its upcoming elections and opposing any Russian interference in Ukraine’s elections; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GRIJALVA.

H. Res. 250. A resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the National Parks Conservation Association; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. King of New York, Mr. GAZZT, and Ms. SPEIZER).

H. Res. 251. A resolution expressing support for Ukraine for its role as a partner in the U.S.-led effort to reduce the supply of illegal weapons to Russia and Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

9. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to House Resolution No. 106, urging Congress to enact legislation granting the United States Department of Agriculture jurisdiction over labeling requirements for imitation meat products.

10. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois of Illinois, relative to House Resolution No. 76, urging the U.S. Congress to introduce and pass legislation that eliminates both the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution:

By Mr. DELUCCH.

H.R. 1837. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate Commerce . . . . and among the several States,

By Mr. MEADOWS:
H.R. 737: Mr. BARIN, Mr. CRENshaw, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, and Mr. YOHIO.

H.R. 763: Mr. MALINOWSKI and Mr. SIRES.
H.R. 801: Mr. ROBIN of New York, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. GARBARDO, Mr. COLE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 810: Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Ms. MATSU.

H.R. 822: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 838: Mr. SKAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. FUDOE, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 850: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
H.R. 864: Mr. CASE and Mr. KATKO.
H.R. 865: Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. PHILIPS, Mrs. AXNE, Mrs. KIEFERTACK, and Mr. MINOWSKI.

H.R. 873: Mr. SKAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 878: Mrs. AXNE, Ms. SPEEHR, and Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.
H.R. 884: Mr. GOLDEN.
H.R. 915: Mr. SKAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. Matsu, and Mr. Smith of Washington.
H.R. 943: Mr. Yarmuth, Ms. Bonamici, and Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 946: Mr. Murphy and Mr. SANDRANS.
H.R. 962: Mr. Tipton.

H.R. 1001: Mr. Gallagher.
H.R. 1002: Mr. Tipton, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. Watkinson, and Mr. Gottheimer.
H.R. 1004: Mrs. Trahan and Mrs. Judy Chu of California.

H.R. 1100: Mr. Budd, Mr. FOCAN, Mr. Abrah, and Ms. Shewell of Alabama.

H.R. 1008: Mr. Van Drew.
H.R. 1030: Mrs. Lee of Nevada.
H.R. 1042: Mr. Cummings and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 1050: Mr. Thompson of California, Ms. Maloney of California, and Mr. Crow.

H.R. 1058: Mrs. Walorski, Mr. Schu, Mrs. Lo, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Matsu, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. Kennedy.

H.R. 1066: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kilmer, Ms. KAPUR, and Mr. PAINTET.

H.R. 1070: Mr. Hastings and Ms. Wexton.
H.R. 1071: Mr. Norton and Mr. Hastings.
H.R. 1073: Mr. LUGA.

H.R. 1081: Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. COOK, and Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 1086: Ms. Watson COLEMAN.
H.R. 1111: Mr. Clay and Ms. Norton.
H.R. 1135: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. LUBA.

H.R. 1139: Ms. Baragan, Mr. Perlmutter, Ms. Degette, Mr. Van Drew, and Mr. Lynch.
H.R. 1155: Mr. Tipton, Mr. Casten of Illinois, and Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1175: Mr. LETTSKEMETER, Mr. MCRIN-NY, Mr. Joyce of Pennsylvania, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Young, Ms. Cheney, Mr. Bost, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. Upton, Mrs. Murphy, and Mr. Reschenthaler.

H.R. 1179: Mr. Delgado.
H.R. 1186: Mr. Himes.

H.R. 1225: Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Crow, and Mr. Malinowski.

H.R. 1236: Ms. Jayapal, Ms. Wexton, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Nadler, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. McCa, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Sean Pat Maloney of New York, Ms. Baragan, Ms. Matsu, Ms. Wild, Mrs. Watson COLEMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. Hastings, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MASON of New York, Mr. Hill of California, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. SPERR, Mr. Lange, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 1237: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 1244: Ms. McCLURE-Powell.
H.R. 1254: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 1255: Ms. HAALAND and Mr. AGUILAR.
H.R. 1256: Ms. HAALAND and Mr. AGUILAR.
H.R. 1288: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 1279: Mr. MALINOWSKI.
H.R. 1288: Mr. PETERS and Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 1325: Mr. MAST.
H.R. 1327: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 1364: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. Himes, Mrs. BRATTT, Mr. KIM, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. LAMB.
H.R. 1373: Mr. NEGUER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CASE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. HASTINGS.
H.R. 1377: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. BERA, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ.
H.R. 1380: Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 1398: Mr. HOLDING, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mrs. LESSO, Mr. DUFFY, and Ms. CHENBY.
H.R. 1411: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 1415: Mr. BUCHANAN.
H.R. 1423: Mr. RUPOERSBERGER, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. STEVE PARK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCALLON, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 1446: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 1452: Mr. ZELDIN.
H.R. 1454: Ms. ESSEND.
H.R. 1507: Ms. JACKSON Lee and Ms. HAALAND.
H.R. 1530: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. BROWNLY of California, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 1534: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. SERRANO.
H.R. 1550: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 1555: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1556: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 1570: Mr. McGovern, Mrs. LESSO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHester, Mr. RYAN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. Rose of New York, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. STUVERS, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. BUCHANAN.
H.R. 1572: Ms. JAYAPAL and Mr. BLUMENTHAL.
H.R. 1576: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 1579: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
H.R. 1584: Mr. BIGOS and Mr. MOONNY of West Virginia.
H.R. 1589: Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. KIM, Mr. SARHANES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. CARDEAS, Ms. PANETTA, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HORSBORD, Mr. CROW, and Ms. ESCOBAR.
H.R. 1595: Mr. LAMB, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 1603: Ms. HILL of California, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1629: Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. LAMB, and Mr. RUPOERSBERGER.
H.R. 1638: Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 1679: Ms. STEFPANIK.
H.R. 1694: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H.R. 1727: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 1733: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H.R. 1734: Mr. MEeks.
H.R. 1735: Mr. HOLDING, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. HAGDORN, and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
H.R. 1758: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan and Mr. CICILINE.
H.R. 1761: Mrs. MILLER.
H.R. 1763: Mr. SUZZETTE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. PASCHELL, Ms. WILD, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCHIAKOWSKY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, and Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 1764: Mr. MALLAFA.
H.R. 1770: Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. RODNEY DAVID of Illinois, Mr. WELCH, Ms. STEFPANK, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CABRALAJ, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. GARTZ, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. ABERHOLT, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 1771: Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 1772: Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma.
H.R. 1777: Ms. McCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Ms. VELASQUEZ, and Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 1809: Ms. PLASKETT and Miss GONZALEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.
H.J. Res. 23: Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ.
H.J. Res. 38: Mr. CURTIS, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. ROUDA, Mr. DEAN, Mr. RYAN, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, and Ms. TLAIB.
H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. NORMAN.
H. Res. 54: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. GRUFT, Mr. PASCHELL, Ms. DEAN, Mr. KIM, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
H. Res. 107: Mrs. DAVIS of California.
H. Res. 124: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. COOPER.
H. Res. 141: Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. RASKIN.
H. Res. 238: Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. JACKSON Lee.
The Senate met at 2:09 and 57 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARSHA BLACKBURN, a Senator from the State of Tennessee.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

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U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARSHA BLACKBURN, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. BLACKBURN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.
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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:10 and 34 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 25, 2019, at 3 p.m.
HONORING SUE MERRILL CRAWFORD ANTLE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Sue Merrill Crawford Antle, a woman of principle and compassion, who dedicated her life to helping others. Sue will be remembered as a woman who believed in giving back to her community and the world, a legacy of strong values and kind deeds.

Sue was born on February 23, 1936 in Watsonville, California. A native of the Central Coast, Sue attended Watsonville High School, where she met Bob Antle. The two would eventually enjoy 58 years of marriage together.

