

faculty instills in the students at Northglenn High School.

I extend my deepest congratulations to John for his hard work on this project. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL GOSSARD

### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the life and career of Billy L. Gossard of Harrod, Ohio, who passed away last month at age 84.

Bill was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1934. Following his service in the Army, he worked for many years as a trucking salesman for a variety of area companies.

Bill was a proud resident of the Village of Harrod, where he opened Bill's World Famous Barbershop in 1964. He was soon elected to the Harrod Village Council, on which he served for nearly three decades.

For twenty years, starting in 1976, Bill served as mayor of Harrod. He cited his work to fund and install a village-wide sewer system as his biggest accomplishment in office. He also took great pride in acquiring land for Harrod's Railroad Heritage Park, which commemorates the village's history as a major rail town. The village recognized his many achievements with the proclamation and celebration of Bill Gossard Day in 2017.

Madam Speaker, Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janet; three children; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many extended family members. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they remember Bill's life and his many contributions to the Village of Harrod.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 8, 2019 during roll call no. 157, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 19, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 158, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 159, on Approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### CONGRATULATING OWENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STEM TEAM

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating the Owensville High School STEM team for winning the 2019 Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" technology contest.

The Solve for Tomorrow contest, which this year was held aboard the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier in New York City, invites students from across the nation to engineer technical solutions for today's common problems. Owensville students Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, and Trey Fisher put their minds together to focus on school safety. Under the supervision of engineers from LMI Aerospace in Washington, Missouri the team developed a door latch that will keep classroom doors closed in the event of a security threat even when the door lock is broken. The Gasconade County School District has already committed to using the new latches.

For winning the contest Samsung is awarding the school district \$100,000 in technology and classroom supplies, which will be an incredible resource for our students. More importantly, with their invention Paige, Jonah, and Trey have made their fellow students much safer and given parents added peace of mind. As their representative in Congress I am very proud of their success, but as a father and grandfather I am even more grateful for their dedication and ingenuity.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, Trey Fisher, and Owensville High School for a job well done!

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN NEWARK

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, Frederick Douglass was born into slavery but laid to rest in power. His legacy touched countless lives in countless communities across this country, including Newark, New Jersey.

Throughout Newark's history, its residents fought for the abolition of slavery and suffrage for Black people. People like the King family, whose house in Newark was part of the Underground Railroad, and people like Thomas Thompson, a black stagecoach driver who helped move people to freedom, were undeterred in the fight for Black freedom. It was leaders like them who arranged, in April of 1849, for Frederick Douglass to visit Newark and speak about Black freedom, justice, and empowerment.

Frederick Douglass' speech at the First African Presbyterian Church on Plane Street was an historic moment in the city's long history of Black self-realization, a history Newark is still writing. Plane Street, now University Avenue, is the heart of Rutgers University—Newark. It is a fitting tribute that Rutgers—Newark renamed its field on University Avenue the Frederick Douglass Field.

Rutgers—Newark has, for generations, helped empower students from Newark to seek justice and freedom through education. I am proud to represent Rutgers—Newark in Congress and commend them for recognizing Frederick Douglass' legacy in our city.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) AUXILIARY

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary in Sterling, Colorado.

Sterling VFW Auxiliary No. 3541 has proudly supported veterans in our community since 1944. This chapter also received the "Buddy" Poppy VFW National Home for Children Award in 2018–2019 for member contributions to military and veteran families needing a fresh start. Their dedication continues to benefit our brave men and women in uniform.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. VFW Auxiliary President Lori Davison, Auxiliary members and volunteers should be commended.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to VFW Auxiliary No. 3541. We look forward to their continued success.

#### JEFFERSON LIEVENSE—ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING BOARD

### HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jefferson Lievens and his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board for leadership in biomanufacturing and sustainable chemicals. The National Academy of Engineering recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the field.

Mr. Lievens is currently a Senior Advisor to the CEO of Bioengineering and Technology at Genomatica. Mr. Lievens has 37 years of industrial biotechnology experience and has contributed to many important projects and achievements.

I congratulate Jefferson Lievens on his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board as it is one of the highest distinctions an engineer can receive.

#### COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTING

### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the tragic shooting that took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20, 1999.

Saturday marks 20 years since that horrific April day when two armed students walked on to campus and opened fire, killing 12 of their fellow classmates and one teacher, and wounding another 20 more.

The images we saw that day will live with us forever. And for those who were at the school that day when these horrific events unfolded, or who lost loved ones as a result, the pain and sadness they feel today is just as real as it was 20 years ago.

As time goes on, the memories of those we lost that day will never be forgotten. They were sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, friends and loved ones.

Each with their own story to tell. Each with their own goals and ambitions. And each with their own group of loved ones who still miss them terribly.

Cassie Bernall, who was 17 years old, was a dedicated member of her church youth group and wanted to eventually be a doctor.

Steven Curnow, at age 14, was a talented soccer player and avid Star Wars fan who had hoped to one day pilot an F-16 fighter jet.

Corey DePooter, age 17, loved fishing, and was working at a local golf course to earn enough money to one day buy his own boat.

