

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

transit center for the Southwestern United States. Just as the Dallas Union Station has significantly enhanced the quality of life for the Dallas area, so has Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, and I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this monumental tribute.

Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON is serving her 14th term representing the 30th Congressional District of Texas. She is the first African-American and woman to chair the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (where she served as Ranking Member from 2011 to 2018) and is the Dean of the Texas Congressional delegation in addition to serving as Dean of the Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona Democratic Congressional Delegations. Congresswoman JOHNSON is also the highest-ranking Texan on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the first nurse to be elected to the U.S. Congress, and a member of the Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Congresswoman JOHNSON was born on December 3, 1935, to the union of the late Lee Edward Johnson and Lillie Mae White Johnson in Waco, Texas. A true intellectual, she graduated from A.J. Moore High School at the age of sixteen. Soon after graduating, she began her studies in Nursing at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, where she excelled and became a registered nurse after passing the National Board Examination in 1955. She continued to advance her education by earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University in 1967 and her Master of Public Administration degree from Southern Methodist University in 1976.

Congresswoman JOHNSON began her career as the first female African-American Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas. In 1972, she became the first nurse ever elected to the Texas State House and achieved that same distinction upon her election to the Texas Senate in 1986.

Congresswoman JOHNSON is more than a legislator. She is a servant to all humankind. In addition to her civic duties, she continues to give of herself to countless causes and organizations, such as her acclaimed initiative, A World of Women for World Peace, which has garnered national and international recognition. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." During the more than 40 years that she has served as a public servant, Congresswoman JOHNSON has thrown a prodigious amount of love and service back to the state and nation she loves so dearly.

Congresswoman JOHNSON has achieved so much in her life, but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of her loving son, Kirk; and her grandsons, Kirk Jr., David, and James.

On a personal note, Congresswoman JOHNSON is my classmate, both of us having been elected in 1992. Immediately upon meeting her I was awed by her grace, dignity, class, elegance, and eloquence. Her manner of quiet persuasion and passion have propelled her to numerous leadership positions, including her election as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. She is a friend of longstanding and her deep humility and compassion reflect the timbre of her character.

Congresswoman JOHNSON is truly a stellar example of servant leadership. I am proud to have served alongside her in Congress where her friendship, leadership, and counsel are held in high regard by many.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian; and me, along with the people of the 30th Congressional District of Texas and countless others all across America, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON on this tremendous honor and lasting memorial to her legacy of service to her community, state, nation, and humankind.

TRIBUTE TO ANITA QUIÑONEZ
GABRIELIAN—28TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian of Glendale, California.

Anita holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus on finance and accounting from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business and earned a master's in business administration (MBA) from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Ms. Gabrielian had an exceptional career for thirty-three years at AT&T, where she held the position of Regional Vice President of External Affairs for the Los Angeles Market Area when she retired from the company in 2014. Currently, Ms. Gabrielian is the President/CEO of Gabrielian & Associates Insurance Services, Inc. and the co-founder and partner of CG Benefits Group.

Anita has been a dynamic force in the community, and her selfless service, expertise and incredible work ethic have benefitted many organizations over the years. She has served on the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board, and on the board of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. A staunch advocate for accessible quality education, Anita wholeheartedly enjoyed serving as a Member of Trustees of the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees for fifteen years, including Board of Trustees President for three terms.

Ms. Gabrielian continues her invaluable service to the community and serves in various capacities including on the Advisory Boards of the Glendale Latino Association, the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles, and on the Corporate Advisory Council of the USC Latino Alumni Association. She also serves as a board member of BREATHE California of Los Angeles County, Glendale College Foundation, and as the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation's chairperson of the board of directors.

Anita is married to her husband, Leo, and they have three daughters, Lauren, Jessica,

and Ana Bella. They all love soccer and enjoy traveling.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DESIGNA-
TION OF CHILDREN'S COURT
WAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 100 Committee to Commemorate the Children's Court, on the occasion of the designation of Children's Court Way, located on the northwest corner of East 22nd Street and Third Avenue in Manhattan. Children's Court Way will recognize the unique role of the Children's Court in the development of the juvenile court system and the principle of treating children differently from adults.

The 100 Committee to Commemorate the Children's Court was established in August 2015 by community activists in Gramercy Park and Kips Bay area, including Dr. Samuel D. Albert, Edith Charlton, Louise Dankberg, Molly Hollister, Judge Judy Kim, Alan Kravis, Greg Lambert, Judge Andrea Masley, Greg Martello, Lois Rakoff, Marti Speranza, Mark P. Thompson, Tiffany Townsend, Kathleen C. Waterman, Claude L. Winfield and the Committee's Chairperson, Michelle Winfield. Their goal has been to gain recognition of the site where America's first juvenile court operated for more than six decades.

Before the early 1900s, children under the age of 16 who were accused of crimes were tried and sentenced as adults. Progressive reformers believed young people awaiting trial in the same jails as adult criminal suspects were more likely to become repeat offenders than to be rehabilitated. In 1902, an act of the New York State legislature established the Children's Part within the NY Court of Special Sessions, making New York County the first in the United States to have a juvenile court housed in its own building. The court, initially located at 66 Third Avenue, near East 11th Street, opened that summer.

The reform law also reclassified all crimes committed by minors under the age of 16, other than capital offenses, as misdemeanors so as to shield children from harsh sentencing laws. Emphasizing reform instead of detention helped countless children avoid being labeled as criminals. The guiding principle was, as a 1902 NY Times article put it, "to guard children against the exposure and environment of crime."

By 1912, the original building was viewed as unsanitary, and noise from the nearby elevated train line made it hard to carry out court proceedings. The decision was made to invest \$250,000 in a new Children's Court building. On July 1, 1915, the Children's Court was officially established as a separate entity from the Court of Special Sessions and relocated to 137 East 22nd Street, near Third Avenue. The new site was chosen due to its proximity to other social welfare institutions, including the YMCA, United Charities, the Catholic Mission