

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROGER ADDISON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roger Addison, who served as a dedicated employee of the House of Representatives for 31 years under six Clerks of the House.

Born at D.C. General Hospital, Roger is a true Washingtonian. He began his tenure as a busboy and dishwasher in the Longworth cafeteria before becoming a laborer in House Furnishings. Having worked as a D.C. cab driver and chauffeur, Roger then became a driver under former House Clerk Donald K. Anderson.

Roger took computer classes and secured a position as a Public Information Specialist in the newly formed Legislative Resource Center. In time, Roger was promoted to Registration and Compliance Clerk.

He met his wife, Cassandra, while walking in the Longworth tunnel, and he will tell you it was love at first sight. They have been married for 18 years. They raised six children and have 11 grandchildren. Cassandra is responsible for convincing Roger to start wearing bowties, now his signature look.

Outside of the House, Roger is an avid golfer and often vacations with his family in the Carolinas. He loves to travel, and, as many of his colleagues will attest, he famously holds down the dance floor during the Clerk's annual holiday party. He is a deacon at Ambassador Baptist Church, and he is a Mason.

Roger is affectionately known as the "Mayor of Capitol Hill." He will be missed by his colleagues and the Members who have come to know him. We all wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Roger Addison for his service and dedication.

OUTSTANDING COBB COUNTY LEADER RETIRES

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Jerri Barr's thirty-five years of exemplary service to the families within Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the greater Atlanta area. Jerri is the retiring CEO for the Center for Family Resources, a non-profit social services agency in Marietta, Georgia.

The Center for Family Resources was founded in 1960, based on the community's need to streamline and simplify emergency assistance in Cobb County. Community leaders

recognized that their current system, which spread responsibility among six different agencies, created opportunities for miscommunication and slow response times when families needed urgent aid. By consolidating these responsibilities into one agency, families were able to receive necessary assistance in a timely manner.

With Jerri at the helm, the CFR grew substantially, and is now widely recognized and emulated due to its successful practices; as the CFR has become the gold standard for similar agencies across the country. This unique program not only provides vital resources during difficult times to families in Cobb County, but works with them long-term to provide the resources necessary to become self-reliant, free from the vicious cycle of government-funded resource dependency. The Center achieves this success by offering a series of life-classes on topics such as budgeting and parenting; they also provide GED classes as well as help with resume writing and how to interview for a job.

The Center for Family Resources benefits greatly from its outstanding staff of employees and volunteer workers, along with a highly engaged and motivated Board of Directors. The bond that has held all this together for the past 35 years has been CEO Jerri Barr. As this remarkable community leader prepares for her much-deserved retirement, I want to personally thank her for her dedication to families in need, as well as her continued commitment to supporting a high quality of life for the citizens of our Cobb County communities.

HONORING THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS ACADEMY AT WHITES CREEK HIGH SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy at Whites Creek High School in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 2016 and 2017, Whites Creek High School Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy, led by the Academy instructor Dr. Garry Gibson, grew four acres of soybeans for their biodiesel program at the Whites Creek Community Garden.

In 2016, the Academy applied for and won the first place prize nationally and \$10,000 in the Ford Motor Challenge STEM Contest. The 2016 winnings were used to drive a biodiesel powered vehicle for a student lecture tour up-and-down the east coast ending at the University of Guelph, Canada's top agricultural university.

In 2017, the Academy again placed first place nationally in the Ford Motor Challenge, winning \$20,000. The 2017 winnings are being used by the Academy to create a student-led solar power station at Whites Creek High School, overseen by the Academy Principal, Mr. Jeremiah Davis; a local solar power adviser from Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Mr. Jason Carney; and Whites Creek High School seniors Rachel Rhea and Daniel Vancief. The Academy has since created a solar power curriculum so Whites Creek students can continue these efforts.

The solar power station will reduce the school's electrical costs by an estimated \$5,000 each year. It will also keep an estimated 72,072 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the environment that would otherwise have been created from burning coal.

I congratulate the Whites Creek High School Future Farmers of America Alternative Energy Sustainable Logistics Academy on their invaluable contributions to Middle Tennessee's future.

RECOGNIZING QENDRIM HAXHIU'S COMPLETION OF THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate University of Georgia student Qendrim Haxhiu on his acceptance to, and completion of, the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program.

Qendrim Haxhiu from Dahlonega, Georgia was one of only 572 students to be selected for the 2018 CLS program—an especially remarkable accomplishment, given this highly competitive program received over 5,500 applications in 2018. This prestigious merit-based scholarship allows U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad in intensive summer institutes in 14 critical languages. Scholars complete language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote Americans' mastery of languages that are critical to our national security and economic prosperity.