Sue and Bob would remain on the Central Coast throughout their lives, establishing even deeper roots in their community. As Bob managed his family's lettuce company, Sue tended to the family home and raised their four children. Sue could often be found in her home's sewing room, where she created beautiful and precious keepsakes for her family, friends, and community. These pieces included Christmas stockings for her entire family and colorful jackets frequently auctioned for charity.

Sue and Bob's family on the Central Coast continued to grow to include her children's spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Sue's beloved family was a foundation for her life and a blessing that guided her desire to give back to her community. Sue co-chaired California State University Monterey Bay's Have a Heart fundraiser for student scholarships and, as an avid booklover, took joy in reading to children through the Monterey County Reads program established by the Panetta Institute for Public Policy. Sue was a passionate advocate for the children of field workers and leaves a legacy of fostering early childhood education and supporting first-generation college students.

Sue will be remembered for unfailing kindness and generosity. We, as a community, celebrate her legacy and life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Sue Merrill Crawford Antle.

HONORING MICHAEL MIKULKA
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the former regional enforcement director for EPA Region 5. Michael Mikulka, who is retiring after 43 years of distinguished service at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and after serving as President of AFGE Local 704. Mike has been a dedicated member of AFGE Local 704, and has fought for the rights of EPA workers over his more than four decades of work at the EPA, and I honor and thank him for his important work.

Michael Mikulka started his career at the Environmental Protection Agency in November 1976 in the Water Division at EPA's Region 5 Chicago, Illinois Office, where he helped municipalities receive grants under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to install wastewater treatment plant systems. He then enforced the Clean Water Act, taking charge of the Region's CWA enforcement, bringing cases in civil court for injunctive relief and penalties against polluters. He also worked on some of the most significant cases in his career at EPA, including the 1986 consent decree against the Old Mill Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility in Illinois, which was a landmark case for the EPA.

As part of his career at EPA, Mike received numerous commendations, awards, and medals attesting to his superior service to the region. He was a Professional Engineer for over 35 years and was recently elected a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, where he has been a member for over 40 years.

Some of the significant projects Mike worked on at EPA include:

- Participating on an inter-agency task force which developed a strategy to clean up the Combined Sewer Overflows in the Twin Cities.
- Helping develop the Region 5 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) control strategy, much of which was later incorporated into the national CSO control strategy.
- Leading an international task force to develop a strategy to clean up the Grand Calumet River, the most polluted river in the Great Lakes region:
- Bringing and resolving cases against those polluting the Grand Calumet River, as Chief of Clean Water Act (CWA) enforcement officer for Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota;
- While he was the EPA Region 5 head of CWA enforcement, the region consistently led the nation in environmental enforcement with respect to numbers of cases, penalties collected, and environmental benefit;
- Helping EPA Region 5's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Branch became the regional enforcement contact on the RCRA hazardous waste air emissions standards and conducted training nationwide for EPA, states and industry;
- Providing technical assistance to regional staff to develop and prosecute cases against fuel blenders and other treatment, storage and disposal facilities who were not meeting the RCRA air emissions standards;
- Working on significant hazardous waste cleanup projects across the Region, including active and closed steel mills in northwest Indiana and Ohio;
- Cleaning up arsenic and other contamination from the Menominee River, resulting in an ability to de-list the river as a Great Lakes Area of Concern.

As a Member of Congress, I have personally worked with Mike and have observed his endless dedication to the environment and to the hard-working employees of the EPA. Mike will be remembered for his important work protecting the environment in the region, for his leadership in AFGE Local 704, and for his support of the EPA and its wonderful staff. He will be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018-2019 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONS: THE CARVER TIGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the undefeated 2018-2019 AAAA Girls Basketball Georgia State Champions, the George Washington Carver High School Tigers of Columbus, Georgia. The team commemorated this significant milestone on Sunday, March 17, 2019, with a celebratory parade followed by a celebration of honor at the Columbus Civic Center.

On Friday, March 8, 2019, the Tigers won the state championship game against the Spalding Jaguars by a score of 56-44. This historic victory marked the first championship and undefeated season for the Tigers after coming up short in three Final Fours and two state championships. The team placed No. 1 in the MaxPreps AAAA Girls Basketball rankings for Region 1 and have won all but two of their previous 31 games this season by double digits.

Their victory in this year’s AAAA state championship follows years of frustration, hard work, and determination bursting forth into an unbelievable season of teamwork and athletic excellence. The perseverance of these Tigers, after coming so close the past two seasons, including a 69-67 overtime loss to the rival Columbus High in the 2017 finals, was shown this year in their exciting victory. Moreover, the team completed this spectacular season with an astonishing overall win-loss record of 33-0.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Columbus, and indeed the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes their own. They have accomplished an incredible feat, one that could not have been possible without the tireless leadership and encouragement from their head coach, Anson Hundley and his staff, as well as their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and celebrating the Carver High School Tigers of Columbus, Georgia.
Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief Bill John Baker for his many years of service to the Cherokee people and to our community. Chief Baker’s service to the Cherokee Nation and the state of Oklahoma has touched the lives of many, whether acting in the capacity of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, as a Cherokee Tribal Council, as an Arizona Native American Heritage Month, or as the coach of local youth sports teams.

Personally, my wife Tammy and I can attest to Chief Bill John Baker’s dedication to community by our mutual involvement in the Ronald McDonald House Charities. When we first moved to Muskogee Oklahoma, Tammy called Chief Baker to bring his attention to the Cherokee Nation women’s use of the Ronald McDonald House and to encourage local businesses and organizations to support this cause. He responded by spearheading a community-wide fundraising effort that raised over $50,000 in just one weekend.

Chief Baker’s accomplishments have been heralded by his colleagues and neighbors alike. The town of Okay is grateful for Chief Baker’s leadership, and the local Chamber of Commerce has named him one of its “Hidden Heroes.” His dedication to community service has earned him numerous awards and recognitions, including the Oklahoma Indian of the Year award and the Oklahoma Businesswoman of the Year award.

In closing, I would like to thank Chief Bill John Baker for his many years of service to the Cherokee Nation and our community. His leadership, dedication, and commitment to making our community a better place for all of us is truly inspiring. Thank you, Chief Baker, and God bless you.
may not have had the pleasure of knowing him will benefit for years to come because of the extra first response vehicles that he helped secure for the Fire Department and the drivers education cars that he worked to provide for the local schools.

All these amazing things that Chief Bill John Baker had a hand in, ultimately help raise awareness of the Cherokee people and their presence in Northeastern Oklahoma. I congratulate Chief Baker on his retirement, as it is well deserved.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
HENRY P. "CORKY" ANDERSON III
HON. KEVIN MCCRATHY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Henry P. "Corky" Anderson III who passed away on February 23, 2019 at the age of 76. A lifelong Tulare County resident, Corky, as he was affectionately known, was a renowned trailblazer in the pistachio industry.

Corky's passion for farming began at age 13 when he spent his days hauling hay for nearby farmers as the years went on he mastered his craft while working up and down the Pacific coast throughout California and Oregon. Corky was also a problem solver. The California pistachio industry has historically suffered due to a soil-borne fungus known as verticillium wilt that kills thousands of trees each year before they are mature enough for commercial production. Along with his business partner Ken Puryear, Corky developed a pistachio rootstock resistant to verticillium wilt. This development was nothing short of revolutionary, and California's current status as the nation's leading pistachio producer can largely be attributed to his hard work.

But Corky was involved in much more than just pistachios. Ever the family man, he, along with his brother Doug Anderson and sister Debi Mitchell, founded AAA Pistachio Farming and AAA Properties where they grew everything from sugar beets to cotton, invested in a gold mine in Oregon, and diversified into office building in Las Vegas and Arizona.

