

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF WOMEN IN MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES AT THE 63RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the members of the Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU) on efforts to advance sustainable mountain development around the world. These accomplished 13 students help highlight how UVU's Student Engaged Learning (SEL) model gives students opportunities for both professional advancement and the chance to work with local, state, national and international leaders to foster sustainable development, particularly for women and girls.

Through SEL, students take the lead in learning how to solve problems by collaborating with faculty mentors. Most of the students are nontraditional students who work full- or part-time, are 25 years or older and support a family while attending school.

Months of preparation preceded the New York event. They partnered with two prominent NGS—the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Cooperation—to submit goals for addressing food insecurity, education access and climate change effects in mountain communities. They participated in global events such as the 61st and 62nd Commission on the Status of Women and organized celebrations on International Mountain Day and International Women's Day that brought high-level diplomats from around the world to see Utah's efforts firsthand.

During CSW63, the students hosted a parallel event to highlight the successful implementation of UVU's engaged learning model to address issues facing women and girls in Utah. It also showcased international women studying in Utah. Individual students presented their own work, including Hannah Bieker who spoke on her peers' service projects in support of impoverished women in Mexico; Megan Davis spoke on Utah's distinction as the first state to allow women to vote; William Gum-Causey spoke on Utah and UVU's efforts to address aspects of the state's rural/urban economic divide; and Aldon Trimble spoke on joint UVU-Oxford University research about Utah's air quality and how Utah addresses the problems of the children of incarcerated parents.

These combined efforts and events allowed the UVU delegation to demonstrate the role that students—particularly nontraditional students—play in contributing to sustainable development in both Utah and mountain commu-

nities around the world. By empowering themselves, the students help empower other communities and the women and girls residing there.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN KUBORN FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 1,500 METER RUN AT THE 2019 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Susan Kuborn of Rockford for winning a gold medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games held in Abu Dhabi.

Susan Kuborn knew that this was a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity and she trained hard to win gold in the 1,500 meter run. Ms. Kuborn was one of only seven athletes from Illinois to compete at the Special Olympics World Games. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Ms. Kuborn displayed to achieve her dream of winning gold and commend her for her outstanding efforts. Ms. Kuborn is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see her represent Rockford not just here at home but throughout the world.

It is because of leaders such as Susan Kuborn that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Susan Kuborn on her gold medal win at the Special Olympics World Games.

HONORING TOYAMA KARATE-DO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND 47TH BLACK BELT GRADUATION

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor Toyama Karate-Do Martial Arts Academy and recognize their 50 years of commitment to the community and the celebration of their 47th Black Belt Graduation.

Toyama Karate-Do began on April 26, 1969, and it was named after Hanshi Toyama Kanken, who was the founder of the Shudo-Kan style, in Okinawa, Japan. Fifty years later, Toyama has the same mission; teach discipline, confidence, and self-defense to prepare students physically and mentally to lead a better way of life.

In 1991, Toyama Karate-Do reached Southern California, opening the first school in the United States. Toyama is the most recognized and accomplished Martial Arts Organization in

Orange County and one of the top 100 schools in the United States. Currently, Toyama has more than 75 schools worldwide, including locations in Bolivia, Japan, and Canada.

Instructors, Rodolfo Cazales, a 7th degree Black Belt, and his son Jerry Cazales, a 5th Degree Black Belt, are responsible for the United States expansion. They have been teaching side by side to bring the "Traditional System" and the "New Creative System" together to provide Dynamic Martial Arts Youth Programs. Toyama Santa Ana has over 2,000 active students involved through SAUSD, City, and Private Programs and is one of the most successful Toyama Karate-Do programs in the United States.

Toyama's Creed is:

Why do we practice Karate-Do?: For a better and stronger physical, mental, and spiritual ability.

What are the values of Karate-Do?: Justice, Courtesy, Humbleness, Determination, Self-Respect, and Respect towards our Family, Teachers, Peers, and everyone we encounter.

What is the meaning of Karate-Do?: "The Road of the Empty Hand." In Karate-Do we do not inflict harm with an attack, but attack with a defense to protect our life.

I recognize Toyama Karate-Do and the Cazales family for all they do for my constituents. They truly are a great asset to the community.

RETIREMENT OF SENIOR COUNSEL HARRY "HANK" SAVAGE

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, on May 2, Senior Counsel Harry "Hank" Attack Savage is retiring from the Office of Legislative Counsel after 33 years. I want to commend Hank for his long and excellent service, and his improvements to the many bills on which he has worked over the years. In addition to working for other Committees, Hank handled maritime, Coast Guard, coastal and ocean and other issues for the now defunct Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Armed Services. When I chaired the Committee on Natural Resources and, later, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I was glad to have his support and expertise when drafting complex legislation.

As the maritime transportation counsel, Hank helped shepherd through Coast Guard authorization bills, including eight in the last nine Congresses, and a Maritime Administration authorization measure in every National Defense Authorization Act since 1995. His work has left a lasting impression on title 14, Coast Guard, and title 46, Shipping, of the

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United States Code. He also has drafted untold numbers of Jones Act waivers covering every imaginable type vessel, ownership scenario, and vessel history.

On the Natural Resources Committee, I was particularly appreciative of his work on the 1996 update of the National Wildlife Refuge System organic statute during my first term as Chairman. He also worked on the first update of the hydrographic surveying laws in half a century, the Hydrographic reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and multiple Coastal Barrier Resources System Act amendments, including the provision that led to the digitization of the Coastal Barrier Resource system maps.

Of course, as the Congressman for All Alaska, I appreciate Hank's work on legislation related to numerous Alaska maritime and terrestrial issues, including the environmental restoration and land transfers on the Pribilof Islands.

Hank is a proud University of Michigan grad, and graduated from Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

Again, I want to thank Hank for his long and excellent service to Congress, and I am sure I am speaking for a long line of current and former Committee chairmen who share those thanks. I wish Hank and his wife, who is also retiring for Federal Service this spring, a long and happy retirement. I hope that will include a trip to Alaska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 3, 2019 during roll call no. 144, on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 145, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 281, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 146, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 271, Condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 147, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Jeffries of New York Part B Amendment No. 1, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 148, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Scanlon of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 2, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 149, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Waters of California Part B Amendment No. 7, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 150, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Wagner of Missouri Part B Amendment No. 10, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY STUDENT PEACE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2019 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards.

The Fairfax County Student Peace Awards began with one high school in 2006 to encourage high school aged students to think about peace as both a means and an end, and to recognize young people who work as peacemakers. By 2013, the program was being offered in every public high school in Fairfax County, as well as in three private schools.

Participating high schools choose one Junior or Senior, or one student group active in promoting peace and/or removing the causes of conflict. Examples of outreach include: committing to peace by engaging in activities that strive to end conflict, either locally or globally, seeking to discuss or otherwise resolve potentially controversial issues within the school or community, promoting the understanding of divisive issues and situations to bridge language, ethnic, racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or class differences, and working to resolve conflicts among students or members of the community who feel isolated or alienated.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of this year's Student Peace Award winners: Kora Coker, Annandale High School; Nick Price, Cedar Lane High School; Deepika Joshi, Centreville High School; Yahang "Annie" Wang, Chantilly High School; Lara Demir, Fairfax High School; Delina Kiflom, Hayfield Secondary School; Lydia Goff, Herndon High School; Kamila Elyazgi, King Abdullah Academy; Sumaiya Hague, Langley High School; Oscar Manuel Lopez Hernandez, Lee High School; Hannan Mumtaz, Madison High School; Luka Gabitsinashvili, George C. Marshall High School; Neha Rana, McLean High School; Burhan Ahmed, Mount Vernon High School; Romina Soleimani, Mountain View High School; Lauren Haymes, Quander Road School; Sophia Liao, South Lakes High School; Angie Sohn, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Diana Argueta, West Potomac High School; Laura Kirk, West Springfield High School; Maxihikio (Makee) Neves, Westfield High School; Xuan Huynh, W.T. Woodson High School.

