

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING BETTY COOPER OF BROWNING

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, with Mother's Day around the corner, I rise today to honor Betty Cooper of Browning for her advocacy for families and mental health services as well as for being named Montana's 2019 Mother of the Year by American Mothers.

Betty Cooper is the mother of five, a grandmother, and an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe. She was born and raised in Browning. In 1963, Betty moved to the San Francisco Bay area with her husband and children. There, she became involved in substance abuse prevention and treatment in the Indian community. She helped establish the American Indian Family Healing Center in Oakland, CA, and served as director for a decade.

Returning home to Montana, she helped establish the Pikuni Family Healing Center in Starr School.

Betty was among over two dozen prominent Native American advocates featured in *Surviving in Two Worlds: Contemporary Native American Voices*, a book by Lois Crozier-Hogle and Darryl Babe Wilson.

Betty has served on the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and has been an advocate for individuals with mental illness.

American Mothers, a non-profit organization founded in 1935, named Betty Montana's Mother of the Year for 2019. In her recent address at the group's annual meeting, Betty said, "Love our children; look them in the eye; hug them close and tell them you love them. When a child knows they are loved, everything else falls in place. Each of our children is a gift to us from the Creator."

Madam Speaker, truer words were never spoken.

Madam Speaker, for her dedication to family, advocacy for mental health services, and leadership in the Indian community, I recognize Betty Cooper for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE DAMON J. KEITH

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative JOHN LEWIS, along with my colleagues, Representatives KAREN BASS, ALMA ADAMS, COLIN ALLRED, G.K. BUTTERFIELD, ANDRÉ CARSON, YVETTE D. CLARKE, WM. LACY CLAY, EMANUEL CLEAVER, MARCIA L. FUDGE, ALCEE L. HASTINGS, HAKEEM JEFFRIES, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, ROBIN KELLY, GWEN MOORE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, DONALD M. PAYNE, JR., AYANNA

PRESSLEY, CEDRIC RICHMOND, LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER, BOBBY L. RUSH, BENNIE G. THOMPSON, MARC VEASEY, and Senators CORY BOOKER and KAMALA D. HARRIS, to honor the life of a great public servant, Judge Damon J. Keith. For over half a century, Judge Keith fought for justice, transparency, and civil liberties, setting an example for generations to come.

Judge Keith was born on July 4, 1922—a fitting date for someone who so staunchly believed in American Democracy. The grandson of slaves, Judge Keith was a champion for racial equality. As he grew up in Detroit, he noticed that there were no African Americans in positions of power. He served in a segregated unit in World War II. Judge Keith always understood his importance in creating a more just nation.

Damon attended Howard University, where he was mentored by future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. In 1967, he was nominated to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan by President Johnson. This nomination came at the suggestion of Michigan Senator Philip Hart, the namesake of the Hart Senate Office Building. As a federal judge, Damon worked to end segregation in Michigan. He ordered for the bussing of ten thousand African American students in Pontiac to achieve racial integration. He also ordered the city of Hamtramck to relocate 500 African Americans who were displaced during a federally supported urban renewal project.

These decisions were not popular at the time, and often resulted in Judge Keith receiving death threats. He never backed down, however, saying: "I don't scare easily." In 1977, he was nominated by President Carter to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, a position he held until his passing on April 28, 2019.

Judge Keith was a champion for government transparency. In his most famous case, he ruled that the Nixon Administration had acted unlawfully when issuing domestic wiretaps, a decision which was unanimously by the Supreme Court. In 2002, he issued an opinion on the secret deportation hearings for alleged terrorists following the September 11th attacks. In another unanimous decision, he wrote: "Democracies die behind closed doors." These wise words remind us that the United States is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

At the age of 94, Judge Keith was a firm supporter of voting rights, dissenting against voting restrictions in Ohio. He cited the sacrifices made by generations of civil rights leaders and refused to let voters be silenced after decades of struggle and perseverance. Judge Keith 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.

Judge Keith will be sorely missed, but his years of tireless service as a champion for civil rights will never be forgotten.

OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES HONOREES

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to forty-three exemplary young men and women from the First Congressional District of New York who have chosen to serve their country in the various branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. These courageous individuals will put their lives on hold to ensure the security and welfare of their fellow Americans. Their unwavering patriotism, dedication to our nation's values and sacrifice in defense of our great nation is inspiring. Each of the following students has my deepest appreciation for their service to our country, and I ask my colleagues to join me in personally recognizing:

Army, Gabriel Bernal, Bellport; Army, Ayden De Grijze, Bellport; Army, Trinity Gilkey, William Floyd; Army, Justin Guimarra, Longwood; Army, Brian Kavanaugh, Bellport; Army, Evan Marchese, William Floyd; Army, Ryan Murphy, Patchogue-Medford; Army, Johnathan Patterson, Bellport; Army, Jose Rincon, Longwood; Army, Sean Rodriguez, Bellport; Army, Maria Sanabria, Sayville; Army, Derek Smith, William Floyd; Army, Devin Stinsman, William Floyd; Army, Jahdeba Williams, William Floyd;

Marines, Danyel Anderson, William Floyd; Marines, Amy Barbecho, William Floyd; Marines, Evan Berkemeyer, William Floyd; Marines, Brandon Bratchie, William Floyd; Marines, Anthony Cespedes, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Matthew Dugan, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Jefferson Guerra, William Floyd; Marines, Christopher Hlavaty, Sayville; Marines, Dylan Lauer, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Maximus Maizus, Sayville; Marines, Patrick Malone, Patchogue-Medford; Marines, Salaahaddeen Poulos, William Floyd; Marines, Tristan Soto, William Floyd; Marines, Aaron Speeding, Longwood; Marines, Serina Wong, Longwood;

Navy, Anthony DeCarlo, Patchogue-Medford; Navy, Ryan Havel, Patchogue-Medford; Navy, Pedro Hernandez, William Floyd; Navy, Deyby Lituma Pucha, William Floyd; Navy, Ivan Lopez, Bellport; Navy, Jeffrey McFarland, Longwood; Navy, Anthony Musorofiti, Sayville; Navy, Dominic O'Brien, Bayport Blue Point; Navy, Wayne Snyder, Longwood;

Air Force, Lynda Carman, Longwood; Air Force, Joseph Cortes, William Floyd; Air Force, Richard Downes, Longwood; Eastport South Manor; Air National Guard, Carson Nagle, Bellport; Air National Guard, Ashley Raino, Longwood.

These enlistees will be recognized on May 15, 2019, at the 5th Annual "Our Community Salutes Brookhaven Town Enlistee Ceremony" at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue, N.Y.

Madam Speaker, we, as a nation, are extraordinarily grateful to each and every one of these forty-three individuals for answering the

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call of duty. Each of these young Americans has our eternal gratitude and we will never be able to adequately repay them for their service to our nation. It is my distinct honor and privilege to represent them and their families in the First Congressional District of New York. I wish them the best of luck in their respective branches and in all of their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
REIMBURSEMENT BILL

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill, which would ensure all federal employees are treated fairly and are reimbursed in a timely manner for travel expenses during a shutdown.

Good government includes ensuring that during shutdowns, essential services are still performed. Thus, during the last government shutdown, federal employees, including TSA personnel in Hawai'i, continued to make official trips in support of their important security-related duties.

Unfortunately, these employees did not receive formal guidance on how or if they would be reimbursed for the official travel expenses they paid for using their own credit cards. This could have resulted in late payments and penalties, impacted their credit scores, and increased interest rates for both their personal and government cards.

No government employee should be held liable for the government's expenses during the shutdown. They should not have to pay for government travel on their personal travel cards without knowing when, or if, they will be reimbursed. My legislation would improve government functions by ensuring federal employees do not have to personally take on these liabilities.

RECOGNIZING ANN O'HANLON'S
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
VIRGINIA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime friend and Chief of Staff, Ann O'Hanlon. Ann has served by my side as chief of staff and campaign manager over the past five years and has been the backbone of our Congressional office. She oversaw our team with outstanding leadership, and motivated and inspired them to go above and beyond every day.

Ann's distinguished career began in the Peace Corps, followed by years as a journalist for the Washington Post. She eventually made her way to the political side, serving as the Executive Director for NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia from 2003 to 2007 and then as Director of Communications for the U.S. Office of Special Counsel from 2011 until 2014. I was lucky to have Ann come on board when I first ran for Congress and she has since been indispensable to me in running a busy office that serves the citizens of Northern Virginia.

As Chief of Staff, Ann led both our D.C. and District Offices, where she fostered work environments built upon trust and respect. Under her leadership, we have some of the most active and successful communications and legislative shops on the Hill. In the District, we've created and built invaluable relationships and resolved hundreds of constituent cases.

Ann has been such a trustworthy and steady right hand to me. I cannot imagine the past five years without her superb guidance, unmatched political savvy, and unyielding support.

I have been fortunate to be warmly connected to Ann's husband, John, and her three children, Liza, Griffin, and Nikki. I am grateful to them for their patience and support. On behalf of the American people, the people of Virginia's Eighth District, and on behalf of the team that Ann has remarkably led over the past five years, I am truly grateful for her service. While I am saddened to see her leave, I have no doubt she will continue to inspire and lead wherever she goes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of my chief of staff, Ann O'Hanlon.