Corky is survived by his wife of 30 years, Betty Jean Anderson, and an entire family that loved him dearly. He will be remembered for his kindness, love of life, and passion for farming. I was fortunate enough to have known Corky for many years. He was an exceptional farmer and an even better friend. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to the Anderson family, and all of those whose lives Corky touched.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS VACANCY REDUCTION ACT
HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Vacancy Reduction Act. This bill would allow the local District of Columbia court nominees to be seated after a 30-day congressional review period unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during that period. Currently, nominees cannot be seated without affirmative Senate votes. The review process for nominees would be the same one used for legislation passed by the D.C. Council. It is therefore a reliable process, long-recognized by Congress. My bill is prompted by the unique requirement that judges for the local D.C. courts be confirmed by the Senate, where nominees for the federal courts, understandably, get the primary focus and priority.

There is currently a vacancy crisis facing the District's criminal and civil courts, and the D.C. courts have raised serious concerns due to longstanding vacancies. Whether Democrats or Republicans control the Senate, the local D.C. courts regularly face vacancy crises, which harm the operations of the judicial system in the District.

Congress created the D.C. Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to recommend candidates, and Congress should generally defer to its judgment. This bill is a compromise, useful to all concerned, that retains a congressional role while saving the Senate time by removing the need for committee and floor action in most cases. As such, this bill will have a full complement of local judges.

Currently, there are seven vacancies out of 62 authorized judges on the D.C. Superior Court and two vacancies out of nine authorized judges on the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Both pre- and post-Rule 43, the District has never had control over the nomination and approval of local D.C. judges. My bill would not alter the role of the JNC or the President in the nomination process. Under the Home Rule Act, the JNC recommends to the President a list of three persons for each vacancy on the Superior Court and Court of Appeals. The President must nominate a candidate recommended by the JNC within 60 days to the Senate for advice and consent. If the President fails to nominate such a person within 60 days, the JNC must nominate a recommended person directly to the Senate for advice and consent. The Senate has no obligation to provide its advice and consent. Under this bill, once a name has been transmitted to Congress, the nomination would be deemed approved unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during a 30-legislative-day review period.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF RICHARD WADE
HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute, honor and thank World War II veteran Richard Wade.

On February 5, 1924 Richard Wade, Jr. was born on an icy cold day to Richard and Mary Wade. When he was only five weeks old, Richard’s grandparents, David Kearney, an Irish immigrant, and his wife, Illa, began to raise him. Richard spent his childhood and teen years in Portland, Maine.

In January of 1942, Richard enlisted in the United States Navy. He trained in aviation radio at Naval Air Station Banana River, now called Patrick Air Force Base. He worked convoy and submarine patrol and was a part of the Helicopter Development Squadron. Upon discharge from service, he traveled to Brazil where he was stationed for three and a half months. Other assignments in Brazil took him to Aratu and Natal. In Natal, Richard worked the radio one night for so long that he became deaf and did not regain his hearing for two days. Richard received the American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal and Combat Aircrewman Insignia.

While stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas, Richard received the news that the war had ended. He remembers the historic occasion and celebrating with his buddies. Richard worked for thirty years at Missouri Pacific Railroad as a truck driver. He retired and settled in Rye, Texas, and currently resides in Livingston, Texas.

We thank Richard Wade for responding to the call to protect and defend this great nation. His sacrifice exemplifies why our nation remains “the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

REMEMBERING THE LATE U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN ANTOINE LEWIS
HON. ROBIN L. KELLY
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the late U.S. Army Captain Antoine Lewis of Matteson, IL in the Second Congressional District.

I was saddened to learn that Captain Lewis was among the 157 people killed in the tragic plane crash in Ethiopia on March 10th.

This incredible young man had so much more to give the world and constantly gave of himself to others. He possessed an inpressible curiosity and a desire to make the world a better place.

Captain Lewis was a man of passionate commitment to his family, to the Matteson community, to our country, and to his faith.

An honorable man, he represented the very best of America whenever he served in uniform or wherever he traveled in the world.

Captain Lewis was a patriot who proudly served his country. He had been stationed in Afghanistan, South Korea and Canada. He had an adventuresome and free spirit and was filled with wonder and curiosity about other people and cultures.

While he was raised in Matteson, he belonged to the world.

He, like many others, went to Africa to offer hope and opportunity to others through mission work. As called to do by St. James, he put his faith into actions and deeds that uplifted others and worked to build a better world.

The entire Second District mourn this tremendous loss to our community.

As we grieve with his family and friends, we are comforted by the knowledge that he did fulfill his desire to make the world a better place—by the love he gave to every person and mission that he encountered.
HONORING MS. MELISSA ANTINOFF ON BEING NAMED BURLINGTON COUNTY’S TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. ANDY KIM
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Melissa Antinoff, a devoted educator who has helped shape the minds of New Jersey’s youth throughout her 19 years as a public school teacher. Ms. Antinoff was recently named Burlington County’s Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Department of Education for her tireless work as a 3rd grade teacher at Ashbrook Elementary School.

Passionate from an early age about working with and educating children, Ms. Antinoff has developed a classroom environment that fosters innovation, creativity, and self-confidence within her students. Ms. Antinoff recognizes the importance of reading to developing a child’s sense of confidence and therefore strongly encourages independent reading in her classroom. She credits this practice with instilling in her students greater self-esteem and willingness to take risks in their other areas of study. Ms. Antinoff’s colleagues praise her for her ingenious ability to integrate interdisciplinary elements, such as music, into her classroom as well as her eagerness to take risks in her instruction methods including granting her students the independence to work and learn collaboratively in small groups.

Ms. Antinoff is a prime example of the kind of teacher who goes above and beyond to ensure that the well-being of the entire student, including his or her emotional and mental needs are attended to just as much as his or her academic needs. Above all else, she wants her students to have the confidence to enjoy school and feel safe and secure there so that they can learn and grow creatively. For these reasons, I am proud to honor Ms. Antinoff for her efforts and sincerely thank her for the positive influence she has had on countless students throughout her distinguished career.

RECOGNIZING BEN FERENCZ
HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ben Ferencz. Ben is the last living Nuremberg prosecutor and is also celebrating his 100th Birthday.

Born in Transylvania in 1920, Ben immigrated to the United States and attended public schools in New York. He won a scholarship to Harvard University where he worked as a research assistant for a professor writing a book on war crimes. He received his degree in 1943 and promptly joined the U.S. Army as a private in the artillery. He was awarded five battle stars for not being killed or wounded at Normandy Beach and every major campaign in Europe.

As the war was ending, he was transferred to General Patton’s HQ to serve as a war crimes investigator. He entered many Nazi concentration camps as they were liberated and the horrors he saw made an indelible impression. When he returned home, he was recruited by General Telford Taylor to return to Germany to help in the additional war crimes trials.

He was appointed Chief Prosecutor in what was aptly described as the biggest murder trial in history—the “Einsatzgruppen case.” All 22 defendants, including six SS Generals, were convicted of murdering over a million innocent men, women, and children. Ben was 27 years old and it was his first case.

Since then, Ben has dedicated much of his life to seeking compensation for victims and trying to prevent illegal war-making. He became a self-appointed personal lobbyist for peace, with countless lectures, publications, and speeches at many universities and in countries around the world.

Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor Mr. Ben Ferencz and his service to his country, his community, and the world. Happy Birthday to Ben.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT DANN ON HIS RETIREMENT
HON. MIKE QUIGLEY
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert Dann, a beloved family man, a pillar of his community, and a lauded veterinarian, in celebration of his recent retirement. A 1979 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Dann shortly thereafter became an owner and director of Blum Animal Hospital, a mainstay of Chicago’s Lakeview neighborhood. Over the course of four decades, Dr. Dann has served countless animals and their owners from across the city, seeing firsthand time and again the power for good that pets can be. After transitioning from several roles within the Hospital to spend more time with this family, Dr. Dann has remained practicing until today.

Ever since I was a kid visiting the Lincoln Park Zoo for the first time, a love for animals has been a through-line of my entire life. Since coming to Congress, I’ve had the privilege of defending endangered species and working on key animal protection issues; however, I’ve never forgotten just how much joy my family’s own furry friend, our dog Scout, has brought us over the years.

