

BOP's "process for collecting these subsistence fees is costly and administratively burdensome for both RRC's and [BOP]," and called for DOJ to "develop a plan to limit the use of counterproductive 'subsistence' fees imposed on indigent residents." BOP can already waive subsistence fees in certain situations for residents of RRCs, but only a change in federal law can remove this unnecessary barrier to reentry.

We should not be imposing additional burdens on returning citizens, setting them up to fail, especially those who are employed and working toward independence from the criminal justice system. Jobs and affordable housing are crucial components in ensuring successful reentry—charging subsistence fees is antithetical to this goal. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance.

On April 25, 1919, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance's founders came together in Auburn, New York to organize a cooperative to promote tourism in the region. They sought to cooperatively market the Finger Lakes region, develop signage to direct tourists, and ensure service stations were equipped to accommodate travelers. One hundred years later, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance continues to serve the Finger Lakes Region and is considered the oldest regional destination marketing organization in the United States.

Spanning fourteen counties, the Finger Lakes Region is home to more than four hundred registered historic sites and landmarks, one hundred thirty-five museums, eighty art galleries, fourteen professional theatre companies, one hundred wineries, three hundred bed and breakfasts, one thousand sixty-three waterfalls and gorges, twenty-six state parks, two thousand miles of hiking/biking trails and six hundred fifty miles of shoreline. The Alliance partners with attractions and tourism-related businesses to showcase this beautiful and unique area.

We recognize the importance of the Finger Lakes Region to our local communities and we support designating the region as a National Heritage Area. The Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Study Act passed the House of Representatives with our support, taking an important first step in achieving that goal. We will continue to be a strong advocate for the Finger Lakes Region.

One hundred years of promoting our local communities is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to

celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance.

HONORING DALE FREEMAN

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of Mr. Dale Freeman. Mr. Dale Freeman was, simply put, the best teacher I ever had at any level of education. More than any other instructor, he taught me how to think independently and creatively. He taught me how to be disciplined in the basic foundations of writing and critical thinking. Having a solid foundation is essential to creativity because it provides a place to return to after exploring new ideas. Mr. Freeman truly loved learning and teaching. He cared deeply about his students and made them better equipped to handle the world around them. In fact, his work with students has given them the tools to shape the world around them. He was a compassionate person and I am grateful to have had him as an instructor. As we mark his passing here today, I wish his family healing in this season of loss.

HONORING MARTINEZ ADULT EDUCATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martinez Adult Education on its 100th year of providing comprehensive adult education programs to our community.

Martinez Adult Education began in 1919 when local Shell refinery employees sought evening classes to learn new skills and further their education. Today, Martinez Adult Education offers programs and classes on career readiness, college transition, literacy, and educational enrichment. Martinez Adult Education provides English as a Second Language and citizenship courses, high school completion opportunities, adult literacy resources, and trainings for adults seeking career changes or enhancements. Martinez Adult Education works to serve the needs of each individual that utilizes its services.

Martinez Adult Education serves more than 1,900 students annually and the English as a Second Language program enrolls students from 46 countries. It is the only adult education school in California to offer Peace Officer Standards and Training modules. Additionally, it serves as the Local Education Agency for seven apprenticeship programs.

Martinez Adult Education is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and has formed partnerships with six other local adult schools. Additionally, Martinez Adult Education collaborates with Contra Costa Community College and the County Office of Education.

Madam Speaker, Martinez Adult Education strives to provide access to education, career training, and other community resources to underserved and diverse populations in our community. It is committed to providing community members with the needed skills and education to further their careers and thrive in other aspects of their lives. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Martinez Adult Education here today.

CONGRATULATING LA GRANDE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 43

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 on 100 years of service to eastern Oregon, and for their continued support and leadership in my home state.

In Oregon, we understand how important it is to support our veterans. The La Grande Post No. 43 has been a steadfast partner in this effort. With over 117 Posts and 17,000 fraternal members in Oregon—and over 2 million affiliate members—the American Legion is a strong advocate for the veteran community in our great state of Oregon and across the country.

The La Grande Post No. 43 has been a vital part of the community during these last one hundred years. They place American flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day and organize and participate in local veterans' parades. They also lead donation efforts for local firefighters' organizations, make monthly visits to veterans in retirement homes in our community, mount up the Patriot Guard to attend funerals with aims-firing details, and volunteering thousands of hours at VA medical facilities.

A little over a year ago, I had breakfast with a group of veterans—some of whom are members of Post No. 43—that spend time every week serving ice cream to disabled veterans throughout La Grande and the surrounding community. They call themselves the "Vets Ice Cream Patrol," and the time and energy they spend with veterans every week is a simple, but powerful, gesture of camaraderie and service.

Over the past 100 years, the American Legion has assisted over 700,000 veterans and families across the nation in collecting their benefits; honored our veterans and led memorial tributes for fallen comrades; and volunteered thousands of hours at VA medical facilities. La Grande Post No. 43 has been a valued part of that tradition.

Being a champion for our veterans is an endeavor that transcends party lines and is a small expression of gratitude for all they have done to protect our freedoms. The American Legion has led the effort in this, with an emphasis on service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life for Oregon veterans.

In celebration and gratitude for all that they do, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 on 100 years of unwavering service to Oregon veterans.