Madam Speaker, the efforts of these young people are the building blocks of a more peaceful and tolerant world. I commend them on their efforts and dedication, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each award recipient and thanking them as well as Fairfax County Public School System and sponsor organizations for all they have done for our community.

HONORING FRANCISCO HSIEH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fran-

cisco Han Ping Hsieh, who passed away on March 26, 2019 at the age of 85. Mr. Hsieh played an important role in the Asian-American community in California for more than 50 years.

Mr. Hsieh was born in Hubei, China on October 14, 1933. After his graduation from Soochow University in 1959, he worked as a journalist, which eventually brought him to San Francisco in 1965. There, he was employed as a correspondent for Central Daily News, until he went on to serve as publisher and editor at Kiu Kwong Newspaper and Chinese Commercial News.

Following his successful career in journalism, Mr. Hsieh opened Hunan Village Restaurant in San Francisco, bringing the cuisine of his childhood to the city he had grown to love. He shared his passion for Chinese cuisine widely, teaching cooking classes at City College of San Francisco and assisting in the development of other Chinese restaurants in the area.

Following the closure of his restaurant in 1987, Mr. Hsieh pivoted his attentions once again, working on the campaigns of several California politicians, including former Congressman Mike Honda, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, and former Governor Gray Davis. Mr. Hsieh also served on the California Acupuncture Board, the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, the California State Friendship Committee, and the Chinese American Democratic Club.

In every part of his life, whether publishing a weekly newspaper, bringing Hunan cuisine to a new audience, or political activism, Francisco Hsieh spent his life sharing the subjects he was passionate about to a wider audience, welcoming new members into a vibrant and robust community that he helped build. Mr. Hsieh was a central figure in the Asian-American community in California for more than half of a century. It is my honor today to pay tribute to his memory and his enduring legacy.

COOPER BIGELOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cooper Bigelow 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. Cooper is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Cooper 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 Cooper Bigelow for this well-deserved recognition.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARY NELL CHEW

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mary Nell Chew of Carbondale, Illinois, for her significant contribution to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, a program that honors veterans with a free trip to Washington, D.C. to visit their monuments and memorials.

As a testament to her dedication to the brave men and women who have served our country, Mrs. Chew made the gracious decision to help fund the travel of many Southern Illinois heroes on their trip to Washington.

The daughter and wife of veterans herself, she understands what it means for veterans to visit the nation's capital and honor all the brave men and women who have served our country. By sponsoring an entire flight herself, Mrs. Chew has allowed 90 veterans from across generations to make this trip.

Madam Speaker, please join me honoring Mrs. Mary Nell Chew for her generosity and dedication to our nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATHEWS COUNTY'S HERITAGE 2019 SPRING FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mathews County's Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. This year's event will include a "Salute to the Military," which will feature a daylong tribute to those men and women of Mathews who served and now serve in our nation's military. The event will also honor American Legion Post 83 on its 100th anniversary year.

This year's festival will include military displays and memorabilia from each of the services. Mathews Historical will include displays of the USS *Mathews*, which served time in World War II and the Vietnam War. In addition to the many great displays, the festival will also include musical tributes to our military, arts and crafts competitions, and the traditional May Pole Dance.

I am extremely proud to say that this year's festival will have six Mathews' World War II veterans, who will share their memories and experiences during the war. A Wall of Remembrance will also be present at the Mathews Historical Museum, which includes over 400 photographs of local residents who have served and currently serve in our nation's military.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of the Mathews County Heritage 2019 Spring Festival. Words cannot express our gratitude for our military men and women, as they have made immeasurable sacrifices

for our great nation. May God bless Mathews County and I hope to see their excellence continue into the future.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District in Baytown, Harris County, Texas.

Goose Creek ISD was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in February 1919. On July 26, 1919, the first Goose Creek School Board was organized and hired John F. Crawford as the district's first superintendent. Many of the first students to attend Goose Creek schools were children of employees of the nearby Humble Oil and Refining Company, later known as ExxonMobil. In 1922, the first school bond election provided the necessary funding for building Anson Jones Elementary School, Baytown Elementary, and Goose Creek High School.

Goose Creek experienced tremendous growth during the mid-twentieth century with the annexation of Highlands in 1936 and the unification of the Tri-Cities of Goose Creek, Pelly, and Baytown in 1948. Cedar Bayou ISD merged with Goose Creek ISD on March 6, 1954, forming the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.

Today, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District is the largest employer in the community. With nearly 24,000 students and twenty-eight schools, Goose Creek is the fifty-eighth largest school district in the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District. May God continue to bless the students, faculty, and communities the district serves.

IN HONOR OF DANA KERVIN AND HER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Dana Kervin and her 25 years of service to the Houston Association of Realtors. Over the past quarter of a century, Dana has spent countless hours serving and improving our community.

Though not a native Texan, Dana made her way to Houston as soon as possible. Dana grew up in Rayville, Louisiana, and later attended University of Louisiana at Monroe, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. After graduation, Dana moved to Houston to embark on a

career in public affairs. In the Harris County Attorney's Office, she served as the Executive Assistant to the late Mike Driscoll for 12 dedicated years. In 1994, Dana transitioned to a new career with the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR), where she currently serves as the Chief Political Strategist.

During her 25 years at the HAR, Dana has served the group in a variety of ways, holding diverse positions such as the Director of Products and Services and Government Affairs Director. In each position she held, Dana led HAR with bold forethought and keen leadership. As all who had the privilege of working with her can attest, her tenure at HAR has made the organization the best it can be.

Outside her work with HAR, Dana has been a prominent figure in the Greater Houston community. She was the Founding Board Chair of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce and also served as the President of the River Oaks Place Home Owners Association. As a Mayoral appointee, Dana currently serves as Director on the Houston Housing Finance Corporation, a position that combines her passion for public service and her deep knowledge of real estate finance.

Dana was awarded the Governmental Affairs Outstanding Achievement Award in 2015 by the Texas Association of Realtors—an award that is truly well-deserved. Dana was also named one of the 50 most influential women in Houston in the Houston Woman Magazine, a title no doubt reflective of her years of professional success and personal public service.

Dana's genuine love of her peers and dedication to making a difference has touched not only her colleagues, friends, and family, but our entire community. I thank you for your years of friendship and dedication to the Greater Houston area, and I wish you all the best as I have no doubt you will find new ways to be at service to the community.

HONORING THE 2019 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on May 3 to mark the induction of its 2019 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only a few hundred Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic actions in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 23 inductees:

Corporal William J. Archinal (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal Milton A. Blickensderfer (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Corporal William Campbell (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Sergeant Freeman Davis (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Civil War.

Major Thomas R. Butz, currently living in Marietta, Georgia, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

E-8 Howard Grady Deel of Delaware, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Corporal Ernest G. Madden (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Colonel Jay M. Strayer of Xenia, recipient of the Silver Star, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Lieutenant Colonel John C. Barber (posthumously), recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Chief Warrant Officer Second Class David R. Holloway of Cincinnati, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

E-5 Allen J. Smolic of Twinsburg, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant First Class John E. Bateman of Albany, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the War in Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Bonnell of Marysville, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Kelly E. Burchett, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Robert J. Gold (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Fourth Class Gary W. Gross (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

First Lieutenant Michael E. Jackson of Shaker Heights, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Staff Sergeant Regis W. Kern of Marietta, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas P. Leetch of East Palestine, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant William E. Smith of Ashland, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant John G. Radvansky, currently living in Wellsburg, West Virginia, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Lance Corporal George R. "Roger" Bacon of Lisbon, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain Christopher T. Orr of Pataskala, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Marine Corps veteran of the War in Iraq.