Without caring and committed veterinarians like Dr. Dann, millions of pet owners across the country just like myself would not have the same happy memories that I do. Dr. Dann’s work has been repeatedly recognized, including when he was named one of Chicago’s top veterinarians. Benign but forceful contributions to the city’s canine and feline populations, Dr. Dann has remained engaged in his community, sitting on the boards of two charitable foundations. Through his decades-long commitment to the veterinary medicine profession, and his work to support others in his community, Dr. Dann truly embodies the best of our neighborhood and our city.

I thoroughly congratulate Dr. Dann on his forty-year career, on behalf of myself and the thousands of animals he has cared for along the way.

HONORING MS. DELINA RODRIGUES OF CARBON COUNTY
HON. DANIEL MEUSER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Delina Rodrigues of Carbon County, who represented the United States at the Special Olympics World Games in the United Arab Emirates. Delina took home three medals from the games: a bronze medal in the bench press competition and two gold medals in the deadlift and overall lifting events.

Delina’s success at the Special Olympics is the result of her many years of hard work and dedication to power lifting and track and field events. Having competed in various sports for Carbon County’s Special Olympics Organization for fourteen years, she continues to exhibit great mental strength, athletic skill, and sportsmanship as she competes on the global stage.

In addition to her outstanding athletic accomplishments, Delina is also a graduate of Carbon County Technical Institute. She is a great representation of the values we hold dear in Pennsylvania’s Ninth District: courage, enthusiasm, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in celebrating Delina’s remarkable achievements and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors and competitions.

HONORING LYNDA RESNICK FOR RECEIVING THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FOUNDATION INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD
HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mrs. Lynda Resnick as the recipient of the 2019 Bakersfield College Foundation Individual Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Lynda is the vice-chair and co-owner of The Wonderful Company, a global powerhouse known for its iconic brands like Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Halos, POM Wonderful, and FIJI Water, among many others.

An exceptional marketer, Lynda dropped out of college at the age of 19 to open her own advertisement agency. It was there that she met Stewart Resnick, who initially sought her services as a client for his janitorial business. The two later married and purchased a parcel of California Central Valley farmland in 1978, and the rest is history. Today, Lynda oversees worldwide marketing operations for the Wonderful Company, and is renowned for the creativity and innovation she brings to the company. Under her supervision, the Wonderful Company developed a rich culture of giving back to the community. On average, the
Resnick contributed $50 million annually to life-changing initiatives like community development efforts, educational programs, and the Wonderful Health and Wellness initiative, which Lynda directly oversees.

Lynda’s philanthropic efforts extend well beyond the company. She was recently honored as a Life Trustee for her donations to, and service as a Board of Trustees member on the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Additionally, she is an executive board member of the Aspen Institute’s board of trustees, and contributed over $30 million to establish the Resnick Sustainability Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

Lynda’s lifetime of philanthropy, and generous contributions to the communities where Wonderful operates, deserve our recognition and gratitude. The Bakersfield College Foundation Sterling Silver Medal recognizes Lynda’s many achievements, and I want to thank her for her tireless leadership and devotion to the communities and citizens of the Central Valley.

CELEBRATING THE INVESTITURE OF DR. LILY D. MCNAIR, 8TH PRESIDENT OF TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

— HON. TERRY A. SEWELL OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Inaugural Convocation and Investiture of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and the first woman to ever serve as President in the University’s storied 136-year history. Prior to her appointment at Tuskegee, Dr. McNair served for nearly seven years as provost and senior vice academic for affairs at Wagner College—a private college of 2,200 students located in Staten Island, New York.

Dr. McNair grew up in Browns Mills, New Jersey and is the eldest of four children. She is the daughter of a Japanese seamstress and an African American veteran who worked as a payroll clerk after serving in the Korean War.

Unlike many of her friends at other schools, Dr. McNair’s mother could not afford to have a high school guidance counselor who encouraged her, an aspiring first-generation college student with scarce financial resources, to apply to the Ivy League university she had dreamed of attending since she was a little girl. Because of her own experience, Dr. McNair believes in the value of mentorship and has placed a special emphasis on working with students and faculty to advance their goals.

Dr. McNair was the first in her family to attend college, and among the first African American women to attend Princeton University and the first woman to ever serve as President of Tuskegee University. She is a devoted administrator, committed public servant, inspirational figure, tireless educator, loving wife and proud mother. I know Dr. McNair will be an exemplary president of this esteemed institution, bringing to the position a keen intellect, strong advocacy abilities, steadfast work ethic and deep faith in God and the power of Mother Tuskegee. I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. McNair in her new position to bring more resources and greater opportunities to Tuskegee University. I gladly wish her well in her new endeavors.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District and the State of Alabama, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Lily D. McNair as the 8th President of Tuskegee University and as the first woman to ever hold the position. I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. McNair for her tireless service and for the stellar and positive leadership she will surely continue to provide for all those who are a part of the Tuskegee University family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

— HON. EMMANUEL CLEAVER OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the National Community Development Association (NCDA). Since its genesis in 1969, the NCDA has been a pillar of support for cities and counties across the country, including the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

The NCDA is a nonpartisan, national, nonprofit organization that was established to assist cities across the nation in administering the new U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds and programs created through President Johnson’s Model Cities Program. In doing so, they rose to help address the great inequities in housing in opportunity and opportunity that had created racial and socioeconomic inequality in many of our great American cities.

The NCDA represents cities on a federal level for programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships, among a myriad of others. Specifically, the NCDA has fought to improve local infrastructure and provide greater accessibility to safe, decent, and affordable housing, as well as greater economic opportunities. Through these initiatives, the organization has expressed a commitment to providing tangible services that will strengthen both families and communities across the country. Through the NCDA’s prestigious John Sasso Award and Audrey Nelson Award for Best Practices in Community Development, they annually recognize and celebrate significant contributions and solutions to affordable and alternative housing projects through federal grants.

Moreover, as an integral part of the NCDA model, they respect diversity and inclusion in leadership as a fundamental part of effective leadership. Throughout their fifty years of service, the organization sought to represent diversified backgrounds and individualized expertise. They continue to include a wide variety of organizations and individual voices as we collectively search for solutions to urban difficulties and discover ways to implement greater equity in housing as time moves forward. These voices are brought to national attention each year at the National Community Development Week hosted by the NCDA. This annual conference educates Members of Congress on the achievements of federal programs like HOME and CDBG so that these programs can continue to address a need for affordable housing and community development.

Today, NCDA membership has grown to include over 400 separate cities and counties. These organizations and governments represented across that vast membership continue to carry out a centralized goal and purpose. As they have been since day one, the NCDA continues to serve as a united, national institution to provide services and support for local governments and policy makers as they work on critical federal community development and housing programs.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri’s Fifth congressional district in honoring the National Community Development Association for their remarkable achievements over the span of fifty years across the nation and in our own community. We stand to celebrate their indelible mark on our society.
On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, fans at the Macom Coliseum observed as the Lady Eagles won the state championship game against the Calhoun County Cougars by a score of 50–38. The Lady Eagles outrebounded their opponents (with a rebound total of 40–to–27) and made 21 of 30 free throws. This victory marked the second straight year of hard work. The team has been ranked No. 1 for the entirety of the 2018–2019 season with an unbelievable 29–1 win-loss record. This championship game also marks a remarkable comeback for the Lady Eagles, who lost last year’s game to the Greenville girls’ basketball team by a score of 73–52.

The Lady Eagles’ victory in this year’s final exemplifies years of tireless determination which culminated into an inspiring season of teamwork and athletic excellence, counting a total of 1,910 points across 30 games. I am thrilled to honor this team as they celebrate the first girls’ basketball state championship in the school’s history. The senior class has been among the most successful ever, graduating with a winning record of 92–24.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Buena Vista, and indeed in the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes their own. They have accomplished an amazing feat, one that could not have been possible without the direction and inspiration of their coach, Fran McPherson, and her staff, as well as their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in congratulating and honoring these hardworking young women who have persevered, sacrificed, and achieved the pinnacle of success in basketball—the Georgia Class A State Championship title.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MERDOLPH WALKER

HON. BRIAN BABA
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BABB, Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War II veteran, teacher, professional football player and rancher, Mr. Merdolph Walker.