The CLS program gave Qendrim the opportunity to study in Tainan, Taiwan. His time overseas was spent increasing his proficiency in Chinese while being fully immersed in Taiwanese culture. Fully grasping the culture of other countries is key to America's future success, and I commend Qendrim for his commitment to sharing American values and advancing American interests abroad.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to congratulate Qendrim Haxhiu on his incredible accomplishment of being awarded this scholarship and completing the CLS program. I look forward to his continued success as he utilizes his knowledge and skills to

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enrich and broaden America's global economic interests.

COLUMBIA RIVER IN-LIEU AND TREATY FISHING ACCESS SITES IMPROVEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I supported H.R. 91, the Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act, because it is important and necessary for the in-lieu fishing sites along the Columbia River to be properly maintained, safe and sanitary for tribal use. These sites, which are federally controlled, were set aside by Congress to provide fishing access to tribal fishermen whose traditional fishing grounds were displaced after the construction of dams on the Columbia River. Because these sites are federally maintained, the bill's authorization is necessary to assess the sanitation and safety in order to improve these sites tribal use. This bill, however, does not make any determination of the sites' boundaries nor should it be interpreted as doing so, but should only be taken to ensure tribes have access to traditional fishing areas on the Columbia River by the four Columbia River Treaty tribes.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, throughout the history of the United States, our national leaders have consistently turned to prayer during times of struggle, adversity, and crisis. George Washington's prayer in Valley Forge was a turning point in our war for independence; Benjamin Franklin's call for prayer broke the political gridlock during the Constitution Convention; President Franklin Roosevelt took to the airwaves, leading the nation in prayer as our troops landed at Normandy on D-Day; and George Patton's prayer for a change in weather turned the tide during the Battle of the Bulge. More recently, I witnessed firsthand the miraculous impact of prayer during the Congressional baseball shooting in June, 2017.

These are only a few of the numerous documented instances where Americans have individually and collectively turned to God in prayer, and He has consistently answered.

The National Day of Prayer was established by an Act of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, to recognize God's hand of divine providence in the course of our nation. Since 1988, under the leadership of President Ronald Reagan, the first Thursday of May has been set aside as the official day of observance of the National Day of Prayer.

For over two decades, the people of Bartow County, Georgia have gathered on the National Day of Prayer at the County Courthouse, to continue the heritage of seeking God's Divine guidance.

Today, May 2, 2019, in observance of the National Day of Prayer, community leaders and people from all across the county will once again join together in collective prayer for our communities, our state, and our nation. I commend the pastors, elected officials, and community leaders in Bartow County, Georgia for actively recognizing the impact prayer has on our nation.

Effective and fervent prayers are not only a core aspect of our national past, but remain a powerful tool in all aspects of public and private matters, and I encourage all people to pray for one another and our nation on this National Day of Prayer, and every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FELIX MARTINEZ

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lieutenant Commander Felix Martinez's retirement after 40 years of public service. I would like to personally thank him for his service and dedication to our nation.

Lieutenant Commander Martinez has spent the last 40 years working to serve his community. He began by working as a college instructor at the City Colleges of Chicago and then moved on to become a teacher and baseball coach at Nelson County Schools. We are fortunate to have someone as honorable as Lieutenant Commander Martinez educating our youth.

Lieutenant Commander Martinez spent the next 30 years of his career in Military Services with the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. He began his work as a US Naval Officer with Associate Protocol. Lieutenant Commander Martinez then worked as a Research Liaison, Coordinator, Homeland Defense Planner, and Analyst for the US Navy. Finally, Lieutenant Commander Martinez has most recently served as the Senior Naval Science Instructor for NJROTC unit at Stafford County Schools. I wish to express my immense gratitude to Lieutenant Commander Martinez for dedicating his life to serving the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of Lieutenant Commander Felix Martinez. The Commonwealth is fortunate to have someone with such valor and commitment. May God bless Lieutenant Commander Martinez and I look forward to seeing his continued success for many years to come.

THANKING J. SPENCER FREEBAIRN FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Spencer Freebairn for his 26 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people. In 1993, a young, fresh out of college kid from Orange County, California began his career on

Capitol Hill working for his hometown congressman, former Representative Dana Rohrabacher. He went on to continue to serve for Representative Jerry Lewis, the former Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee. Then we had the fortune of making him an honorary Texan from "far west Texas"—serving first for Representative Roger Williams before joining my office.