CONGRATULATING OKLAHOMA
STUDENTS ON ADVANCING TO
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL
FINALS

HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, maintaining America's global leadership means that we must equip our youth with the skills to meet the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) needs of the future. Two teams from Oklahoma schools, Sequoyah Middle School and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics high school students, showcased their STEM skills at the National Science Bowl finals and I want to recognize them for this achievement.

Sequoyah Middle School was represented by Alex Kelley, Jack McGill, Shirsha Mukherjee, and Billy Sweiger and led by Coaches Beth Bryan and Shaun Sweiger.

The Oklahoma School of Science and Math was represented by Peter Ha, Brad Luo, William Wang, Howard Zhong and led by their coach Dr. Fazlur Rahman.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. These teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math.

This year, 111 teams competed for a national title by demonstrating their knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Oklahoma was represented by the Sequoyah Middle School team in the middle school division and the Oklahoma School of Science and

Mathematics in the high school division. These teams worked tirelessly throughout the year and competed at the local and regional level to get to Washington, D.C. So we congratulate their efforts and celebrate their achievement, dedication, and hard work.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO DR.
FRANK AYERS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Frank Ayers for his remarkable career in education and his dedicated service to the Prescott, Arizona community. Dr. Ayers is the 7th Chancellor of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Prescott, Arizona Campus. He is a preeminent example of an educator who enriched and inspired his students every step of way. His tenure at Embry-Riddle has shaped the careers of the next generation of aviators, national security experts, and aerospace engineers.

In his 10 years as Chancellor, Dr. Ayers has dedicated his efforts to better the Embry-Riddle community by promoting the creation of new degree programs, establishing seven new athletic programs and creating a family atmosphere at the Prescott Campus. In addition, he was instrumental in working with the Prescott and Prescott Valley City Councils so that Embry-Riddle could help serve the greater Yavapai County region in the best ways possible.

This semester was Dr. Ayers last as Chancellor at Embry-Riddle. He leaves a remarkable legacy and Embry-Riddle, along with the greater Prescott community, will miss his outstanding leadership. I wish him a long and happy retirement surrounded by his family and friends, and thank him for all he has done for our community.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER JORDAN
HARRIS SHELTON

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Jordan Harris Sheldon, who was killed in the line of duty during a routine traffic stop. Mr. Sheldon honorably served the Mooresville Police Department for six years as a K-9 officer.

I know that the Mooresville Police Department and the community are heartbroken by this news, as am I. Our men and women in blue put on the uniform every day not knowing what their fate could be, yet they continue to serve their communities without question.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to represent a place like Mooresville in the United States Congress. I know I speak for the good folks in Mooresville when I say that Officer Sheldon won't be forgotten.

I'd ask you to join me in praying for Officer Sheldon, his family, the Mooresville Police Department, and the community during this difficult time.

COMMENDING STUDENTS AT MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR WORKING TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY ISSUES

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great program that is promoting civic engagement in Florida and across the country. The YMCA's Junior Youth In Government Program is a model legislative forum where students learn to write bills, as well as develop critical debate and leadership skills. In Martin County, the Junior Youth In Government Program started at Murray Middle School, and now all middle schools in Martin County have successful programs.

I want to especially recognize four students who dedicated their time in this program to addressing the water quality issues plaguing our community. Emma Mauri, Jasper Millette, KJ Thompson and Donovan Soars all recognized the pressing issues caused by polluted water and harmful algal blooms.

These students researched the issues thoroughly, proposed policy changes and successfully got their bills passed. They exemplify the kinds of future leaders we need in our government because they understand that protecting our environment is also essential to defending human health and strengthening our economy.

Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Emma, Jasper, KJ and Donovan on their success, and I also hope these programs will continue to expand to give even more students the opportunity to learn more about how citizens can participate in our government.

RECOGNIZING THE 44TH CAPITAL PRIDE CELEBRATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 44th Capital Pride Celebration, which will take place on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. From May 31 to June 9, 2019, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and others (LGBTQ+) communities and their allies in the National Capital Region will "shhhOUT, Past, Present & Proud."

On Father's Day of June 15, 1975, Deacon MacCubbin, owner of the Lambda Rising Bookstore in Dupont Circle began Gay Pride Day as a block party on 20th Street, between R and S Streets NW. Pride Day outgrew the curbs and sidewalks of 20th Street and moved to Francis Junior High School in 1980. The next year, a Pride Parade from Meridian Hill Park to Dupont Circle joined the renamed Gay and Lesbian Pride Day.