Merdolph was born on a cold winter’s night on January 16, 1923, in Sod, Texas. He was born in a small wooden house as sleet and snow fell outside. The midwife attending to his mother had to walk a mile home that night holding kindling for a light. The oldest of seven children, Merdolph attended Soda Grammar School, walking two miles to and from school each day.

While attending college at Sam Houston State University, Merdolph was drafted into the Army, serving from 1942 to 1946 as a combat engineer. Stationed in Guam during World War II, he received orders in his first week to search for land mines. Merdolph spent his next six weeks on open waters unloading cargo boats. There were no beds onboard, so he slept wherever he could find an empty space. In one combat mission, gunfire was exchanged. Later, for seven months, Merdolph and other combat engineers would spend twelve hours a day building the runway used by the aircraft which dropped the atomic bomb and ended World War II. By that time, Merdolph was in Okinawa, Japan, where upon hearing shots fired and shouting, he and a buddy ran outside to learn the war had finally ended.

After returning to the states, Merdolph reenrolled at Sam Houston College. He received his master’s degree in administration, majored in physical education and minored in industrial arts. In 1948, he began a short career playing professional football in Pittsburg before deciding he could make more money teaching and coaching. Merdolph taught and coached for thirty-four years before retiring.

Madam Speaker, let us pause to honor this patriot who has faithfully, and humbly served our country, state and community.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL T. TIERNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael T. Tierney on concluding a lengthy and illustrious career with the City of Chicago and with Plumbers Local 130 UA.

Mr. Tierney was born in 1955 to his parents, John (Jack), a former Union and City of Chicago Hoisting Engineer/Crane Operator, and Beverly Tierney. Mr. Tierney also has four siblings, Jack (Cheri), Marilyn (Bill) Haugh, Patti (Chuck) Addesso, and Brian.

Mr. Tierney began his career in 1975 as a laborer in the City of Chicago's Water Department; in 1986, he was promoted to Foreman, and just four years later, Mr. Tierney was again promoted, this time to District Foreman for the Department.

In 1995, Mr. Tierney became the Assistant Superintendent of Water Distribution, where he assisted the Superintendent in overseeing construction for the entire district. In this role, he had the opportunity to serve for six months as interim Superintendent for the Department. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Tierney officially took over as the District Superintendent of Water Distribution and Sewers for the City of Chicago.

In 2012 with more than thirty-five years of experience in his field, Mr. Tierney became the Director of Political and Municipal Affairs for Plumbers Local 130 UA, the same organization from which he earned his education in plumbing twenty-eight years prior. In this position, Mr. Tierney represented all Local 130 employees at the City, County and State levels. He also negotiated all Local 130 contracts for the City of Chicago and Cook County.

Mr. Tierney would be the first to tell you that his family is his first priority; they are the loves of his life. He has been married to his wife, Kathy McManus, since 2003. Mr. Tierney has two children; his daughter, Colleen Scarola, married to his parents, John (Jack), a former Union and City of Chicago Hoisting Engineer/Crane Operator, and Beverly Tierney. Mr. Tierney also has four siblings, Jack (Cheri), Marilyn (Bill) Haugh, Patti (Chuck) Addesso, and Brian.

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HAPPY SESQUICENTENNIAL—CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD an article by Keith J. Hamel honoring the 150th Anniversary of the West Point Association of Graduates.

On May 22, 2019, the West Point Association of Graduates will turn 150 years old. Think about it—one hundred and fifty years! When “the Association,” as it used to be known, held its first organizational meeting in the basement of the West Point Chapel, Class of 1818, President of the College of the City of New York, the light bulb had yet to be invented; the telephone had not been patented; the U.S. flag had only 37 stars; and the machine gun, dynamite, and the torpedo were less than a decade old.

The year was 1869, an important year in the history of West Point graduates. On March 4 of that year, Ulysses S. Grant, Class of 1843, became the 18th President of the United States. Grant, of course, received national attention by commanding the Union Army to victory during the U.S. Civil War, accepting the surrender of Confederate forces from another West Point graduate, Robert E. Lee, Class of 1839. That recent conflict, four years over by the time a handful of graduates met in Webster’s office one Saturday afternoon for that first meeting, is often cited as the reason the “Association” was formed; that is, to heal the divide between West Point graduates who fought on opposing sides of the U.S. Civil War. The reorganization, such theory is plausible. After all, bridging chasms seemed to be the spirit of the age in 1869. The year that Webster’s office in charge of Fort Sumter when it was fired upon by P. G. T. Beauregard, Class of 1838, to start that war!” instead, Anderson plainly told Thayer he was not interested in answering the question, “What is the true national Institution?” [West Point] and, in his February 12, 1869 reply to Anderson.

Three months later, 15 graduates gathered in Webster’s office for the purposes of officially forming an “Association of the Graduates of the Military Academy.” Neither the Civil War nor the “perpetuation” of West Point was explicitly mentioned in the minutes from that meeting. Instead, the graduates present, including Anderson, passed seven resolutions, the last pertaining to the “fundamental principle that the character of our Institution.” According to the “Preliminary Meeting” minutes, Reverend Dr. Francis Vinton, Class of 1830, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church in New York City, along with the Association that the Association be “formed purely for the promotion of social and fraternal intercourse.” Vinton’s resolution became Article II of the new Constitution: “The objects of this Association shall be to cherish the memories of our Alma Mater, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates.”

Does this end the debate regarding the purpose of the Association of Graduates’ founding? No! Not so! The Association’s original Constitution complicates matters. It states, “Political, or any other discussions foreign to the purposes of the Association, as set forth in this Constitution, or any proceedings of such a tendency, are declared inimical to the purposes of this organization, and are prohibited.” Such an article calls attention to itself and seems to support the notion that the recent U.S. Civil War and its political aftermath might impede any activities of West Point Graduates. Furthermore, Article III, paragraph 2, states, “The oldest graduate belonging to the Association shall be President; any graduate present shall preside at the meeting of the Association.” This made Thayer the Association’s “official” first president. Although Thayer never attended a meeting of the Association of Graduates (and, interestingly, his name does not appear on the roll of members until 1872), this passage marries Thayer’s legacy with the Association of Graduates, including his desire to form such an organization for the benefit of West Point. Going forward, both implicit political matters and the promotion of West Point routinely enter into the dialogue regarding the Association’s early history and business.

Take the Association’s first public act after above mentioned 13 graduates, chaired by Webster, met on June 16, 1869 and drafted the constitution and bylaws for the new Association. Soon after, the committee mailed the constitution to all graduates; 128 joined (of more than 1,350 living graduates), including three former Confederate officers: Richard S. Ewell, Class of 1840; John B. Magruder, Class of 1846; and Nathaniel R. Chambless, Class of 1861. In fact, Ewell sent a letter back with his dues stating, “I cannot think that any graduate of the Academy would, unless blinded by prejudices, decline to aid the work of reuniting . . . a bond broken asunder by civil discord and treason.”

By the end of the Civil War, the Association had 128 members. In contrast, the Association of Graduates from the North and the South; it is a reunification between North Point graduates and the United States of America. Just one sentence prior, Davies said, “We come together under the same flag, dear to every American heart, to recall and contemplate that springtime of life . . . .” In this and his future reunions, Davies continually uses a “reunification with the country” theme to tacitly unite graduates from the North and from the South behind a single purpose.

“...we meet to revive cherished memories and to renew, together, vows of perpetual allegiance to our country,” Davies said in the opening lines. As noted by George Pappas in his book To the Point: The United States Military Academy 1802-1902, “the defection of southern cadets and graduates, temporarily antagonistic, was used as a stepping-stone for criticizing West Point in general and its graduates in particular. . . .”