I have had the privilege of calling Spencer a friend for nearly twenty years, and my Chief of Staff for two. While I am personally sad to see him go, Spencer's impact on this body will be felt long after he departs. Along the way, Spencer has done it all. Whether he was advocating for our men and women in uniform, securing funding to prevent wildfires, or working to protect the rights of California dairy farmers, his legislative accomplishments are second to none.

Madam Speaker, on Friday, Spencer will retire from the House and move on to his next chapter. I thank Spencer for his service, and wish him and his husband Antonio, and their two daughters Artemis and Ariana, nothing but the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING BRIDGET MALLO OF BUTTE

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bridget Mallo of Butte for inspiring a community to celebrate life with her courage in facing a chronic, progressive, and often fatal disease.

Bridget was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at six months old. She and her family have consulted doctors and been in and out of hospitals for 15 years. Despite the prognosis, Bridget never uses her illness as an excuse.

Now 15 years old, Bridget recently faced a decision no teenager should have to bear.

Doctors said that forgoing a lung transplant could leave Bridget with four to six weeks to live. Proceeding with further treatment, including an organ transplant, did not guarantee a successful outcome and meant greater hardships for her loved ones.

She chose to return home to Butte to spend her remaining time with family and friends. Two of her final wishes are particularly touching. She wants to ensure her mother is supported and does not face financial insecurity. She also asked the community of Butte to come together to celebrate life.

Bridget's courage rallied the community, as individuals and businesses responded with donations to support the family. Bridget has also brought awareness to the struggles families face when a loved one is diagnosed with the incurable disease.

In late April, residents of Butte celebrated life and Bridget. Bridget's loved ones, friends, classmates, and neighbors cheered her arrival. Amid much fanfare and a police escort, there were tears of sadness and tears of joy.

Bridget has helped demonstrate the power of community. Family, friends, and neighbors have come together to support and celebrate a remarkable young woman.

Bridget's community will long remember her big heart. Because of Bridget, they will also

remember that, despite the challenges one may face in life, there is reason to celebrate it.

Madam Speaker, for inspiring her community with her remarkable courage and love of life, I recognize Bridget Mallo for her spirit of Montana.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JIM WADE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in tribute to Dr. Jim Wade of Abingdon, Virginia, who has used his talents as a surgeon to help needy people around the globe.

Dr. Wade was born and raised in Princeton, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University as an undergraduate and then continued at its School of Medicine specializing in otolaryngology. After completing his medical studies, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army for five years, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He then had a medical practice in Abingdon from 1978 to 2013.

In Abingdon, Dr. Wade has been an active member of his community. He attends Abingdon Bible Church, serves on various boards, and provides a home for foreign interns when they are training in the country.

Dr. Wade's deep faith, compassion for others, and medical skills guided him to the field of medical missions. He began volunteering with the faith-based charity World Medical Mission in May 1996, traveling to Kenya, performing cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries. Working with World Medical Mission and BethanyKids in the years since, Dr. Wade has traveled to Kenya 25 times, South Sudan three times, Egypt twice, South Sudan twice, and Myanmar to perform these surgeries. Frequently operating in areas undergoing political and social unrest and lacking the comforts of home, he conducts an average of four surgeries a day during twelve-hour shifts in the operating room.

His selfless and humble service to others has been a gift in the lives of many, from the children who benefit from his medical skills to the colleagues inspired by his example. I commend Dr. Wade for his good works and for the generous and caring spirit in which he has done them.

RECOGNIZING TAYLOR BOYER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, for nearly two decades, the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Student Program has afforded qualified American students the ability to study abroad. To date, over 28,000 outstanding Americans representing 1,300 colleges and universities have studied in over 150 countries as part of this program. Students selected represent diverse backgrounds and engage in a unique educational experience that gives them skills re-

lated to national security and economic competitiveness.

I rise today to recognize the prestigious accomplishment of my constituent, Taylor Boyer of Doylestown, who received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad in Belize during the 2017–2018 academic year while a student at Delaware Valley University.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate Taylor on this outstanding achievement.

HONORING TEACHER OF THE YEAR DONNA GRADEL

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in honor of an outstanding educator. Oklahoma's 2018 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Donna Gradel, a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Gradel has dedicated nearly 30 years of her life to education. The success of her students at Broken Arrow High School reflects the passion and dedication that Ms. Gradel brings to teaching.

Oklahoma is home to many wonderful educators. Ms. Gradel is a standard-bearer of educational excellence in my state and my district, and she continues to impress us and her peers across the country.

Ms. Gradel is well-deserving of her position as a finalist for Teacher of the Year. She represents Oklahoma and our country well and has the support of our entire delegation.