HONORING MR. STEVE REYNOLDS
FOR HIS REMARKABLE SERVICE
TO ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor First Lieutenant Steve Reynolds, a

40-year member of the Navajo County Hashknife Sheriff's Posse. Reynolds has aided in rescue operations on horseback for decades and has been on 60 annual Hashknife Pony Express rides. This year, the Navajo County Sheriff's Hashknife Posse Board has decided to dedicate the 61st ride to Reynolds.

Moving to Holbrook, Arizona with his father at a young age taught Reynolds the value of the hard work engrained in "the cowboy lifestyle." He moved out of Holbrook to attend High School in Chandler, Arizona. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed two tours in Vietnam before being wounded by an explosion that left him hospitalized for a year. Reynolds returned to Holbrook and became a deputy with Navajo County Sheriff's Office and a member of the Posse, and later a certified police officer with the state of Arizona.

Reynolds' work with the Posse has led him to aid in rescue operations for decades, working during fires and floods, as well as a part of missing persons search teams. All members of the Posse are required to complete 40 hours of training that cover CPR, first aid, and search and rescue. Reynolds mentions that most mounted Posse organizations have disappeared due to lack of funds; fortunately Navajo County understands the contributions that the Posse has made in the community. The annual Pony Express is one of the biggest fund raisers used to keep the Posse afloat.

Today Reynolds resides in Prescott, Arizona, where he spends time with his many grandchildren. The people of Arizona, but especially the people of Northern Arizona, will always be grateful for the selfless work of our veterans, especially the work of Steve Reynolds.

RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE
OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Established by Act of Congress in 1961, Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed on May 15th of every year to pay tribute to the local, state, and federal police officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty. I can think of no other cause worthier of honoring, or heroes worthier of remembering, than our officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure peace.

Police officers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and throughout the country have devoted their lives to protecting the innocent, preventing violence, and upholding justice. Every day their courage touches the lives of countless members of their communities, and the impact of their heroism cannot be overstated. The observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day reminds us of the ongoing need for vigilance against all forms of crime, and the extreme sacrifices that are made by officers in the line of duty to ensure the safety of every American. A ceremony in remembrance of officers originally from or who served in the

Upper Peninsula of Michigan will be held on May 15th at Munising High School.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the lives and service of our police officers, especially those who have given their lives in service to their country and communities. We can never repay our debt to these officers and their families, but by honoring them today, we ensure that their legacy is never forgotten.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the London Philharmonic Orchestra for its remarkable work as an artistic and educational body. Since its foundation in 1932, the LPO has helped spread the joys of music through live and recorded performances, playing throughout Asia, Europe, and the United States, and recording pieces for film and videogame soundtracks. On April 16, 2019 my district will host the Philharmonic for their first-ever performance in the State of Connecticut.

As one of the leading orchestras in the world, the LPO has used its reach and influence to promote music education, foster participation in the arts, and enhance performance skills with students from all socio-economic backgrounds. The London Music Masters, created by LPO Chairwoman and Greenwich-native Lady Victoria Robey, has given 1500 inner-city London students the opportunity to develop their musical skills and to model themselves after mentors both in and outside of the program. Through this program and many others, Lady Robey and the LPO have shared their love of music and made an invaluable contribution to youth development.

Music is a uniquely powerful force. It brings people together, speaks volumes when words cannot, and enriches the lives of all who encounter it. The London Philharmonic Orchestra has touched the lives of its audience and established itself as an irreplaceable part of the musical world.

CONGRATULATING OLD MONROE—
200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Old Monroe, Missouri, on the commemoration of its Bicentennial.

Old Monroe, located in Lincoln County, Missouri, has a rich history dating back to 1673 and the exploration of Frenchmen James Marquette and Louis Joliet. Old Monroe is the oldest town in Lincoln County and was a city before Missouri obtained statehood.

In 1799, Christopher Clark settled along the rich freshwater spring in Lincoln county. He deemed the land to be the "finest, richest, and most attractive district." Among the first settlers, were Joseph Cottle, Zadock Wood, and

his brothers: James and Martin Woods settling near present day Old Monroe. In 1802, Ira and Almond Cottle, relatives of Joseph Cottle, moved from Vermont to Missouri. Several years later, Ira and Almond established the town of Old Monroe—named out of respect for President James Monroe.

In 1819, the town was the site of the first election held in Lincoln County. The Territorial General Assembly organized 8 new counties in Missouri, dividing them into three judicial circuits: Southern, Northern, and North-western. Lincoln was placed in the North-western County. The first court of the new Northwest Circuit was held in the home of Zadock Woods.

In 1859, the United Evangelical church of Old Monroe was organized by a group of German Protestants, with approximately 50 families participating. The next year, the congregation merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America Church eventually becoming the St. Paul United Church of Christ that still stands today. The settlers sought to honor God when establishing their town and would be proud of how far the church has come.

The city of Old Monroe will commemorate its 200th Bicentennial with three separate weekends full of exciting events. The weekend of May 4, the town will have a parade and day in the park, along with a flag ceremony, ball tournaments, and local historian speakers. The weekend of June 8, Old Monroe will celebrate with a car show, motorcycle rally, and a kayak river race. Finally, the weekend of September 14, the town will host a BBQ cook off, street dancing, and a duck calling contest. A celebration fit for this incredible milestone.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the city of Old Monroe on their 200th Anniversary. May the town's rich history continue to be the foundation for an undoubtedly bright future.

REMARKS ON H.R. 1585, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019, which was introduced by my good friend Representative KAREN BASS.

In 1994, Congress took the monumental step of passing the Violence Against Women Act to address violence against women and men and ensure they had access to justice and necessary services. Since its first enactment, Congress has reauthorized the law several times to provide critical updates and ensure that vulnerable persons, including Native Americans and LGBTQ Americans, are protected.

While domestic violence has declined in the past two decades, it remains too high. One-quarter of women and one-ninth of men suffer from intimate partner violence or intimate partner stalking; moreover, every year one in 15 kids is exposed to such violence. That is why I am pleased that we are considering H.R. 1585, which reauthorizes and improves the Violence Against Women Act. Among other

things, the bill increases the funding authorization for the Rape Prevention and Education Program, improves grant programs that serve domestic violence survivors with disabilities or who are elderly, and ensures that Native American survivors have access to justice.

Furthermore, H.R. 1585 recognizes the relationship between domestic violence and homelessness. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care area, which includes my congressional district, nearly half of women who experienced homelessness reported that they had also experienced domestic violence and 14 percent stated that domestic violence was the reason they became homeless in the first place. We know that when women leave their abusers they are gravely concerned about finding safe and affordable housing and that too often they're forced to choose between staying with their abuser or facing homelessness. Critically, H.R. 1585 preserves and improves housing protections for survivors.

I'd also like to respond to criticism from my Republican colleagues about firearms and transgender people.

First, according to researchers from Johns Hopkins University and others, we know that the risk that a woman will die increases more than fivefold when her abusive partner has access to a firearm. H.R. 1585 acknowledges this reality and ensures that those convicted of stalking misdemeanors and dating violence or who are subject to ex parte orders do not possess firearms.

Second, transgender people experience violence at disproportionately high rates—since 2013 more than 128 transgender Americans have been killed—and they deserve access to services for domestic violence survivors. I believe it is vitally important that the Violence Against Women Act is inclusive of trans people.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act takes important steps to address violence against men and women in the United States. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for bringing this bill to the House Floor. I am proud to lend my support and vote in favor of it.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA MORRIS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Patricia Morris, the Honoree for the "Daughters of Sunset", a nonprofit community service organization in Sikeston, Missouri, as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary.