Kelly Fleming, age 16, was a skilled writer who loved to read and dreamed of one day recording her own stories for others to read.

Matthew Kechter, age 16, was a straight-A student, who was on his way to becoming a starting lineman on the school's football team.

Daniel Mauser, age 15, was also a straight-A student and a valued member of the school's cross-country and debate teams.

Danny Rohrbough, age 15, would save all the money he earned working at his family's business to buy Christmas presents for his loved ones at the end of the year.

William "Dave" Sanders, age 47, was a beloved teacher and coach, who sacrificed his own safety that day to help more than 100 students flee to safety.

Rachel Scott, age 17, was an inspiring writer and actress who had written her diary before the attack about the importance of reaching out to those who are being picked on by others.

Isaiah Shoels, age 18, was a budding keyboardist who had dreamed of following in his father's footsteps by becoming a record producer.

John Tomlin, age 16, loved spending time with his church youth group, and planned on serving in our nation's armed forces after graduation.

Lauren Townsend, age 18, loved animals, and when she wasn't leading the girls varsity volleyball team, you could find her working after school at the local animal shelter.

Kyle Velasquez, age 16, loved ice cream and always wore a big smile. He, too, had hoped to enlist in the military one day, just like his father.

The shooting that took place at Columbine 20 years ago this weekend was, at the time, the deadliest high-school mass shooting in our nation's history; and it would likely have been much worse had it not been for the bravery shown by all those who responded to the scene that day.

The selflessness and courage many of our first responders exhibited that day, in the face of such grave danger, saved countless lives. And, while it may have been 20 years ago, we are still extremely grateful for their efforts.

We're also thankful for all those who helped our community come together in the wake of a tragedy.

People like Columbine's principal, Frank DeAngelis, whose outstanding leadership

helped students, teachers and parents, alike, overcome a tragedy.

I'll never forget watching Frank lead hundreds of students back to campus for the first time, just four months after the shooting. They were all wearing t-shirts with the words "We are Columbine" written across the front.

We. Are. Columbine. It was just three little words—but the message it sent was as powerful as any I've ever seen.

Sadly, in the 20 years since the tragic events that unfolded at Columbine that day, we have seen similar tragedies play out again and again across this country.

We can and must do more to protect our communities from the threat of gun violence.

As hundreds of friends and neighbors come together in Columbine on Saturday to honor those who were lost as a result of this tragedy, I hope we, as a nation, can also come together and recommit ourselves to enacting the commonsense solutions that we all know are needed to better protect the ones we love.

Because, as those students said 20 years ago: We are Columbine. We are all Columbine.

And we all have a responsibility to act to ensure that another tragic shooting—such as the one we saw at Columbine—never happens again.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. My bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 housing, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally assisted housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. Adult use and/or medical marijuana is currently legal in 33 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, the users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict residents of federally assisted housing for drug use. Even the Food and Drug Administration has recently supported approving certain medication made from cannabis, including Epidiolex, which would be administered as a syrup. Epidiolex is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the drug does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in cannabis.

For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana laws. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with the state's marijuana laws.

Under my bill, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must also develop

regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and to the same locations as the Secretary restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted public housing.

HUD, like DOJ, should not be allowed to enforce federal marijuana laws where states have taken action to legalize marijuana. The Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act states that a person may not be denied federally assisted housing based on the use of marijuana in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM FRANKSON, JESS JOHNSON, AND LAURIE ORTEL OF ASHLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

##### HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2019*

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise alongside Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS and Rep. VAN TAYLOR to honor Kim Frankson, Jess Johnson, and Laurie Ortel of Ashley Elementary School in the Frisco Independent School District. At the end of last year, these North Texas school administrators used quick thinking and teamwork to help save a life 1,200 miles away.

In December 2018, Ashley Elementary School principal Kim Frankson, assistant principal Laurie Ortel, and counselor Jess Johnson received a concerning message from a student via the STOPit app, an online platform designed to allow students and parents to send anonymous reports of bullying to school officials.

The North Texas educators soon discovered that the student was in Waynesboro, Virginia—more than 1,000 miles from Frisco—and sprang into action. As Laurie Ortel said in an interview with the Dallas Morning News: "We didn't know her, but in that moment, she became ours."

In spite of the distance, Jess Johnson began communicating with the student, who was threatening suicide, on the STOPit app. At the same time, Kim Frankson and Laurie Ortel attempted to contact the Waynesboro Police Department and administrators at the student's school, which already had closed for winter break. Thanks to the efforts of the North Texas teachers, local authorities in Virginia were able to locate the endangered teenager and provide lifesaving assistance.

Thankfully, the student's message for help reached the right people.

On February 14, 2019, the Dallas Morning News published an article telling their story. In recognition of their lifesaving efforts, Kim Frankson, Laurie Ortel, and Jess Johnson were honored at the Frisco ISD board meeting on April 8, 2019. They were presented the inaugural Helping Hands Life Saver Award from the makers of the STOPit mobile app, and have received well-earned praise from Americans in North Texas, Virginia, and around the country.

As Members of Congress representing Frisco, Texas and Waynesboro, Virginia, we extend our sincere gratitude to these North