Congratulations to Ms. Gradel on this profound honor.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASIMO CORPORATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 30th anniversary of Masimo Corporation, a healthcare technology company based in Irvine, California, and to celebrate its innovation and commitment to improving patient safety around the world. Masimo has helped solve the "unsolvable" by introducing lifesaving breakthroughs in noninvasive patient monitoring.

Masimo's founder, chairman, and chief executive officer, Joe Kiani, immigrated to the United States when he was 9 years old and only spoke three words of English. Originally trained as an electrical engineer, he thrived in his new home and graduated early from both high school and San Diego State University.

In 1989, at age 24, Mr. Kiani had an idea that would significantly improve the accuracy and reliability of one of the most commonly used monitoring technologies in health care: the pulse oximeter. By attaching to your finger, the pulse oximeter measures how much oxygen is in the blood within seconds. With a \$40,000 loan against his condo in Orange

County, Mr. Kiani started his company in a location that many successful California companies often do—in a garage. Today, Masimo Corporation's Irvine headquarters can be recognized as the set for Stark Enterprises in the first "Iron Man" movie.

Before Masimo Corporation was founded, pulse oximeters frequently produced false alerts based on a variety of factors and the patient's movements. Mr. Kiani applied a technology called adaptive filters, used in submarine warfare and communication, and created Masimo SET Measure-through Motion and Low Perfusion pulse oximetry. This technology reduced false alarms by 95 percent, and its high degree of sensitivity pioneered new findings—from previously undetectable heart problems in newborns to reducing blindness in premature babies by enabling clinicians to better target oxygen levels provided in neonatal care.

Since its founding, Masimo has grown into a successful publicly traded company employing more than 4,600 people worldwide, with annual revenues of nearly \$800 million. The company has more than 600 patents, and Masimo's technology improves the health outcomes of an estimated 100 million patients worldwide each year.

The journey of Mr. Kiani and Masimo is an American story rooted in entrepreneurial spirit and grit. Its worldwide success has created jobs, nurtured research, and improved patient safety. On behalf of the 45th Congressional District, congratulations for 30 years of providing lifesaving and life-altering health care.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S 20TH ANNUAL SNAPSHOT DAY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day. This annual event brings volunteers together at over 250 sampling sites on the central coast of California as they collect valuable data on the water quality of the watersheds that drain into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The first Snapshot Day was organized in 2000 when the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary collaborated with the Coastal Watershed Council and the Center for Marine Conservation to organize a volunteer effort to better understand land-based sources of ocean pollution in the sanctuary. With a better understanding of the sources of pollution from the 10 watersheds directly connected to the sanctuary, local agencies, stakeholders, and citizens can better protect the water quality along 276 miles of shoreline across four coastal counties that are home to more than 1.8 million residents. These protected waters support a wealth of biological diversity, coastal scenery, and recreational and business opportunities.

Snapshot Day depends on a small army of volunteers who measure bodies of water for temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and turbidity and collect samples that

will be tested in a laboratory for nutrients and bacteria levels. These assessments test the overall health of the water as well as any threats to aquatic organisms, fish, and humans. Through this work, volunteers become environmental stewards and ambassadors for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and local watersheds. Since 2000, a total of 3,783 volunteers have donated 18,915 hours of their time to monitor any of the Snapshot Day sites.

Since its beginning in 2000, Snapshot Day has shown how engaged volunteers can make a critical impact in their community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as they celebrate their 20th Snapshot Day.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Polish American Congress. I am pleased to recognize such an esteemed organization that has enriched the cultural landscape of our nation and strengthened America's friendship with Poland. I am proud to have worked closely for many years with Polish American Congress President Frank Spula in Chicago.

Established near the end of World War II, the Polish American Congress gave voice to the shared Polish-American interest in a free Poland and in defeating the Axis powers. After World War II ended, the organization played a leading role in international efforts to secure a prosperous and independent post-war Poland. During the Cold War, the organization engaged in further work to bolster relations between our two countries, through pushing for American recognition of the Polish western border, securing support for Radio Free Europe, and advocating on behalf of Polish immigrants.

Today, the Polish American Congress stands as a federation of over 3,000 Polish American organizations including veteran, cultural, professional, religious, and social associations, and represents over 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Throughout its rich history, the Polish American Congress has been highly successful in ensuring strong economic cooperation and promoting civic, educational, and cultural programs to further artistic and intellectual exchanges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Polish American Congress on its 75th anniversary. Chicagoland is fortunate to have the most robust Polish-American community in our nation. I am proud to be a Polish-American and to represent so many others in my district. I have witnessed firsthand the exceptional contributions of the Polish American Congress. I know this organization will continue its important work for many years into the future.