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Speaking of the 150th reunion, which Davies attended in 1902, Davies said, “...let us remember that the nation which sustains and has spread its mantle over this institution, expects from every graduate, at all times, and wheresoever he may be, the full measure of his duty.” Then in his last (and longest) address to graduates commemorating the centennial of the Civil War, the Battle of Bunker Hill (1775), Davies made his most overt gesture to reunification between graduates from the North and South via renewed allegiance to the nation. He began by recognizing the difference between the Northern and Southern Chicagos at the annual meeting a year earlier to invite graduates from “all sections of the country” to talk about the Association’s 12 former Confederate officer members attended this reunion, the most ever up to that point. “(W)e have come here together under the same flag; and we are, all of us, on this auspicious day, all the graduates of this Institution will recognize each other as friends. Henceforth, and forever, we have one flag, one country—ours. Interesting, preferably championing the patriotism of West Point graduates, Davies...
lauded the accomplishments of West Point itself through its graduates. “We behold, also, a great Institution.” he said in his 1875 address, “scattering science and knowledge, in which you, Thayer’s original aim for the Association. While re-unified three years later at the 1887 meeting, no room to safely keep them or exhibit portraits, books, letters, and more and had be petitioned to make an appropriation for the purposes of furnishing a hall for AOG use at West Point, given that the Association had assembled, no doubt to express its love for the late Dr. Davis, a line of the honorific fauna cultivated, adding to our army 570 officers, of whom the nation may be justly proud, for in that galaxy are many bright particular stars which have given lustre to our arms, illuminated the world of learning, and adorned various vocations of usefulness.” Cullum was perpetuating the national institution of West Point by demonstration of its honors, its hall of fame, its medal of honor, its library of books, and its celebration of those who brought it to this level. But this is not all that Cullum did as the Association’s de facto leader.

Cullum had been Chairman of the Thayer Monument Committee, which was established at the June 12, 1873 annual meeting, and was instrumental in bringing Thayer’s monument to fruition. By that time, Davies died, but perhaps because he witnessed no movement on Congress, and the architectural firm McKim, Mead & White was appointed in 1894 to design the building. Construction began in 1895, with the cornerstone being ceremonially laid on April 15, and construction was completed on December 21, 1898. After it was nurished (Cullum also left $20,000 in his will for this purpose), the hall opened on June 12, 1900, the date of the 31st Annual Reunion. It was his desire that the gifted memorial hall be used for “the Assemblage and Dinners of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, and, if practicable, I wish that lodging accommodations should be provided in some part of it for the benefit of the Association during its annual reunions.” Furthermore, they now had funds. Cullum’s will also provided $10,000 for “the current and necessary expenses” of the Association. This hall is now known as the West Point Association of Graduates’ “Long Gray Line Endowment.” While Cullum was Chairman of AOG’s Executive Committee, AOG’s balance sheet consistently ran between $1,000-$1,500, but, thanks to his gift, it grew by 300 percent in one year.

Cullum was one of the 20th century’s most important leaders, following his 1891 proposal that Executive Committee incorporate the Association under the laws of New York state. On the basis of Cullum’s proposal and filed a certificate of incorporation in November of that year. As some have hypothesized, Cullum provided this idea because he had already made his estate plans, and, rather than gift his considerable fortune to what might be characterized as an informal fraternal club, he wanted to transform it into an organization with legitimacy and longevity. Furthermore, showing his prescience, Cullum explicitly stated in his will for the memorial hall to be built “at a favorable time...” (perhaps because he witnessed no movement on an idea that originated in 1841!), Cullum’s bequest captured the essence of this moment in history, and longevity. Furthermore, showing his prescience, Cullum explicitly stated in his will for the memorial hall to be built “at a favorable time...” (perhaps because he witnessed no movement on an idea that originated in 1841!), Cullum’s bequest captured the essence of this moment in history, and longevity. Furthermore, showing his prescience, Cullum explicitly stated in his will for the memorial hall to be built “at a favorable time...” (perhaps because he witnessed no movement on an idea that originated in 1841!), Cullum’s bequest captured the essence of this moment in history, and longevity. Furthermore, showing his prescience, Cullum explicitly stated in his will for the memorial hall to be built “at a favorable time...” (perhaps because he witnessed no movement on an idea that originated in 1841!), Cullum’s bequest captured the essence of this moment in history, and longevity. Furthermore, showing his prescience, Cullum explicitly stated in his will for the memorial hall to be built “at a favorable time...” (perhaps because he witnessed no movement on an idea that originated in 1841!), Cullum’s bequest captured the essence of this moment in history, and longevity.
be President, and he was unanimously elected (ironically, Greene was also the oldest graduate on the Association's membership roll). Then, at the 1900 Annual Reunion, the Executive Committee voted to amend the Bylaws so that initiation fees were reduced from a one-time $10 payment to an initial $2 fee with an additional $1 paid each subsequent year, a practice that continued until the end of the 1910s. The prorater fee cycle spurred growth in new membership. In 1898, only three graduates elected to pay the prescribed $10 initiation fee; in 1902, more than 70% of the New Jersey Department of Education received the new $2 fee. New membership also fostered more graduate participation. In 1899, only seven members attended the 30th annual reunion, but in 1902, eighty attended. The Association's Golden State Warriors, Mr. Livingston recently made a one-million-dollar donation to his elementary school, Concordia Lutheran School, in Peoria, Illinois. The veteran point guard's generosity will be put towards expanding the school. Specifically, the expansion will consist of a performance stadium, a renovated gym, new offices and locker rooms and a storm shelter. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment it takes to have a career as successful as Mr. Livingston's. I am grateful for his passion to give back to the community and am confident his selfless actions will help provide young students with the opportunity to succeed. His leadership demonstrates to kids everywhere that they too can follow their ambitions and reach their goals.

Dedicated leaders like Mr. Shaun Livingston make me especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally thank Mr. Shaun Livingston on his investment in the Peoria community, and commend him on his kind-ness and generosity.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DAVID DACKE

HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express sincere gratitude to World War II veteran, husband, and father, Mr. David Dacke. David was born on September 11, 1927 in Houston, Texas. He met the love of his life Letha at the age of six when his parents told him he was to walk the new little girl on the block to school for her first day. David took her to class and showed her around, leading years later to their marriage. David learned to weld at the Parker Brother shipyard, a talent he would use in the Navy.

At the age of eighteen, David courageously answered the call to serve and defend our country. While in the Navy, he served on the USS Evans and saw the beautiful blue waters of the Bikini Atoll before it later was the site of atomic bomb testing. In 1947, David returned home from the Navy. When he left home, Miss Letha was a girl, but she had become a young lady by the time he returned. The two sweethearts were married on March 26, 1949. They had two children, Darrell and Diana. This year David and Letha will celebrate their 70th anniversary. After the war, David worked as a welder building barges in a ship yard. He also was in the chicken business where he supplied eggs to Houston schools and businesses. David retired and moved to Livingston in 1993, where he and Mrs. Letha still reside.

David Dacke has demonstrated his dedication to the United States of America. It is with great admiration that I thank him for his selfless service to our country.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018–2019 STATE CLASS A PUBLIC-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS: THE CALHOUN COUNTY COUGARS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018–2019 Class A Public-School Boys Basketball State Champions, the Calhoun County High School Cougars of Edison, Georgia. The team will commemorate this significant milestone with a celebratory parade on Friday, March 22, 2019 and a celebration of honor on Saturday, March 23, 2019. On Monday, March 4, 2019, the Cougars won the state championship game against the Treutlen Vikings by a score of 69–67. This historic victory marked an undefeated season for the Cougars, as well as their second state championship. The team also placed No. 1 in the MaxPreps Class A Basketball rankings for Region 1 and for the state of Georgia with a Region win-loss record of 19–0. Their victory in this year's state championship follows years of frustration, hard work, and deter-mination bursting forth into an incredible season of teamwork and athletic excellence.

The perseverance of these Cougars was shown this year in their exciting victory. Moreover, the team completed this spectacular season with an astonishing overall win-loss record of 32–0.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Edison, and indeed the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes their own. They have accomplished something truly great, one that could not have been possible without the tireless leadership and encouragement from their head coach, Marcus Shaw, and his staff, as well as their families, classmates, and members of the
community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in congratulating and honoring these hardworking young men who have persevered, sacrificed, and achieved the pinnacle of success in basketball—the Georgia Class A State Championship title.