Mrs. Morris is the owner and director of Keidra's Caring Center, a day program for the elderly and disabled, serving Sikeston, MO and Caruthersville, MO. Prior to her work in the field of Adult Care Services, she worked as a Youth Specialist, helping at risk adolescents become successful members of society.

Mrs. Morris is an active member of her church, the Cornerstone Baptist Church, where she is the Choir Director. She is also a member of the CBC Willing Working Women Auxiliary and the Pastor Aide Auxiliary.

Mrs. Morris is a graduate of Charleston High School and Southeast Missouri State University, where she received a Medical Assistant

Certificate. She and her husband, Michael, are the proud parents of two daughters.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my great privilege to congratulate Mrs. Patricia Morris on her recognition by the "Daughters of Sunset" for a lifetime of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL OF WESTERN MISSOURI AND EASTERN KANSAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, a nonprofit organization whose core foundation is aimed at providing people with the necessary resources and life skills to become self-sufficient and successful individuals. After decades of commitment to assisting those in their communities, the organization now operates as a product of two combined agencies, the Helping Hand Institute and Goodwill Industries.

Commencement of the organization's mission within the Kansas City area began in 1894 on Grand Boulevard with the Helping Hand Institute, an organization committed to providing shelter and employment resources to those in need. The Kansas City residents within the organization worked on the Helping Hand Institute's farm to feed the community or found employment salvaging waste material, breaking rock at quarries, and bailing paper in exchange for food and shelter.

Along the east coast, an organization sharing a similar initiative arose in 1902 inspired by Reverend Edgar J. Helms, the social innovator behind Goodwill Industries. After witnessing innumerable immigrant families struggle to provide for themselves due to unemployment, Rev. Helms collected clothing and household items from wealthy families to be repurposed and resold at discounted costs. Using the revenue generated from those items, he funded his organization and employed a multitude of people in need of work to provide for their families. The organization quickly expanded across the nation, and in 1925, Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City opened their first establishment at St. Peter's Evangelical Church on Oak Street. In the 1940's, Goodwill Industries wished to further amplify their mission by making employment services like skills training and vocational rehabilitation available to the community.

In 1978, after thoughtful deliberation, Goodwill Industries merged with the Helping Hand Institution to form the Helping Hand of Goodwill, now officially known as "Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas".

Today, this remarkable nonprofit organization continues to carry out their mission by helping community members find employment. Their services and programs, subsidized by grants, financial donations, and revenue generated by their stores, allow the organization to continue their indispensable work without any expense to the public. Additionally, Goodwill manages and operates GoodWORKS Career Resource Centers across the Kansas City

region and other neighboring areas. These centers are available to the public and equipped with the resources, services and programs needed to assist anyone with a genuine desire to enter the workforce. Their services and programs include employment listings, career exploration, an overview of the job application process, résumé building, mock interviews, and computer training, along with guidance in goal-setting and identifying the steps necessary to reach those goals. Their support and guidance are all inclusive—helping those with physical disadvantages, mental health diagnoses, substance abuse histories, criminal backgrounds, and developmental disabilities. Furthermore, they seek to empower local job seekers with the confidence and skills necessary to aid them in their ardent pursuit of employment.

Since its inception, Goodwill has served more than 600,000 people and secured more than 200,000 paying jobs. In 2017 alone, Goodwill served over 700 individuals, secured 155 jobs, and employed 536 new members with a total economic impact of 18 million dollars in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. Moreover, they receive over 20 million pounds of materials to be reused, resold, or recycled annually, which kept approximately 15 million pounds of items from ending up in landfills.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District as we proudly commemorate the 125 years of exceptional service and individual empowerment rendered to our community by the Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. Let us join in demonstrating our strong appreciation for the perseverance of this organization as it continues to offer essential services and programs that meet the needs of those in our community.

VOTE EXPLANATION ON H.R. 1585,
AS AMENDED

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give an in-depth explanation for my vote on H.R. 1585, legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and to speak out against the partisan process in which the Majority crafted this bill.

Prior to the vote on H.R. 1585, I have made clear that I support the reauthorization of The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). I am frustrated by the fact that instead of putting forward a clean reauthorization of this vital legislation, the Democrat Majority allowed the provision to expire at the end of the last Congress for political purposes.

Protecting women from abuse is an issue so important that partisanship shouldn't even be in the same sentence, yet the Majority chose to use this opportunity to push VAWA as a partisan political device instead of a bipartisan opportunity to help women in need. H.R. 1585 will not be passed by the Senate in its current form and I remain committed to seeing that VAWA is reauthorized in a manner that protects women, makes needed reforms, and adheres to the Constitution.

West Michigan is blessed to have countless faith-based organizations that work in the

community to provide assistance to women during their time of need, and H.R. 1585 fails to provide protections for these faith-based grant recipients or provide for religious hiring exemptions. These organizations serve a vital part in both protecting women and providing support throughout the recovery process.

Instead of protecting women, this legislation could in fact potentially put more women in harm's way and is an affront to the privacy and safety of women. The legislation permits biological males to be housed in women's prison facilities. Forcing women who have suffered abuse to live and sleep in the same facility as biological males is the opposite of protecting women against violence.

I also have concerns that VAWA grants have been used to fund Planned Parenthood. In fact, according to a 2018 GAO report, Planned Parenthood received approximately \$300,000 from VAWA formula grants during 2013–2015. There is no specific language in 1585 that would prohibit this from happening in the future.

Finally, I have significant constitutional concerns with section 903 of the legislation which weakens the due process of individuals in tribal courts on Indian reservations. Crimes committed on reservations should be addressed without eliminating the Bill of Rights and preventing federal review in cases where tribal capacity to adequately prosecute crimes is a problem.

The reauthorization of VAWA should be done in a manner that puts people, not politics first. Going forward, I hope to be able to vote for a truly bipartisan reauthorization of this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATION
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE
AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
144TH RECRUIT CLASS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the graduates of the 144th Recruit Class. As they prepare to join the ranks of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, I encourage the 17 graduates to reflect on the history of the department and the contributions and dedication of the brave men and women who have served before them to protect our community.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Recruit School consists of an extensive and demanding 24-week program. In addition to two weeks of orientation, recruits completed seven weeks of EMT training and fifteen weeks of fire suppression training. Upon graduation, these recruits will be certified at the level of Firefighter I/II by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

These recruits have the distinct honor of joining one of the best Fire and Rescue Departments in the United States. The efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department have been recognized across this country. Members from the Department serve on the elite VA Task Force 1, which is among the first units called to disaster zones to provide search and rescue support. Members of that

Task Force were recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Valor as a result of their efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015. They also saw extensive work in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands as part of disaster relief and rescue efforts in the aftermaths of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have such excellent ambassadors for our community and I commend them for all that they have done to protect lives and property not only here in Fairfax County, but around the world. As the newest members of the Fire and Rescue Department, the 144th Recruit Class graduates join the department as integral parts of our community's emergency response and public safety team. I am confident that this graduating class will serve the residents of Fairfax County with honor and distinction. It is my great honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 144th Recruit Class:

Kathryn Auer
Levi Bingman
Carter Bowns
Austin Cole
Austin Collins
Bernard Cory
Joshua Davis
Joshua de la Cruz
Alberto Gonzales Cabrera
William Maccallum
Mark Martinez
Amos Nissley
Benjamin Rothwell
Zachary Stratton
Sophia Therriault
Christopher Uhrin
Kevin Weaver

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present, I say: "Stay safe."