RECOGNIZING JASMINE WATT, DELEGATE TO THE 2019 CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Carol Watt on her nomination and selection as a Delegate to the 2019 Congress of Future Medical Leaders. She will represent the great State of Georgia and White County High School at the event in Boston, Massachusetts.

Selection as a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible honor. The goal of the Congress is to identify high-achieving high school students who aspire to become physicians or medical scientists and provide them with the guidance and mentorship needed to succeed.

To become a Delegate, one must have a proven record of academic achievement. Jasmine greatly exceeded that requirement with her near-perfect GPA. While maintaining a stellar GPA, Jasmine also participates in the White County High School concert and marching bands as a percussionist.

From an early age, Jasmine was always intrigued by the possibility of a career in the medical profession. Inspired by her mother, a law enforcement officer, she originally expressed interest in forensic sciences but later turned her attention to becoming a nurse in the operating room, where her aunt works.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an incredible opportunity for Jasmine to acquire the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the medical profession. I am proud to congratulate her on this well-deserved honor, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE ANCESTRAL REBURIAL HOSTED BY THE GULLAH SOCIETY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 36 individuals of African descent whose remains were unearthed at Gaillard Center in Charleston, South Carolina in 2013. These souls, whose stories are unknown, were buried in unmarked graves and their resting site was later buried under construction as the city grew. While they may have been forgotten in their time, they are not forgotten today. I commend the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston for honoring these individuals by holding a naming ceremony and ancestral reburial celebration to honor these souls and recognize their contributions to Charleston's history.

What we do know is that these 36 individuals—men, women and children—were either born in Africa or were of African descent. Thanks to the efforts of the Gullah Society, analysis has been done that dates the original burial of these souls to between 1750 and 1800. Yet the site was never recognized as a

burial ground. These souls were almost certainly enslaved people and endured prejudices and abuses throughout their life.

Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his great work *Democracy in America*; "The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults." The reburial celebration is one step towards acknowledging this important part of history and repairing this fault.

We have an obligation to preserve the rich history of this country. Celebrations like this provide an opportunity to rejoice in the continued preservation of not just historic events but of the people who made this country what it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating this historic occasion that recognizes the contributions of these 36 souls and all of the similarly situated that they represent. Without the vigilance of the Gullah Society and the City of Charleston this recognition would not be possible; and I add my enduring gratitude for the tremendous work they have done to make this day possible.

THE PASSING OF JUDGE DAMON KEITH

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Judge Damon Keith. He was a great American and a brilliant federal judge.

Over the years, I had the honor of meeting Judge Keith a few times. He was always gracious and thoughtful.

Appointed by Presidents Johnson and Carter, Judge Keith worked for more than half a century to help our nation realize the dream of a more perfect union.

He spent every single day committed to helping our country respect the dignity, worth, and equality of every human being—whether it was their right to vote, education, housing, employment, or privacy.

Madam Speaker, today, my thoughts are with his family, friends, and community, who were kind enough to share this amazing man with a grateful nation.

RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STAN FURMAN

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize the Honorable Stan Furman who passed away on April 1, 2019 at the age of 87 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The two-term Arizona State Senator was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1932 and experienced a humble, often difficult upbringing. He lost both his parents before he turned 10 years old and spent his formative years in the Vista Del Mar orphanage in Los Angeles.

This experience shaped him, contributing to his strong beliefs in justice and equal rights. It formed Stan's social conscience as he developed a profound need to stand up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves. That

time also instilled his deep love and appreciation of his family and friends—people he never took for granted.

From 1952 to 1956, Stan served our country in the U.S. Air Force which took him to Japan during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, Stan moved to Mexico City where he earned a degree in business and foreign trade from Mexico City College. His time in Mexico would forever change the course of his life.

It was there that he met Gloria, his soulmate and wife of 58 years. They married in Mexico City in 1960 and moved back to California where Stan worked for a fabric wholesaler. Their three children were born in California.

In 1969, the Furman family moved to Phoenix where Stan opened and managed a new branch for the fabric company. After some years in Arizona, Gloria entered local politics as a volunteer, which inspired Stan to get involved and ultimately led to him running for public office himself.

Stan was elected to the Arizona State Senate and served two terms from 1991 to 1995. During his tenure, Stan focused on the issues that were instilled in him early on: civil rights, criminal justice, education. He served with compassion and dignity, always motivated by doing the right thing. He advocated for the 1992 referendum to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a paid state holiday in Arizona—an accomplishment that made him incredibly proud. And between his lawmaking, he found time to volunteer, and encouraged his colleagues in the legislature to volunteer at a local elementary school, too.