HONORING THE GENERAL BAPTIST DEACONS ASSOCIATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Greater Baptist Deacons Association (GBDA) for its outstanding spiritual work in the District of Columbia. The GBDA has been an instrumental part of the faith community in the District for 100 years. The GBDA has supported spiritual development through meaningful Bible study, leadership training workshops, youth education opportunities and other community enrichment programs. They have worked collaboratively with community partners on programs supporting civic, social and community development.

In 1919, the GBDA was formed to unite the faith community across the Washington metropolitan area, to more effectively spread Christian teachings and to provide quality community programs. In 1939, the members of the GBDA were instrumental in starting the National Baptist Deacons Convention, bringing together members of the spiritual community to better serve and strengthen the fellowship of churches. The GBDA has been instrumental in expanding spiritual leadership training across two dozen states and territories, providing a mechanism for spiritual leaders to share common experiences and offer support to various communities. Together with regional elected leaders, the GBDA helped raise awareness for national and social issues over the years, which led to changes in the nation’s conscience.

The GBDA members and leaders have worked with various corporations and business entities to address issues such as homelessness, affordable housing and workers’ rights. They have worked collaboratively with community partners on programs supporting civic, social and community development.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the General Baptist Deacon Association on its 100th year of service to the District of Columbia.

HONORING STEWART RESNICK FOR RECEIVING THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FOUNDATION INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. Stewart Resnick as the recipient of the 2019 Bakersfield College Foundation Individual Philanthropist of the Year Award. Stewart is the chairman and president of The Wonderful Company, a multi-billion dollar global company known for its iconic brands like Wonderful Pistachios, Wonderful Halos, POM Wonderful, and FIJI Water, to name a few.

The Wonderful Company empire began in 1978 when Stewart and his wife Lynda Resnick purchased 12,000 acres of California Central Valley farmland. Since then, Stewart has overseen all financial, legal, real estate, strategy, human resources, and business operations for the company. Under his guidance, Wonderful has become so successful that every year, nearly half of all American households purchase their products.

The Wonderful Company has continuously given back to the communities where its employees live and work—contributing an average of $50 million annually to community development efforts, educational programs, and a comprehensive employee health and wellness program. Stewart has long been passionate about free market sustainability, and has made significant investments in sustainability research, including implementing advanced irrigation technologies, extensive solar installations at Wonderful facilities, and utilizing fuel cells to generate electricity without combustion or air pollution. Additionally, Stewart founded the Resnick Sustainability Institute at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), which focuses on innovative science and engineering research to develop solutions to global energy challenges.

Even outside of The Wonderful Company, Stewart’s philanthropy is far-reaching. Among his generous contributions are The Milken Institute’s Lynda and Stewart Resnick Center for Public Health, the Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at the UCLA School of Medicine, the Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy at the UCLA School of Law, and the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Exhibition Pavilion at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Stewart’s generous philanthropic efforts make him a well-deserving recipient for the Bakersfield College Foundation Silver Medal, and I want to thank him for his many selfless contributions to the communities and citizens of the Central Valley.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR SEAN M. DONOHUE

HON. DENNY HECK
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Major Sean M. Donohue of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Donohue’s most current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to serve as the Command Surgeon for the Center for Initial Military Training at the US Army Training and Doctrine Command. This unit is the largest change in training all initial entry Soldier in the Army.

A native of Tacoma, WA, Sean began his military career after graduating from the University of Puget Sound, enlisting after the 9/11 attacks as a medic in 2002. Sean was commissioned in 2009, completed his clinical training as a Physician Assistant at Fort Carson and promptly deployed to Afghanistan as a Battalion Surgeon with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Since then, Sean has served in numerous leadership and staff positions around the world. His wife is a dedicated military spouse, Lexey, and they have three boys: William, Jack and Maximus.

In 2017, Army Medicine selected Major Donohue to serve as a Legislative Liaison to serve in the Army House Liaison Office. In his role as a legislative liaision, Major Donohue served as the primary liaison between Members of the 115th and 116th Congresses, their Staff, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. In this role, he planned, coordinated, and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on numerous worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions and built the relationships and trust needed to increase the trust and confidence the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Sean M. Donohue and his family as they proceed to the next chapter in his remarkable career as they continue to serve our great Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN HENRY HAGGINS

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Henry Haggins, who passed away recently at 102 years of age.

John was born in Raleigh, NC on February 15, 1917 to Dorsey McAllister and William Haggins. John grew up in Raleigh with seven siblings and first moved to his eventual home, Washington, D.C., in the 1930s, following his older brothers to find work.

His natural skill and longevity led John to a long and storied career in engineering and construction. He worked with C.W. Freitag Construction Co. and George Hyman (now Clark) Construction Co., moving to cities in West Virginia, South Carolina and New York throughout that career. While his time in West Virginia was spent doing some of the hardest work of his professional life, it was well worth the effort when he met his future wife, Lorene Epps. The pair were married on September 14, 1945 after a long courtship and remained together until John’s passing, raising four children, raising four children; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.
Madam Speaker, I send my condolences to the family and friends of John Haggins. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating his incredible life and legacy. Rest in peace, John.

CELEBRATION OF THE GI BILL’S 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND ITS AUTHOR SENATOR ERNEST “MAC” MCFARLAND

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration and honor for the 75th anniversary of the GI Bill as well as the bill’s co-author, the late Arizona Senator Ernest “Mac” McFarland. Officially titled the “Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944,” the GI Bill provided a slew of benefits for veterans returning from WWII. These new benefits were available to every veteran who had been in active duty for ninety days and they continue to this day. The benefits bestowed onto our veterans include low-cost mortgages, low-interest loans, payments for tuition and living expenses to attend university college of vocational education, a one-year of unemployment compensation. With this bill, we’ve been able to offer a small token of our gratitude to those who put their lives on the line in order to defend everything we hold dear. The assistance cemented in the GI Bill is thanks, in large part, to the former Majority Leader from Arizona Ernest McFarland. Mac’s accomplishments stretch far beyond his work on the GI Bill. As it stands today, he is the only person in Arizona’s history to have served as U.S. Senator, Governor of Arizona and Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. He was a leader for our state and his tireless efforts enabled so many wonderful opportunities for our uniformed men and women. I am proud to honor this man and his diligent work for our veterans.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF READING AND BEYOND

HON. JIM COSTA OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the local non-profit organization Reading and Beyond in Fresno, California as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Since its creation in 1999, Reading and Beyond has been a leader in the community, providing educational, health and wellness opportunities to underserved families of Fresno County. The impact Reading and Beyond has had over the past two decades continues to be felt by countless families in the Central Valley.

In the fall of 1998, members of the First Covenant Church called together leaders of the community to explore prospective solutions to help neighborhood students struggling with reading. Reading and Beyond was founded based on the belief that a child’s path toward a brighter future was paved with books. Initially, Reading and Beyond provided tutoring and parenting programs for 30 families in need. Eventually, it expanded to include cradle-to-career services for both children and their parents, health services and tailored programs to help families increase their social mobility and strive for success and self-reliance.

Since its founding, Reading and Beyond has earned the respect of the community locally and nationally. In 2003, Fresno Unified School District praised Reading and Beyond as a “model for other organizations”. In the same year, it was chosen as one of only four organizations to receive national funding from the U.S. Department of Education to develop its Early Childhood Education program into a replicable model. In 2008, Kerri Briggs, the U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, recognized Reading and Beyond as a “remarkable example of the impact that faith-based organizations have in a community”. In 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded $12 million dollars in pilot funding to Reading and Beyond’s Fresno Bridge Academy program; one of only ten national projects to receive this grant.