HONORING LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER MEG ELDER

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements of Anaheim Union High School Teacher Meg Elder, who has served as the school's dance director and founding director of the Anaheim High School Performing Arts Conservatory.

She began her 31-year career at Anaheim High School in 1988 as a walk-on coach for the school's drill team. Since then, more than 6,000 students have found a second home in her music and dance programs.

Hundreds of Mrs. Elder's students have obtained college degrees by following a path through the arts. Her students have also gone on to become doctors, attorneys, teachers, or have found success in other professions outside the arts. She credits their prosperity to the self-esteem and self-confidence they developed through the performing arts.

Mrs. Elder produced her last dance concert on April 13, 2019. The “LEGACY—A Celebration of 30 Years of Artistry,” featured past and current students applauding their teacher’s career and contribution to their lives.

Today, Anaheim High’s dance program ranks among the top of high schools in the region, with a professional-level studio that is outfitted with audience seating, lighting systems, media projectors and other amenities.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I celebrate the work of Anaheim High Dance Teacher Meg Elder, who has dedicated her life to creating opportunities for students through the arts. She is leaving behind a legacy of arts appreciation for a legion of students.

CONGRATULATING THE PEORIA PLAYERS THEATRE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Peoria Players Theatre on its 100th anniversary. This milestone now makes the Peoria Players Theatre the oldest running regional theater in Illinois and fourth oldest in the nation.

The Peoria Players Theatre first got its start back in 1919, where it originally was called the Peoria Women’s Club home. Prior to settling in their current location in Lakeview park, where they have been since 1957, the Peoria Players Theatre has put on shows in places like the abandoned fire station on Jackson Street to the local high school auditorium—all without missing a beat. Not once has the Peoria Players Theatre closed its doors throughout its 100-year history; instead, they just kept entertaining the people of Peoria with everything from original plays to musicals. Peoria is lucky to have the Peoria Players Theatre represent the community so well, and I cannot wait to see what local talent they produce over the next 100 years.

It is because of dedicated organizations such as the Peoria Players Theatre that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Peoria Players Theatre on its 100th anniversary.

VOTE EXPLANATION ON H.R. 1644

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, I voted against H.R. 1644 because it could open Internet Service Providers (ISP’s) in rural areas to burdensome regulations that stifle innovation and slow the deployment of efficient and reliable broadband internet service. I would like to take this opportunity to discuss my vote.

A free and open internet is critically important, but heavy-handed regulation is not the only way to achieve net neutrality. I support the important concepts of no blocking, no

throttling, and no paid prioritization and have cosponsored legislation to support this including: The Promoting Internet Freedom and Innovation Act of 2019 (H.R. 1096), the Open Internet Act of 2019 (H.R. 1006), and ACCESS BROADBAND Act (H.R. 1328.)

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996, designating broadband as a Title I Information Service and subjecting it to a “light touch” regulatory system. As a result, the internet transformed into one of the most important drivers of economic growth and job creation.

In 2015, the Obama Administration’s Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reclassified the internet as a Title II Telecommunications Service, implementing heavy regulations and reporting requirements originally intended for rotary landline phones. This action led to a \$3.6 billion decline in broadband investment; the first period of declining investment in the internet era. In 2017, the Trump FCC reversed the order to return the internet to its original light touch framework.

H.R. 1644 would bring back the heavy-handed regulation and government control of the internet. The measure would lock in approximately 700 unpublished rules that have not been shared with Members of Congress, some of which would allow the FCC to set rates, impose new taxes, approve the deployment of new technologies, and dictate how internet companies interact with their customers. The internet has thrived without government intervention and should continue to do so.

Most importantly, I have heard from many small internet service providers in West Virginia that the reclassification forced them to comply with extensive rules. These rules require them to write new policies, take money, and employee time to complete verifications on prioritization that they were not capable of engaging in to begin with. This bureaucracy is not only incredibly burdensome to small businesses, but it drives vital resources away from the deployment of broadband internet service in rural areas that need it most.

Lacking broadband service is more than an inconvenience, it is a barrier to education, connectivity, and economic growth. It is my hope that we can arrive at a permanent bipartisan solution that protects consumers, encourages innovation, and preserves an open internet. Unfortunately, this bill does not accomplish that.

I am hopeful that we can come to a bipartisan solution in good faith. The state of West Virginia is blessed with beautiful mountains and heavily forested land. However, the geography that makes our state so special also poses unique challenges in deploying internet technology.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CLASSICAL LEAGUE

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Classical

League (ACL). The ACL is dedicated to supporting and teaching Greek and Latin languages, literatures, and cultures.

Since 1919, the ACL has grown from a gathering of several Classical advocates to a national community of almost 2,500 educators, teaching grades PreK through college. The organization now offers opportunities for discovery for all ages, boasting more than 44,000 students grades 6–12 worldwide. Additionally, the ACL’s program “Excellence Through Classics” is celebrating 30 years of service of teachers of the youngest scholars.

The ACL has illustrated that the value of Latin and Greek all-encompassing cultural education programs in today’s society cannot be understated. It continues to enrich the lives of students through imparting an understanding of the foundational aspects of ancient classical civilizations. This education is a priceless gift that lends itself to having a well-rounded education and gives supports to other core subjects by improving English language and literacy skills such as reading, writing and vocabulary development.

I am amazed by the work the American Classical League does and wish them well as they continue to build bridges from our past into our future for the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF MILFORD

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Village of Milford’s 150th anniversary of incorporation on April 12, 2019. Located in southwest Oakland County, Milford began with the building of a sawmill by Elizur and Stanley Ruggles in 1832 and was incorporated in 1869. Hydropower made it possible for Milford to become one of the first communities to have electric lights in 1892.

Known for its small-town charm and rich history, the North Milford Historic District was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on April 21, 2000. Downtown Milford is recognized for its lively events and entertainment as well as its local shopping and dining.

Milford is also home to the General Motors Proving Ground, the world’s first dedicated automobile testing facility. The Proving Ground has been used to introduce industry-leading safety features such as front center air bags. The facility has also helped create a global standard for frontal crash test dummies and was the first rollover test facility.

I encourage everyone to come to Michigan’s 11th congressional district and, as we say, “meet me in Milford.” On its 150th anniversary, the Village of Milford has much to celebrate. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this tremendous milestone.

HONORING TRIG SOLBERG

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I’d like to congratulate my friend Trig Solberg of T.A.

Solberg Company, Inc, for being honored as an independent grocer that has demonstrated superior entrepreneurial skills in his community. Just a few weeks ago, Trig was presented with the National Grocers Association's prestigious "Thomas K. Zaucha Entrepreneurial Excellence Award." Since Trig's grocery career began with a small single grocery store 1971 in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, he has had an incredible reputation for focusing on families, customer service, and supporting the surrounding community. Today, Trig has grown the family company to include eight supermarket locations and dozens of other business establishments employing more than 1,200 people. I recently toured one of his grocery stores and I can attest that Trig is admired by staff, colleagues, and industry peers for his dedication to his community and commitment to excellence. Congratulations again to Trig Solberg for receiving this award honoring his entrepreneurship and dedication to his community.

HONORING ANN WEAVER NORTON
AND THE ANN NORTON SCULPTURE
GARDEN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Weaver Norton and on behalf of the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Ann Norton was an inspirational artist. She found her passion at age 8, when she received her first sculpting tools. She eventually moved to New York where she studied at the National Academy of Design, the Arts Student League of New York and Cooper Union. Ann served as an apprentice to the famed sculptor John Hovannes and a studio assistant to Alexander Archipenko. Her artwork was well received and she participated in numerous shows at the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

In 1942, Ann moved to West Palm Beach and began teaching at the Norton Gallery and School of Art. Five years later, she married Ralph Norton, the school's founder. In 1977, Ann established the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens Foundation. The sculpture garden and the foundation work to preserve the artwork of Ann Norton and other unique local treasures. The Norton Sculpture Gardens commemorates the great artwork and culture Ann brought to the community of South Florida.