After leaving elected office, Stan's passion for service never wavered. He served on many Arizona boards and commissions and worked for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Following many years of extensive work with the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, Stan served as the President of ACLU Arizona from 2002 to 2006 and was honored to be named Arizona Civil Libertarian of the Year in 1995. He also served for several years on the National ACLU Board of Directors. It was no surprise, when in 1998; Stan was named "Mediator of the Year" by the Phoenix Community Mediation Program.

In his personal life, Stan was a man of many passions. He was an avid tennis player and golfer, quick-witted and a natural joke teller. He loved crossword puzzles and all word games. He enjoyed playing board games and online games with his children and grandchildren. He loved going to the beach while enjoying time at the family's vacation home in Rocky Point, Mexico. But those close to Stan knew that his work brought him as much joy as any of his hobbies. Stan Furman is survived by his wife and love of his life, Gloria, his daughters Diane (Randy) and Susan, his son Phil (Deb), his grandsons Spencer, Dylan, Nate, Harrison, Alex (Jessi), Hugo and Oscar, and his great-granddaughter Cheyanne.

Stan had a life well lived and will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE POLISH HIGHLANDERS ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICA ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America as the organization prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary. It is a privilege to represent so many Polish Highlanders and to have the organization's headquarters just a few blocks from my district.

The Polish Highlanders Alliance traces its roots back to 1929 when its first chapter, known as a circle, was founded in Chicago. Since its inception, the Alliance has sought to organize Polish Highlanders throughout North America into a unified Highlander family. For the last 90 years, members of the Alliance have worked hard to preserve the unique cultural heritage of the Polish Highland region, including music, dance, folk costumes, and other traditions. Through the years, the organization has grown to over 80 circles throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Today, the Polish Highlanders Alliance is headquartered on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Highlander Home on Archer Avenue. The Alliance organizes many cultural events for the Highlander and the Polish-American community including the Highlander Picnic which attracts nearly 3,000 people every year. For its numerous cultural activities, the Alliance has received awards including the Gloria Artis Cultural Achievement Medal. The medal was awarded by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland for the Alliance's distinguished contributions to Polish culture. In addition to cultural activities, the Polish Highlanders Alliance raises money to provide assistance to churches, schools, and other establishments within Poland and the Highland region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all that the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America does to promote unique Polish cultural traditions and to support strong ties between Poland and the U.S. The members' devotion to their community and their mission is commendable and I wish them the best as they continue to impart their traditions for generations to come. One hundred years (Sto lat).

PRAISING THE PERSEVERANCE OF BRIAN SCHNELLE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Brian Schnelle who will graduate from college on Saturday at the age of 30.

Brian had a rough start in life and has overcome many obstacles. Born in Modesto, California, in a hospital serving a mostly indigent population, baby Brian and his biological mother somehow made it to a Truckstops of America near downtown Nashville. There his mother got into an altercation and was jailed

and Brian ended up in foster care. After months of custody battles, his mother left town and the Schnelle family of Nashville was free to adopt the three-year-old on July 3, 1991.

As a toddler, Brian loved books, cars, and trains and every Kidsongs video on the market. His new family took him to the library, read him books and took him where he could see trains, planes and 18-wheelers. But it was clear Brian had health issues, including needing breathing treatments for asthma, and he was labelled as having ADD, ADHD and finally Asperger's Syndrome. Brian was verbal but lacked many of the social skills of kids his age. School was not easy, but Brian's eventual academic success came about when he began attending Genesis Academy which could meet his special needs. Brian graduated with a regular high school diploma after taking the Tennessee Gateway Test three times. It was then he announced he wanted to go to college and major in sports management. Brian had always been an avid fan of University of Tennessee sports—especially women's basketball, women's volleyball and women's softball.

Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville was the best choice for Brian to pursue his dream of getting a college degree. The University has recognized his efforts by creating a special award, the Brian Schnelle Perseverance Award, which will be presented annually to future persistent students. It took 12 years, but Brian graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management—with honors—on Saturday.

I want to congratulate Brian and the entire Schnelle family, including his sister, my legislative assistant Alex Schnelle, for this major accomplishment, and wish them all a bright future.

CONGRATULATIONS GARY WALTERS

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Gary Walters. On May 18, 2019, Coach Walters will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of his tremendous career as the head basketball coach at Newark High School in Licking County, Ohio.

Over the course of his twenty-seven years coaching the Newark Wildcats, Gary and his athletes racked up a 477–199 record, winning twelve league championships, 17 sectional championships, seven district championships and 1 regional championship. As a result of his efforts, Gary was elected Ohio Coach of the year in both 1992 and 1999.

