

from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright, and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER
SUZANNE TOOLAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sister Suzanne Toolan, a longtime force for education and social justice within my district. She is being honored by her friends with the Catherine McAuley Award for her dedication to the education of young women. I join in their joy and celebration of her decades in service.

I first met Sister Suzanne while a student at Mercy Burlingame. She taught chorale, a subject for which I was singularly unqualified. However, as my fellow students noted, Sister Suzanne was a patient and inspiring teacher. The Mercy choir is known throughout the San Francisco Peninsula for its inspiring repertoire and joyful music, particularly during Christmas and other holidays. Sister Suzanne was the heart and soul of a generation of choral singers, providing spiritual and contemporary pieces for the girls to perform.

Her role in chorale, and the impact that she had on students, was only one measure of her long career. Sister Suzanne is the composer of the hymn entitled, "I Am the Bread of Life," a deeply moving piece that inspires Catholic and other Christian congregations around the globe. Sister put the words of Jesus to music in 1964 during her free period between two classes. The San Francisco Archdiocese was to hold an event and Sister wished to contribute.

As she later stated, she didn't initially like her work so when the bell rang for her to go back to class she ripped up the song and tossed it into the wastebasket. A student, who was nearby, came out of the infirmary and said, "What was that? It was beautiful!" So, Sister retrieved the song, scotch taped it together, and submitted it.

It may be irreverent to say so, but in January of 1964 the Beatles song "I Want To Hold Your Hand" hit No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 Chart. However, for many of us, that song couldn't hold a candle to Sister Suzanne's "I Am the Bread of Life." The church has its relics, but in this instance the workpiece of the Beatles is the relic and that of Sister Suzanne is a perpetually inspiring song, translated into at least 20 languages, that reminds us of the everlasting. For her work, Sister Suzanne was called an "Icon of the Second Vatican Council" and received the Benedictus Award from the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of San Jose, presented by Bishop Patrick McGrath, in 2016.

As noted by her supporters and friends, Sister Suzanne is also the author of a book enti-

tled Canticles and Gathering Prayers, a composite of services and canticles written for groups gathered in prayer. Her work allowed Catholics to understand their faith in the vernacular, making faith more accessible.

Sister Suzanne is immensely well educated. She holds a master's degree in humanities and a second master's degree from San Francisco State University. She did compositional work at Michigan State University, liturgical study at the University of Notre Dame, and choral work with Robert Shaw at San Diego State University. She introduced Taize Prayer and worship to the West Coast in 1983. After her stellar career at Mercy Burlingame, Sister Suzanne founded Catherine's Center, a transitional house for women released from prison. It is a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo County.

I recently viewed a photo of Sister Suzanne during her era as a Mercy Burlingame teacher. She was swinging her baton and had a smile from ear to ear. Music has the power to inspire us to great deeds. Sister Suzanne conveyed that power in overwhelming force to impressionable minds seeking the knowledge of math, science, literature, and leadership. These are core subjects at Mercy Burlingame, and core subjects of any young woman seeking to come into her own as a young adult. Sister Suzanne never let them down. I know because I was one of those young women who was captivated by Sister Suzanne's powerful spirituality and joyful musical grace.

As we reflect upon her life, I cannot offer her a musical analogy to illustrate her impact upon her students and the world. However, I can offer an historical allusion that I believe is apt. When Churchill spoke from the floor during times of grave crisis, Parliament was roused to act and the course of western civilization was sharply and famously revised. We know that the music of Sister Suzanne Toolan, both famous and less so, inspires millions. She has never held high office in civic life but instead chose to announce the glory of the highest office that any of us may attain. Who can doubt that her accomplishments will shape our civilization for hundreds of years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ELMIRA KIWANIS CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira is a branch of Kiwanis International, a global volunteer organization dedicated to bettering the world through their communities and the children in them. Over their century-long history, the Elmira Kiwanis have had more than ten thousand local residents join them in serving their community, providing over one million hours of community service.

In their mission to better their community, the Elmira Kiwanians have partnered with a variety of local organizations. They have lent their support to groups such as the YMCA, the Arctic League, Food Bank of the Southern

Tier, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army, providing service or financial support to help make their community a better place to live. Over the last one hundred years, the Kiwanis Club of Elmira has donated more than five hundred thousand dollars to community groups and organizations.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club has been dedicated to helping children both at home and abroad. Elmira students have felt their support as the Elmira Kiwanis Club has backed programs such as the Terrific Kids and B.U.G.S (Bringing up grades) programs. Elmira Kiwanians recognize the potential of graduating high school seniors by awarding scholarships. To support children abroad, members have joined with Kiwanis International projects to benefit UNICEF.

Most recently the Elmira Kiwanis Club established the Hometown Heroes Banner program, proudly recognizing military service of more than two hundred twenty-five local men and women who have served our country and fought for our freedoms.

One hundred years of service in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Elmira Kiwanis Club 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 Elmira Kiwanis Club.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNA DIAZ-
WHITE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anna Diaz-White as she is honored by 180 Turning Lives Around at their annual celebration on May 3, 2019. Ms. Diaz-White's exemplary leadership and contributions to 180 Turning Lives Around are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

For over 40 years, 180 Turning Lives Around has provided a safe outlet for victims of domestic and sexual violence, providing shelter, resources, counseling, and advocacy. The support that the agency provides to the community is truly immeasurable and Ms. Diaz-White's 35 years of service at 180 Turning Lives Around are indicative of her dedication to the agency and the care of the individuals and families they serve.