On February 9, 2019, the Norton Sculpture Garden held a grand reopening. After \$100 million in renovations over eight years, the museum now includes an additional 12,000 square feet of gallery space and a new exterior. On display one will experience artwork from the likes of Jackson Pollock, Claude Monet, and Georgia O'Keeffe.

I proudly join the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in celebrating the induction of Ann Norton to the Florida Artist Hall of Fame this Saturday, April 13, 2019.

NICOLE MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicole Martinez 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. Nicole 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 Nicole 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 Nicole Martinez 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. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 4, 2019 during roll call no. 151, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the "Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building." Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 152, on the Motion to Commit with Instructions for S.J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 153, on Passage of S.J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of the United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 154, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Torres Small of New Mexico Part B Amendment No. 40, to H.R. 1585. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 155, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 156, on Passage of H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING MRS. SHELLY
SMITH

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Shelly Smith of Marissa, Illinois, who has been presented the prestigious Teacher of the Year Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, the nation's largest and oldest war veterans service organization.

As an elementary school special education teacher, Mrs. Smith serves her community as a mentor as well as a model citizen. She organized numerous projects to help her community's first responders and veterans, such as her school's Patriot's Day Breakfast. In addition to running her school's booster club, she provides her students opportunities to engage and spend time with local veterans and emergency personnel.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mrs. Smith and commend her for her patriotism and service to her community.

CONGRATULATING THE BAYTOWN
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BULLDOGS
FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
VICTORIES

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Baytown Christian Academy Bulldogs on winning both the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) football and boys basketball state championships for the 2018-2019 school year.

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Baytown Christian Academy captured its second TAPPS 6-Man Division III football State Championship in three years with a 49-34 victory over Weatherford Christian Academy. In the playoffs the Bulldogs defeated Greenville Christian Academy, Fredericksburg Heritage School, and Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy on the way to the title game. The Bulldog football team finished the 2018 season with a perfect 14-0 record.

On March 1, 2019, the Baytown Christian Academy basketball team won its first TAPPS Class 1A Boys State Championship, beating Tyler Street Christian Academy of Dallas by a score of 63-39. On the way to their historic victory, the Bulldogs defeated Cypress Oaks Adventist Christian School, Fredericksburg Heritage School, Houston Southwest Christian Academy, and San Antonio Legacy Christian Academy. The team finished the 2018-2019 season with a record of 29-3. The entire basketball team was also on the state title winning football team.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Grayson Albarado, Colton Anderson, Jelan Dowdy, Kory Early, Ethan Flukinger, Charles Flynt, Jaden Jefferson, Jaron Jefferson, Aden Lambeth, Jordan Lewis, Jordan Luke, William Morgan, Matthew Pate, Kyron Pitre, Rajean Sheppard, Chance Strange Dave Sun, Richard Washington, Jakob Wheatfall, Treyvian

Williams, Sebastian Wilson. Football Coach: Jeromey Anderson. Basketball Coach: Kevin Fletcher. Athletic Director: Kevin Jones. Headmaster: James Twardowski.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and in athletics. Go Bulldogs.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 10, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Moms Allen, Thomas P. Anderson, Juan G. Avendano, Herbert Clifford Barrus, Donald J. Bendis, Richard Bianchi, Anton L. Boeckhold, Josephine M. Bogdanich, Donald K. Borta, Robert R. Brown, Roy Eugene Brown, Robert M. Buckley, Donald A. Burke, Richard V. Butler, Donald J. Carani, Carl R. Carlson, Lawrence A. Carlson, Andrew Carrillo, Marvin E. Causey, Fred Choromanski, Edward A. Clark, Cecil R. Coleman, James L. Conley.

Dominick Frank Corelli, Amelia Cunningham, Herbert E. Davidson, Robert Davis, William C. Devereux, Robert E. Dobis, Victor Drower, Terrence C. Duffy, Donald C. Eageny, Norval J. Edwards, Chester L. Evers, Jr., Samuel C. Farley, Thomas P. Felsenthal, Aldo Filafusi, Blenard R. Franklin, Bernard Friedman, Richard J. Gaskey, Edward Gill, Fred J. Hefner, John I. Hozian.

Edward F. Jamrozik, Joseph J. Johnson, John H. Kawa, John Robert Kemble, Alvin J. Knaf, William F. Kretz, Milton F. Langer, Walter Mannaberg, Philip F. Manning Jr., Douglas J. Martner, Frank V. Masters, Davis McClain, John McGregor, Earl McKay, Vernon A. Meyer, Donald J. Miller, Ronald J. Mitchell, Robert Kern Morgan, Stevenson Mountsier.

Thaddeus M. Murawski, Richard M. Naugle, Bruce F. North, Sr., Thomas J. O'Keefe, Owen R. Owen, Robert C. Parker, James A. Powers, Michael S. Puzzo, James Reuter, Fred Graf-ton Rounds, Charles L. Rush, Frederick J.

Schmelzer, William H. Schmit Jr., Norman R. Sehnoutka, Donald J. Seneker, Thomas G. Sheehan, Herbert Sheriff.

John F. Slown, Robert Smith, Robert A. Sousa, Frederick T. Staron, Donald R. Strahanoski, Harold P. Streicher, James C. Terpstra, Van C. Virva, Jr., George Vlahakis, Carol A. Walters, Edward P. Wilkin, James Williams, Ronald L. Wilson, Edwin Winclechter, Charles J. Yackley, Robert E. Yaeger, Paul Kenneth Young, Ronald P. Zuraski.

IN HONOR OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF GREATER HOUSTON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston. For the last half-century, this group has contributed greatly to the construction and advancement of the Greater Houston Area and I thank them for their work in growing our community.

Founded in 1969, the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Greater Houston provides leadership development and craft training for both the commercial and industrial construction industries. The Greater Houston Chapter of ABC is comprised of over 450 locally owned construction and assembly firms, representing thousands of skilled professionals in the Greater Houston Area.

The mission of ABC of Greater Houston is to defend and represent its members' right to work, as well as protecting free enterprise within the construction industry. ABC of Greater Houston is also committed to promoting safe work environments and occupational practices, and leads the country in members active in the Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) program—a unique initiative started in 1989 to dramatically improve safety performance in the construction industry.

ABC of Greater Houston is committed to tackling our nation's workforce problem through the Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation (CMEF). This exceptional foundation formulates partnerships between industrial leaders and contractors to tackle the shortage of skilled workers in the construction sector.

Today, the American economy is booming, in no small part because of leadership from outstanding organizations like ABC of Greater Houston. Through their innovative programs that enhance industry partnerships and promote free enterprise, ABC has provided opportunities for economic and educational growth among members, workers, and industry professionals.

This year marks 50 incredible years of industry advancement by ABC of Greater Houston. I am proud to join everyone in our community in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, and thanking them for the work they do for builders and contractors in the Houston area, across Texas, and throughout the country. I am sure their next 50 years will be even more successful.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DALLAS MAVERICKS LEGEND DIRK NOWITZKI

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, after 21 seasons as the face of the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki played his final game in Dallas. Since he arrived as a 19 year-old from Germany, Dirk has transformed the game of basketball and led the Mavericks to unparalleled success.

He has earned the respect of fans and fellow players alike over the course of his record-setting career. In his early days in the NBA, however, he faced great adversity. But his resilience and determination proved too strong for any negativity. Dirk's leadership and great play culminated in a championship run in 2011. Because of his MVP performance, a championship banner now hangs in the American Airlines Center, which I can see from my District Office in Dallas. This building, which was the setting for many of Dirk's greatest games and most memorable moments, will forever be known as "the house that Dirk built."