Gary's results on the court were only possible through his dedication to his players off the court. He set high standards and helped generations of young men achieve them. Having grown up as a multi-sport athlete himself, Gary knew all too well the special impact a good coach can have on those under his charge. By investing in their character, studies, and personal wellbeing, Gary set himself apart as a model coach and mentor.

Over the years I've known Coach, he has reflected the highest virtues we admire in public service. In addition to his years as an educator and coach, Gary continues to serve his

community—now in his fifth elected term as the Clerk of Courts for his home county. His dedication and perseverance can serve as an inspiration to us all.

I'm proud to join in recognizing Coach Walters as he receives this fitting tribute to his legacy of achievement and service. Congratulations to my friend on being inducted into the 2019 class of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN G.
MOUSHEGIAN

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in tribute to Stephen G. Moushegian of Salem, Virginia, a hero of the Vietnam War who died on March 22 at the age of 74.

Born on January 22, 1945, Steve was not a stranger to military life in his younger years, as his father had graduated from West Point and served in World War II. Steve began his service in the U.S. Army as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Georgia. Upon commissioning, he entered flight school and excelled as a pilot.

When Steve was deployed to Vietnam, he opted for a risky assignment: flying helicopters for reconnaissance missions. He quickly proved his courage and skill at the task. Although the North Vietnamese would target his helicopter as it scouted for U.S. forces, he would persist in reconnoitering their positions, even at times after his helicopter was hit by enemy fire. His daring missions gathered valuable intelligence for the U.S. military and earned him several decorations, including a Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, and Distinguished Flying Cross.

In September 1969, Steve's helicopter took enemy fire, and he was wounded in the arms, shoulder, and left eye. The eye injury blinded him in that eye, so he was sent home with a Purple Heart. Notwithstanding the serious injuries he sustained, he treasured his service to the country he loved.

Steve worked as a medical salesman after his service in the Army, and occasionally I would have the pleasure of joining him and his lunch buddies. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ricki, his children Jeff, Christie Shaps, and Suzi, and six grandchildren. His son Jeff served in the Army after graduating from Virginia Military Institute, and his grandson also plans on a military career after completing his course of study at the same institution. We all can take inspiration from the life of Steve Moushegian, a loving father, husband, and patriot who served his country in the skies over Vietnam with valor.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF LEONARD MCNEIL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of

Leonard McNeil, a long-time resident of West Contra Costa County.

Leonard first discovered his passion for advocacy while attending California State University, Fresno and was a founding member of the campus's Black Student Union. A strong opponent of the Vietnam War, Leonard protested the draft by moving to Canada, where he helped create the Vancouver Black Action Group and demonstrated against the Vietnam War and British and Canadian imperialism.

After returning to the United States in the 1970s, Leonard completed a vocational program at the University of California, Berkeley and was an ironworker for over 15 years. In that capacity, he worked within his union to fight the exploitation of immigrant workers and end discriminatory practices.

Leonard then pursued a career in local politics and served on the San Pablo City Council. During his tenure, McNeil helped create affordable housing programs, pushed for free public internet access, created the San Pablo Economic Development Corporation, and supported programs that aimed to improve relations between the police department and the community.

Leonard was also a professor of Political Science at Contra Costa College, a position he held for nearly 10 years. As a professor, he pushed students to think critically and engage in political discussions.

Leonard will be sorely missed and his lasting impact will long be remembered in the East Bay community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA RANGER CHALLENGE TEAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of North Georgia's (UNG) Ranger Challenge team for placing third overall in the 2019 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition.

The Sandhurst competition is the world's premier international military skills competition with over 50 teams traveling to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point each year to compete against the best military academies in the world. The competition is designed to test each team's mental, physical and leadership readiness that is necessary to foster group cohesiveness and achieve excellence.

Established in 1873, the University of North Georgia is one of the six senior military colleges in the United States. The University established the ROTC program in 1916, and their Corps of Cadets currently encompasses over 700 members. These cadets compete and succeed on a national scale, winning the ROTC cup for the second year in a row and placing third overall out of 49 teams. UNG was the only team not from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to finish in the top five, and they finished ahead of 14 of West Point's 16 teams, in addition to teams from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Coast Guard.

As an alumnus of the University of North Georgia, I know the level of commitment and

courage it takes for the Corps of Cadets to compete on a world stage. With the team improving from their Fourth Place position in 2018, it is no surprise that they are already diligently working to achieve first place in the coming years.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to congratulate the University of North Georgia Ranger Challenge team for their success. They continue to produce hard-working and dedicated cadets that serve our country honorably in the United States and abroad.

