

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLOOD PREVENTION ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019. The bill would amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA) to include the nation's capital in the definition of "coastal state." Our bill would correct an apparent oversight in the omission of the District of Columbia and would make the District eligible to receive federal funding and provide oversight for federally issued permits, facilities and actions that affect the coastal waters of the District. The District urgently needs the protection of the CZMA because of serious flood risks that currently affect federal assets, residents and businesses, including the National Mall and the cluster of downtown federal agencies.

In an effort to reduce coastal flood risk, Congress has authorized a number of programs to help states and territories respond to floods and mitigate risk through resiliency projects. Among these programs, the CZMA provides planning and technical services to assist states in protecting, restoring and developing coastal communities and resources. Once the federal government approves a state's coastal management plan, the state becomes eligible for grants. Federal actions must be consistent with the state plans and vice versa.

Even though the District is located on two rivers and has suffered substantial coastal floods in the past, D.C. was omitted from the list of eligible states and territories in the CZMA. This oversight probably occurred because the CZMA was passed in 1972—before the District achieved home rule. Of note, under Section 304 of the CZMA, "coastal state[s]" include the states and U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands and American Samoa). Absent from this definition is the District, even though the District, including the federal complex, is under a serious threat from rising sea levels. Because territories are included in the definition of "coastal states," it appears that D.C.'s omission is a mistake, which only Congress can correct.

Scientists have predicted that the tides on the Atlantic Coast could rise two to four feet by the year 2100, causing property worth as much as \$7 billion in the District to be routinely under threat by floodwaters. This damage not only includes private homes and businesses, but the National Mall, federal buildings and three military bases located in the District. The Anacostia and Potomac Rivers are both tidally influenced, showing tangible salt water effects (and fish), and are part of an "intertidal-zone" existing between high and low maritime tides. In addition, the Maryland and Virginia coastal zones each include the tidal Potomac River, with Maryland's zone ending at the District line. Because of these factors, the District should be eligible under the CZMA just like the states and territories already listed in the CZMA.

I urge support for this bill.

RECOGNIZING YESSENIA MARROQUIN

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Yessenia Marroquin for her Congressional Women of the Year Award and for all the incredible work she does to improve the quality of life on the Central Coast.

Yessenia has been serving our community for over 20 years through her work at Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics—and she is not even 40 years old! She came to this country from El Salvador as a child and has excelled ever since due to her intelligence, perseverance and good nature. She began at SBNC in college as a volunteer. Over the years, she has worked as a medical assistant, clinic manager and now serves as the Director of Operations. She is an unsung hero of SBNC according to her colleagues. She has remained dedicated and calm through multiple challenges and the clinic almost shutting its doors. Through it all, Yessenia and her warm smile were a beacon for its employees and patients. She has led numerous initiatives at SBNC that have resulted in better patient care, coordination with other community partners and ensuring SBNC is meeting the needs of the Hispanic Community. I am glad to recognize her work to make Santa Barbara healthier, especially for the most vulnerable.

RECOGNIZING PAT FARRELL FOR HIS REMARKABLE SERVICE TO THE VETERANS OF ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable constituent of mine named Pat Farrell. Pat enlisted in the Navy in 1968, serving as Aviation Electronics Technician until 1971. Following the Navy, Pat worked for the U.S. Postal Service and as a Corrections Job Coordinator. Pat has dedicated a large portion of his life to working with homeless veterans. In 2013, 2014, and 2015 Pat took the lead overseeing the Tri-State Homeless Veterans StandDown in Bullhead City, Arizona where he assisted 750 homeless and at-risk veterans.

Pat has been essential to the Homeless Veterans StandDown year after year. After a successful 2013 StandDown, he secured \$10,300 in funding to organize the following year's event. Pat continues to give back to the veteran community by volunteering with the HUD & VA Supportive Veterans Housing Project and numerous other programs aimed at eradicating veteran's homelessness. Due to Pat's efforts, the VA Community Outpatient Clinic in Kingman, Arizona was also able to be built.

Pat truly represents what it means to be selfless. The veterans of Mohave County and the state of Arizona are forever grateful for

Pat's hard work. I commend him for his dedication to those who have served this country.

ONJOLI LEE-SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Onjoli Lee-Salazar for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Onjoli is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Onjoli is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Onjoli Lee-Salazar for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on Monday, April 8, 2019, my flight was delayed and I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; and NAY on Roll Call No. 159.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant and a dedicated stateswoman, Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON who was honored in a dedication ceremony in Dallas, Texas on April 6, 2019 to rename Dallas Union Station in her honor. The former Dallas Union Station now bears the name Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station.

Since its establishment in 1916, the Dallas Union Station has stood as a prominent landmark for the City of Dallas, serving as a historic social anchor and an intermodal transportation hub—consolidating the five main rail stations into one and making Dallas a major