His accolades on the court are many—15 appearances in the NBA Playoffs, a 14-time NBA All-Star, a 12-time All-NBA team member, one of only eight players to score 30,000 points, a regular season MVP award, a Finals MVP award, and an NBA Championship. But the true measure of the man is what he has done off the court. For years, he has visited Children's Hospital as "Uncle Dirk" to give ill children and their families fond memories and glimmers of happiness. Never with fanfare, never with TV cameras chronicling his generous deeds, Dirk gave of himself out of the goodness of his heart and character. For as much as we have enjoyed his iconic three-pointers and fade-away jumpers, he has given us so much more. In addition to being one of the greatest athletes to ever play in Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki is one of the best human beings to play in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, no one embodies the big, beautiful, diverse city of Dallas better than Dirk Nowitzki. Like me, he wasn't born in Dallas but made it his home, and we are grateful that he did. As he retires from professional basketball, we are delighted that he will always be a part of what makes Dallas great, and I wish my friend and his family the best in the days and years ahead.

IN HONOR OF ALPHA OMICRON PI, OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Omega Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in celebration of its 100th anniversary. As a proud past President of the chapter, who graduated in 1982, it is my high honor to congratulate the Omega Chapter at Miami University in Oxford,

Ohio in celebration of this special occasion. I, along with my sorority sisters, are forever grateful for the founders of Alpha Omicron Pi's commitment to ensuring young women develop lifelong friendships while enhancing one another's lives through scholarship and service.

Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) has been an integral part of college campuses since its founding in 1897 by Stella George Stern Perry, Helen St. Clair Mullan, Elizabeth Heywood Wyman, and Jessie Wallace Hughan at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City. The organization has seen tremendous growth since its inception as an all female sorority, with over 191,000 initiated members from 144 collegiate chapters. Members can be identified by their ruby pins, the red rose, and the Panda mascot. Each new member receives a pin upon her initiation, known as the AOII badge, where the Greek letters, Alpha, Omicron, and Pi are superimposed one upon the next in order.

Founded on the ideals of character, dignity, scholarship, and college loyalty, AOII helps young women cultivate values of accountability and ownership, collaboration, engagement, innovation, and open and honest communication skills. AOII's philanthropic values are demonstrated by a dedication to raising money for and spreading awareness of the Arthritis Foundation. By holding annual Strike Out Arthritis events both at the chapter and national levels, AOII has been able to contribute millions of dollars toward education initiatives and assistance for families affected by arthritis. AOII's fundamental hope in fundraising and education is to one day contribute to finding a cure for this disease that impacts millions of Americans.

The Omega Chapter was founded on January 4, 1919 at Miami University, originating from a local sorority named Kappa Tau Sigma. Founded in scholarship, AOII became the fourth sorority on Miami's campus. Originally holding chapter meetings in various classrooms, AOII eventually obtained a more permanent home in Hamilton Hall and later Richard Hall. Focused on the motto to "engage in service", AOII sisters have recently been involved with various philanthropies across the Oxford community, to name a few, including Spring Clean Oxford, Relay for Life, Miles for Smiles 5K, Adopt-a-School, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Knolls of Oxford nursing home event where Miami athletic teams and Greek chapters are paired together to complete tasks. During the philanthropy round of recruitment, sisters also decorate t-shirts for stuffed panda bears that are given to patients at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. From Strike Out Arthritis to the annual Red Rose Ball to the AOPirate Party, the sisters of the Omega chapter have cemented a lasting presence on the Miami campus.

A testament to the character and dedication of this talented group of women, the Omega Chapter has been honored with numerous awards and accolades. They've been awarded the AOII International's Jessie Wallace Hughan award in 1979 and various Miami Panhellenic awards such as the Outstanding Rush Award, Greek Week champions, and Songfest winners. Committed to character, dignity, scholarship, and loyalty the Omega Chapter was also honored with the Miami University Five Pillar Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Learning, Service & Philan-

thropy, Community, Leadership & Values, and Brotherhood & Sisterhood.

The sorority's personalized approach to membership has made the Omega Chapter home to a robust alumni network with graduates developing accomplished careers in business, non-profit, academic, community leadership, and government service across the country. The sorority's national publication, the *To Dragma*, keeps all current and past members connected with ongoing events and the successes of various chapters nationwide.

It is important to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills, knowledge, and compassion to make the world a better place. The sisters of the AOII Omega Chapter have demonstrated 100 years of commitment and service to others. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to the nation. Congratulations on a century of excellence in community service and for cultivating a network of caring, loving sisters who will work to ensure Alpha Omicron Pi's success in the next century. Love and honor to all AOII Omega sisters.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS.
CLIFFORD AND ANNA LEE
JONES' 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and Anna Lee Jones and congratulate them on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. This incredible milestone anniversary will be celebrated on May 25, 2019.

Clifford and Anna Lee both grew up on family farms in Wayne County, Missouri. After marrying on May 27, 1949, the young couple moved to O'Fallon in St. Charles County, MO where they raised three sons. Clifford and Anna Lee lived in Winfield upon retirement and eventually settled in Troy where they still reside today. Throughout their lives, Clifford and Anna Lee have exuded the hardworking mentality of Missouri and the Midwest. Clifford worked for Ford Motor Company and Kroger Warehouse both in Hazelwood. Anna Lee spent her working years at the plastic factory in St. Louis before joining H&K bakery located in O'Fallon—all while raising a family.

In their spare time, Clifford and Anna Lee continue to enjoy many hobbies. Clifford can often be found working on lawnmowers and cars. Anna Lee enjoys quilting and numerous crafts. In their retirement years, both Clifford and Anna Lee relish spending time with family and friends and attending functions at the Troy Senior Center. They also socialize throughout the week at Hardee's in Troy with their friend group that is often referred to as their "break-fast club".

Clifford and Anna Lee have been blessed with 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild. They consider their family their proudest accomplishment, as many of us do.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Jones on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. May they have many more happy years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PAM HALL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding service of Pam Hall of Marion, Ohio, President of the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce. Pam is retiring after more than two decades in that role.

Pam first got involved with the Chamber during her 27-year career at the engineering firm Floyd Browne Associates, where she was the only woman to date to be offered a partnership. When the Chamber presidency became open, she sold her share in the company to take on this new challenge.

The Marion Chamber has remained strong under Pam's selfless leadership and commitment to the success of the local economy. She has been instrumental in helping area businesses connect and find common ways to solve problems. The community at large has benefited from her tireless work on the Leadership Marion program, which helps local entrepreneurs and others develop leadership skills.

Pam's work goes far beyond her service with the Chamber. She is a longtime United Way supporter, past president of Marion Noon Kiwanis, and a member of the Rotary Club of Marion. She also serves on the Marion County Foundation Board, the Marion Area Counseling Center Board, the Rushmore Academy Board, the Marion Matters Board, and many others. The Women's Business Council of Marion honored her with its 2017 ATHENA Leadership Award.

Several years ago, Pam was diagnosed with colon cancer. While she has continued her good work with the Chamber since her diagnosis, she has decided to step down to focus on her health. Throughout her treatment, she has openly shared the details of her diagnosis and treatment regimen so that others might learn and benefit from her experiences.

Madam Speaker, the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate Pam's achievements at its annual barbecue on April 27. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to her. She has my very best wishes and my thanks for her decades of service to the people of Marion.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2019 AS
NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, since 2003, April has been recognized as "National Donate Life Month." Every year, the month serves as an opportunity to encourage organ and tissue donor registration, recognize those individuals who continue to wait for an organ transplantation, and honor living and deceased donors and their families for their gift of life.