What started out as a community-led effort to help neighborhood children in Fresno develop their reading abilities, has evolved into an organization that serves the needs of children and families across seven counties in California. Reading and Beyond has committed to empowering families to achieve productive lives through its holistic, research, and results-based programs with the end goal of helping children succeed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Reading and Beyond long-lasting success.

IN HONOR OF THE 2018-2019 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONS: THE CARVER TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SANFORD BISHOP, JR. OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2018–2019 AAAA Boys Basketball Georgia State Champions, the George Washington Carver High School Tigers of Columbus, Georgia. The team commemorated this significant milestone on Sunday, March 17, 2019, with a celebratory parade followed by a celebration of honor at the Columbus Civic Center.

On Friday, March 8, 2019, the Tigers won the state championship game against Americus-Sumter High School by a score of 56–55. This was the fifth game of the season against the Americus-Sumter Panthers and it was an exciting end to their series. The Tigers took the lead for a second and final time in the game with 28 seconds left. This historic victory marked the first championship for the Tigers since 1971.

Their victory in this year’s AAAA state championship follows years of frustration, hard work, and determination bursting forth into an unbelievable season of teamwork and athletic excellence. The perseverance of these Tigers, after placing No. 3 in the MaxPreps AAAA Boys Basketball rankings for Region 1, was clearly shown by a spectacular season.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Columbus, and indeed the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to watch our Tiger team make history. The Tigers of Columbus, Georgia. The team comprised of 12 young men, with the leadership of their head coach, Warren Beaulish and his staff, as well as the support of their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 70,000 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in congratulating and honoring these hardworking young men who have persevered, sacrificed, and achieved the pinnacle of success in basketball—the Georgia AAAA State Championship title.

HONORING AERA ENERGY FOR RECEIVING THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FOUNDATION CORPORATE PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Aera Energy, and President and CEO, Christina Sistrunk, as the recipient of the 2019 Bakersfield College Foundation Corporate Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Industry-leading oil and gas producer Aera Energy has displayed its commitment to California and the communities in which it operates for nearly 100 years. Jointly owned by Shell and ExxonMobil but operated as a stand-alone company with its own board and managers, Aera is proudly based in Bakersfield, California and in Kern County, one of the largest oil-producing regions in the entire country. Innovative approaches to engineering, lean processes, and data quality helped Aera become a titan of industry—Aera produces about 125,000 barrels of oil and 32 million cubic feet of natural gas each day, accounting for nearly one-quarter of California’s oil production annually. However, its community involvement and philanthropy are what truly sets them apart.

Aera actively encourages their employees to participate in events and causes that strengthen communities, recognizing individual employees who go above and beyond in this regard. Through various programs like Partnership A.E.R.A. (Achieving Excellence, Rewarding Academics), the Community Reading Project, and multiple high school programs, Aera employees are heavily involved in the communities where they live and work. In addition to these volunteering and mentoring efforts, Aera donates to over 100 community organizations each year.

Bakersfield is fortunate to have a premier oil and gas producer like Aera so dedicated to the betterment of its people and community.
Under Mrs. Sistrunk’s leadership, I am sure that this will not be the last time Aera Energy is honored for its corporate philanthropy, generosity, and community involvement. On behalf of California’s 23rd Congressional District, I want to thank Aera Energy for its countless contributions to communities throughout the Central Valley.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. WING MAR

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dr. Wing Mar, esteemed doctor, beloved husband, father, and former member of the Torrance-South Bay YMCA Board of Managers.

Dr. Wing Mar was born on January 15, 1924 in China and immigrated to the United States as a very young child with his family. After serving with the 10th Army Corps as an intelligence specialist of the 711th Tank Battalion headquarters during World War II, he attended University of California, Berkeley, and later graduated from the University of South Dakota Medical School.

Dr. Mar had a long and impressive career in medicine while also serving for many decades as a leader in his local YMCA. He has always been an important member of his community, working to improve medical care for the elderly, participating as a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility in the 1980s and becoming a charter member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California in Los Angeles. It was thanks to Dr. Mar’s fundraising skills that the Chinese Historical Society was able to financially secure a Los Angeles headquarters in two beautiful historical homes in Chinatown. He will forever be remembered for his work as a doctor and volunteer with a desire to make an impact in his community and beyond.

Dr. Mar is survived by his wife Joyce, their children Jeff, Gayle and Carolyn, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren whom I hope take comfort in the way he lived his life and the legacy he leaves with this community.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY GERALDINE NOAK ROTHERMEL

HON. BRIAN BABIN OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Dorothy Geraldine Noak Rothermel who passed away on March 1, 2019 in Pasadena, Texas.

Dorothy Geraldine Noak Rothermel was born December 20, 1929 in Carmine, Texas to Herbert and Clara Keng Noak. Dorothy graduated from Round Top-Carmine High School in 1947. On December 28th of that year, Dorothy married Herbert Rothermel, and they later graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1950. Dorothy and Herbert then reside in Bakersfield, California, where they quickly had four children, and four great-grandchildren whom I hope take comfort in the way he lived his life and the legacy he leaves with this community.

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**CONGRATULATING THE BRADLEY UNIVERSITY BRAVES MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

**OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bradley University Men’s Basketball Team on capturing the Missouri Valley Conference title, earning them a spot in the 2019 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Braves defeated Northern Iowa University in St. Louis by a score of 57-54 to capture an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and wish them luck in the NCAA Tournament.

**RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF UL**

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

**OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate UL as they celebrate their 125th anniversary this month and to recognize their important role empowering trust in the safety, security and sustainability of products, organizations, and supply chains.

Most consumers will recognize the familiar UL Mark that appears on more than 22 billion products, likely including some of the appliances, electronics, and other goods in your home. This recognized mark is a symbol that the product has demonstrated conformance to UL’s internationally-recognized standards of safety.

As an approved Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), UL tests and certifies certain equipment found in U.S. workplaces and has improved safety for countless American workers.

The district I represent is proud to be the home of UL. Their Northbrook, Illinois headquarters and certifies certain equipment found in U.S. workplaces and has improved safety for countless American workers.

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UL remains true to its founding principle to "promote safe living and working environments." I wish the team at UL many more years of success improving safety and empowering trust over the next century.

**THANKING DRAKE CEMENT**

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

**OF ARIZONA**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important industry in our nation, and a company in my district that represents the best of corporate America. The company, Drake Cement, has an incredible safety record, and is known for its pursuit of excellence and its proud relationships with its employees and the community.

The industry at issue is the aggregate industry (sand, gravel, iron, minerals, stone and other aggregates) for use in the manufacturing of cement and concrete. Drake Cement takes raw materials, including limestone, alumina, iron and silica, and blends, heats, crushes and grinds it into the best cement west of the Rockies. The cement Drake Cement produces is used for construction products, including mortar, concrete, and masonry. You will find cement in buildings, dams, bridges, highways, floors, wells, pipes and a host of other necessary products. Without cement you cannot have modern construction and infrastructure.

Drake Cement was awarded the Sentinel of Safety Mining Award in 2017 and 2015 by the National Mining Association. This prestigious award is given to mines that have the highest and best safety records. In a business that involves dangerous equipment, heavy weight transport and moving parts, maintaining safety is not easy and it requires constant vigilance and high levels of training and awareness. Drake Cement has been awarded this difficult recognition twice and the plant was only built in 2011.

Outside a small town called Paulden, Arizona, Drake Cement built its new state of the art facility. The company takes seriously its commitment to social responsibility. It recognizes that, as a mine and manufacturer, it has an impact on the environment, but it also recognizes its impact is positive, necessary and undeniably important to our culture, our society and our modern economy.

I thank Mr. David Chavez, its Vice President, the over 120 employees who do their best every day, and the company for its contribution to Arizona and the country.
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Thursday, March 21, 2019

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 2:09:57 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 2:10:34 p.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 25, 2019.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 1837–1853; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52 and H. Res. 244–251 were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative Smith (NJ).

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 245, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress; and Committee Resolution 116–09, a Resolution to Approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees for the 116th Congress, 7 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”; and H. Res. 124, expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, March 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Monday, March 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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