Joining 180 Turning Lives Around in 1985, Anna Diaz-White brought her experience from the financial sector to the non-profit in her role as Fiscal/Grant Administrator. Less than 10 years later, Ms. Diaz-White was unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees to serve as 180's Executive Director. Under her leadership, the agency has grown immensely, serving over one million people and expanding its outreach and services. Her vision and innovative thinking have created new standards of service in the field and serve as a model for other domestic violence agencies in New Jersey.

With her direction, 180 Turning Lives Around has built one of the largest and most inclusive domestic violence shelters in New Jersey, engaged and educated local law enforcement, created the Monmouth Family Justice Center, Amanda's Easel Creative Arts

Therapy Program, and the Shore Regional Outreach Program, among many other programs and initiatives. Ms. Diaz-White's advocacy and professional relationships have established important partnerships within the community to enable 180 to offer integrated services that have changed countless lives.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking Anna Diaz-White and 180 Turning Lives Around for their invaluable impact on the community.

HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF WALTER "SKIP" CAMPBELL AND ROY TRACHTENBERG

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the lives and service of two outstanding individuals: my constituents, Roy Trachtenberg and Walter "Skip" Campbell.

Skip Campbell was known as a monumental warrior for justice who made a significant mark on the world. Skip served his community in the Florida Senate from 1996 to 2006, before his election as Mayor of Coral Springs in 2014. His leadership was paramount in ensuring the success and wellbeing of our community.

A South Florida native, Roy Trachtenberg served as an administrator in the New York School system, where he devoted 35 years to helping students succeed. He moved back to Florida where he served as the Dean of Education for a community college trade school, where he developed a curriculum to upgrade the skills of workers displaced due to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Through their public service, each honoree has touched countless lives and made a lasting impact on our South Florida community. In recognition of this service, the Coral Spring/Parkland Democratic Club have honored their memories by designating their annual service and leadership awards as the Roy Trachtenberg Service Award and the Skip Campbell Leadership Award.

Skip and Roy are truly deserving of this honor. I am glad to see their legacies of service preserved and used as a paradigm for those who follow them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, while on a fact-finding mission to South America to conduct oversight of U.S. assistance and assess the situation at the Venezuela border, I encountered unforeseen problems leaving the country. As a result, I missed roll call votes No. 171 and No. 172.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 171, and YEA on Roll Call No. 172.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATHAN EDGERTON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Edgerton as he receives the North Texas in DC Internship Program Legacy Award.

The NTDC Program connects University of North Texas students with internship opportunities in our nation's capital. Nathan began his long career in public service as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Since then, he has spent more than a decade helping government and nonprofit organizations with strategic planning, grants, and community resource management.

Currently, Nathan serves as a Bureau Planner for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State. In this role, he manages the foreign assistance budget planning and justification process for the department's \$7 billion budget that includes economic, multilateral, law enforcement, and security assistance programs that support U.S. foreign policy objectives and interests throughout the Middle East and North Africa. He previously served as a Grants Management Officer supporting economic and public diplomacy programs in NEA and the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

Additionally, Nathan served North Texans as the Director of Health Grants at the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, supporting community organizations striving to improve health outcomes for children and families in Dallas, Collin, Rockwall, and southern Denton counties. He earned his B.A. in political science and M.P.A. with a focus in nonprofit management from UNT.

Throughout his career, Nathan has been known for his expertise, dedication, and hard work. I am grateful that the NTDC Program connected him with my office years ago, and I congratulate my fellow UNT alum on his many achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN G. ULLMAN AND ASSOCIATES

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of John G. Ullman and Associates, and congratulate them on the grand opening of their new office.

In 1978, John G. Ullman set out to build a new kind of wealth management firm that would provide unprecedented service and support to meet all of a family's financial needs. Their mission is to be the guiding force that helps their clients make dreams become reality while maintaining the highest level of integrity and accountability. We are proud to say this commendable institution is headquartered in our hometown of Corning, New York.

John G. Ullman and Associates provides financial planning that helps families prepare for their future. They recognize the importance of

family and work to build close, trusting relationships on a multi-generational level. Their unique values have led John G. Ullman and Associates on the path of success and they have expanded that success to branches in Rochester, Rhinebeck, and most recently to their new office in Big Flats, New York. We commend their spirit of growth and the work they do to grow the economy in our communities.

Forty years of serving in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate John G. Ullman and Associates 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 commemorate the fortieth anniversary of John G. Ullman and Associates.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I was absent April 29, 2019 through May 2, 2019. If I were present, I would have voted on the following: Roll no. 168—H.R. 91—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA; Roll no. 169—JOURNAL—On Approving the Journal: YEA; Roll no. 170—H.R. 1876—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: YEA; Roll no. 171—H. Res. 328—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution: YEA; Roll no. 172—H. Res. 329—On ordering the previous question: YEA; Roll no. 173—H. Res. 329—On agreeing to the resolution: YEA; Roll no. 174—H. Res. 304—On motion to table the measure: YEA; Roll no. 175—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Espallat Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 176—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Gosar Amendment No. 10: NAY; Roll no. 177—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Gosar Amendment No. 11: NAY; Roll no. 178—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Porter Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 179—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Fletcher Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 180—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Schrier Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 181—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Van Drew Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 182—H.R. 9—On Agreeing to the Engel Amendment: YEA; Roll no. 183—H.R. 9—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: NAY; Roll no. 184—H.R. 9—On Passage: YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF APRIL BLANKENSHIP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Representatives PETER A. DEFazio, VIRGINIA FOXX, JUAN VARGAS, VAN TAYLOR, ADAM KINZINGER, JOHN R. MOOLENAAR, RODNEY DAVIS, and TED S. YOHO, DVM, in honor of the life of April Blankenship, beloved and integral staff member to this Body. April faithfully served as a shared financial administrator to Committees and personal offices; Leadership,