Today on Blue & Green Day, during which the public is encouraged to wear blue and

green to promote organ donation awareness, I am proud to introduce a bipartisan resolution to recognize April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month” and support its goals and ideals.

Every ten minutes, a person is added to the national transplant waiting list. As of April 2019, more than 113,000 people are awaiting an organ donation. Unfortunately, despite over 145 million people registered to be donors, the need for donated organs outweighs the supply of organs. Sadly, on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ transplant.

The simple truth is that organ donation and transplantation saves lives. In fact, organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to eight individuals and tissue donation can benefit an additional 75 people or more. Living kidney and liver donors provide transplant candidates with the chance to live longer.

I am proud to sponsor this resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives again and recognize that organ donation is the gift of life.

SAMANTHA GAMINO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Gamino 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. Samantha 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 Samantha 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 Samantha Gamino for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MR. KEN CARTER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Ken Carter after many years of service to his country. His time as an independent contractor, government contractor, and Supervisory Contract Specialist has been invaluable, and we wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Ken Carter is a retired enlisted airman, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant after 23 years of service. With more than 38 years of

experience in contracting, his experience includes major construction, commodities, services, R&D, and Systems Engineering. In terms of higher education, Mr. Carter holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management Development from Bluefield College and an Associate Degree in Contract Management from the Community College of the Air Force. Mr. Carter also holds an Unlimited Contracting Officer Warrant with the VA and a Level III Contracting Professional Certification.

Currently serving as a Supervisory Contract Specialist with the VA, he is responsible for the supervision of 5 subordinate employees. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Carter provided services as a Procurement Coordinator within the Strategic Acquisitions Center ARRC Directorate. His previous assignments include a five-year tour with the Federal Aviation Administration where he completed the largest single major contract in the history of the Agency. Beyond his illustrious career, Mr. Carter enjoys fishing, doing yard work, camping in the Shenandoah Valley, and attending football games at James Madison University where his grandson is a member of the JMU Marching Royal Dukes band. Residing in Spotsylvania County with his wife Ronna Carter, it is easy to see that Mr. Carter has led a wonderful, purpose filled life.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the bounty of Mr. Ken Carter's accomplishments as he enters retirement. To that end, we hope that he enjoys the extra time he has with his family, his football games, as well as with his fishing poles.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
CHARLES EUGENE GEE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Charles Eugene Gee of Jasper, Texas, who recently lost his four-year battle with cancer. Mr. Gee passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones on April 3, 2019.

Charles Eugene Gee, more affectionately known as Charlie, was born on October 10, 1942 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His family eventually moved to Jasper, Texas, where he graduated from Jasper High School in 1960 and married his high school sweetheart, Sue Hollis Gee, in July of 1962.

In 1966, Charlie graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Forestry. He began working as a new-hire for Kirby Lumber Co. and eventually became the logging superintendent. After 18 years with Kirby, Charlie decided to start his own logging business, Charles Gee Logging Inc. Over the years, he worked many long hours as the dedicated and successful owner of his logging company, as well as several other local businesses. In fact, Charlie later became the State Coordinator for the Texas Logging Counsel, a position in which he served proudly to improve conditions for future generations of loggers.

After his college graduation, Charlie became a dedicated member of the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department. During his time at the department, he served as an original member of

the Board of Trustees for the Texas Fire Museum, president of the East Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall's Association, a member on the committee for the Retirement and Pension Fund for Jasper's firemen, and even as the Fire Chief. He also became an instructor for the Texas A&M Fire School in College Station, where he eagerly shared his years of fire-fighting knowledge and experience with younger generations. His devotion and service will live on through the various fire departments in Jasper County and surrounding areas that were established on his instruction.

Charlie is survived by his bride of nearly 57 years, Sue Hollis Gee; his daughters Sarah Smith and husband Sam; Laura McMillon and husband Mitch; Rebecca Soisson and husband Scott; Jennifer Cline and husband Billy; and brother Bill Gee and wife Sue. Charlie is also survived by his grandchildren: Matthew and wife Halea; Ashleigh, Charlie, John, Henry, Jacob, Emily, Michael, Brian, Brandon, and Grant, as well as four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to remember the life of Charles Eugene Gee. May God comfort his family during this time.

CONGRATULATING JOHN REID
FROM JOHN DEERE FOR HIS
ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Reid for his election into the National Academy of Engineering through his company, John Deere. Election to the Academy is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer, and Dr. Reid was elected for innovation in automation technologies for agricultural systems.

Membership in the National Academy of Engineering honors those who have made outstanding contributions to engineering, including significant contributions to the engineering literature and to the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or innovative approaches to engineering education. John Reid graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelors and master's degree in agricultural engineering. He obtained his Ph.D. from Texas A&M in 1987. Dr. Reid is currently the Director of Product Technology & Innovation at John Deere, and is also a full professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign. Dr. Reid has created several patents with the U.S. Patent Office in the years he has worked at John Deere. He is also on the board of several organizations in the Moline area.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as John Reid that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate John Reid for his acceptance into the National Academy of Engineering.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018–2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter, and have the ability to share it effectively. The selected winner will be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year.

As the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools educates 90,000 students in ninety-eight schools. The impact of these teachers is apparent as PWCS is ranked the highest in the entire state with their on-tune graduation rate.

Each Teacher of the Year Award nominee exhibits excellence in teaching by serving as an effective leader in and out of the classroom, fostering strong rapport with parents and peers and providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students to learn and develop.

I extend my personal congratulations to the following nominees for the 2018–2019 Prince William County Teacher of the Year Award: Simon Bhagwandeem, Potomac High School; Leslie Browngold, Gravely Elementary School;

Marianne Burns, Patriot High School; Garrett Carlson, Colgan High School; Pamela Clute, Potomac High School; Jennifer Diehl, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School; Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School; Lauren Fenner, Swans Creek Elementary School.

Amanda Grant, Ashland Elementary School; Amy Hardt, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Elizabeth Hoffmann, The Nokesville School; Carl Hood, Alvey Elementary School; Kristen Keskel, Ashland Elementary School; Jennifer Kimble, Graham Park Middle School; Kathy Lamont, Antietam Elementary School; Pamela Lansberry, King Elementary School; Christy Lazer, Bull Run Middle School; Elizabeth McKeown, Pennington Traditional School; Ashley Meyer, T. Clay Wood Elementary School.

Melissa Morgan, Chris Yung Elementary School; Jeanie Noel, Freedom High School; Norman Pattarozzi, Osbourn Park High School; Emily Ramirez, Brentsville District High School; Rebecca Schelling, Antietam Elementary School; Brian Shepard, Battlefield High School; David Shuler, Battlefield High School; John Spaulding, Independence Non-traditional School; Jennifer Tallman, Lake Ridge Middle School; Crystal Watt, Ashland Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Prince William County Public Schools 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year Award and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County Public Schools students continue to receive a world-class education in a vibrant learning environment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICHARD SPROULE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of Richard Sproule. As a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Richard has proven himself to be an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

The Continental Marines were formed by decree of the Second Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Since the Revolutionary War, Marines served with the American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front of WWI, island hopped in the Pacific, landed on the beaches of North Korea, fought to protect the Republic of Vietnam, and defended Americans from the threat of global terrorism. Rick served a crucial role during his service in the Marines, maintaining jet engines and ensuring the safety and fighting capacity of our Airmen. His unwavering devotion to duty perfectly exemplifies the spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps. We owe Rick and his brothers in arms an enormous debt of gratitude. He has served our nation willingly, honorably, and without bias.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the extraordinary life of Richard Sproule. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in thanking him for his unwavering commitment to our nation and its people.