JIM GORMAN RETIREMENT

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of James "Jim" Gorman, in honor of his retirement from the Gorman-Rupp Company in Mansfield, Ohio.

Since its founding in 1933, the Gorman-Rupp Company has been known worldwide for its quality pumps and pump systems. When Jim first joined the board of directors in 1946, he began a journey spanning more than seven decades. For 73 years, Jim has worked tirelessly to uphold the renowned Gorman-Rupp Company reputation and build its global success.

Jim's service didn't begin in the private sector, however. In 1942, amidst the height of World War II, Jim answered his nation's call and joined the United States Army as a C-47 cargo plane pilot, where he risked life and limb to defend the principle of freedom. His lifelong dedication to service for his country and community didn't end there. After World War II, Jim served in the Air Force Reserves until the Guard unit was opened in June 1948, where he served until 1956.

After his time in the military, Jim returned home to Mansfield, Ohio to devote himself to the eponymous company his father co-founded. As a salesman, Jim traveled the country selling the pumps and pump systems the Gorman-Rupp Company designs and manufactures. It didn't take long for Jim's staunch work ethic to earn him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

As far back as 1948, Jim has repeatedly been quoted as saying he believes in treating his employees as he would like to be treated. This unwavering commitment to his employees remains through this very day and sets an example for job creators everywhere.

Jim's life and career are marked by decades of profound, yet humbly-and dutifully-carried-out service to others. I'm confident that's Jim's impact will be an enduring one, and that his work will be cherished by generations to come.

I thank James "Jim" Gorman for bringing honor to Mansfield, Ohio, and in turn I honor him for his incredible record of achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Marion County, Florida.

I have the honor of representing part of this county, alongside Representatives NEAL DUNN and DANIEL WEBSTER.

For the past 175 years, Marion County has been at the heart of Florida's rich history and continues to be an important part of Florida today. The county boasts significant economic development and the title of "Horse Capital of the World."

Marion County is constantly growing and is an industry leader in the agriculture, equine and forestry industries. The success of these industries can be attributed to the hard-working and dedicated individuals in the community.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary, we must reflect on the contributions that Marion County has made to the great state of Florida and the nation. I look forward to the continued success of the Marion County community. Congratulations.

RESPONDING TO THE CHABAD OF POWAY SYNAGOGUE ATTACK

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark a tragic day for San Diegos, Californians, and all Americans.

On the last day of Passover and exactly six months since the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, yet another attack took place, once again by an evil, hate-filled, anti-Semitic individual who was armed with an assault rifle. At the Chabad of Poway Synagogue located just outside of my district in Southern California, Mrs. Lori Kaye was senselessly murdered, and three other people were seriously injured.

There were many heroes on that day, including an off-duty Border Patrol Agent and an Army veteran who helped stop the gunman, and I am so grateful to them for saving lives and helping their community.

Our response to this attack cannot end now that the violence in Poway is over. It is up to each and everyone one of us—elected officials and everyday citizens alike—to confront the hate, bigotry, and anti-Semitism that persists in our society.

We must also take strong and decisive action to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country. Earlier this year, the House passed HR8, which would put common sense gun safety measures in place. We know it will help end the plague of senseless gun violence, and I implore the Senate to take up this bipartisan legislation immediately.

We need to bring together members of all religions, backgrounds, and political parties to address the hate and violence behind this attack, and that's what I intend to do over the coming weeks, months, and years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEWTON APPLE TREE PLANTED AT BILLY EARL DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, as the Chairwoman of the House Committee

on Science, Space, and Technology, I am proud to have the opportunity to donate a direct descendant of the apple tree that inspired Sir Isaac Newton's theory of gravity to Billy Earl Dade Middle School in honor of Arbor Day 2019. In the past several years, Billy Earl Dade Middle School has become a national example of how strong campus leadership and the surrounding community can vastly improve the quality of education and experience offered to students.

I'd like to thank the National Institute of Standards and Technology for making this donation possible by providing a sapling from their Newton apple tree in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

In the mid-17th century, while on leave from Cambridge University, Isaac Newton was sitting beneath a tree when he saw an apple fall to the ground. This moment captured his curiosity, and he began to wonder if the same force that drew the apple towards the center of the earth similarly affected the moon and the planets. It was that day that inspired Newton to begin development of his law of universal gravitation. Nearly three and a half centuries later, scientists are still trying to understand gravity.

Just as the ancestor of this tree inspired Sir Isaac Newton, who went on to formulate his laws of motion and become one of the most esteemed and influential scientists of all time, I hope this apple tree inspires the students, faculty, and mentors that attend and visit Billy Earl Dade Middle School to continue acting as role models in the community and to pursue new ideas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.