Over the years, the Pride festival has changed both in location and participation. In 1995, Pride Day moved to Freedom Plaza and on Sunday, June 8, 1997, a retitled Capitol Pride Festival opened on Pennsylvania Avenue. In 1991, D.C. Black Pride joined the Pride Celebration followed by Youth Pride in

1997. As momentum grew, D.C. Leather Pride began in 2006, while Transgender and Latinx Pride began in 2007. This year, Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) inaugurate API Pride, and seniors over 60 years of age observe Silver Pride.

Each June, Capital Pride recognizes individuals and organizations that have advanced causes important to the LGBTQ+ community in the National Capital Region. The Paving The Way Award acknowledges an individual or organization that has provided exemplary contributions, support or advocacy that impacts the larger LGBTQ+ community. The Alliance proudly awards the 2019 Paving The Way Award to The Washington Blade, America's LGBTQ+ Newspaper of Record.

The 2019 Hero Award recipients are Kimberley Bush, Director of Arts and Cultural Programs at the DC Center for the LGBT Community; Rea Carey, Executive Director of the National LGBTQ Task Force; Martin Espinoza, co-founder and President of Stonewall Sports; Ben de Guzman, Acting Director of the D.C. Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs; Amanda J. Hackett, Esq., an attorney in private practice who specializes in immigration matters for LGBTQ+ communities; and Tony "And I Thank You" Nelson, one of D.C.'s leading and most respected emcees and comedians.

Capital Pride gives the Engendered Spirit Award to outstanding advocates, activists and supporters of the transgender community. This year's recipients are: Xemiyulu Mariibusan Tapepechul, a Nawat Trans Femme from Kuskatan (El Salvador) and Larry Villegas-Perez, a Native American-Hispanic born in Venezuela. Donald Burch, III and Alan Thompson receive the Bill Miles Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The Larry Stansbury Award for Exemplary Contributions to Pride goes to Team DC, the association of LGBTQ+ sports clubs in the DMV region. Capital Pride also awarded the National Center for Transgender Equality the Breaking Barriers: Community Impact Award.

I have marched in the Pride Parade since my election to Congress. I look forward to marching this year. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 44th Capital Pride Celebration.

COMMEMORATING THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 54th anniversary of the successful national Head Start program, which empowers children to succeed across the country.

Head Start is a critical program that is based on the simple premise that every child, regardless of their socioeconomic status, should be able to succeed in life. Head Start offers education, health and nutrition services to economically disadvantaged children, as well as parenting and employment supports to their parents.

Head Start is a wise and cost-effective investment in families and communities. For

every dollar invested in Head Start by the federal government, the country realizes almost nine dollars in benefits through increased earning and reduced reliance on social programs.

In my state of Wisconsin, Head Start provides parent education, preventative health care, and home visits to nearly 17,000 Wisconsin children and families at over 280 locations statewide. In addition, just last year, Head Start provided crisis assistance to over 3,700 families in Wisconsin in the form of emergency food, clothing or shelter.

Yet, the need is much greater. In 2017, of the nearly 42,000 children in Wisconsin ages of three and five in poverty, only 31 percent had access to Head Start. Of the 50,985 children under the three in poverty, only 6 percent had access to Early Head Start. This is troubling when we know the difference that this program can make. Earlier this year, I again joined colleagues in asking the House Appropriations Committee to boost funding for Head Start.

So I commend those who have helped make this program such a vital part of communities in the past 50 plus years, the dedicated teachers, parents, and others who invest so much in our children. Madam Speaker, I commend Head Start for the difference it is making for children and families in Wisconsin and throughout the nation and urge this Congress to improve and strengthen it for another 50 wonderful years.

HONORING DR. BEVERLY WARREN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Beverly Warren, who has announced her retirement as Kent State University's 12th president.

Beverly Warren, Ph.D., Ed.D., began her tenure at Kent State on July 1, 2014. As the university's chief executive officer, President Warren oversaw one of the nation's largest university systems. Under her leadership, the university embarked upon a systemwide, inclusive process to consider a bold and distinctive future for Kent State University. The six-year plan, A Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State, is the result of this effort. With Students First named Priority One, the plan identified strategies that distinguished Kent State as an exemplar among the nation's best public research universities, with a distinctive blend of teaching, research and creative excellence.

Under Dr. Warren's leadership, the university enrolled its most academically advanced freshman class ever and has achieved record enrollment in its Honor's College program.

With a background in physical education, President Warren also has led the charge to turn Kent State into one of the healthiest campuses in the nation. She launched a series of wellness initiatives, including prohibiting smoking and tobacco use on campus as of July 2017.

Dr. Warren also leveraged her leadership throughout the Northeast Ohio community. She has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for The Cleveland Orchestra and served on the boards of directors for Team

NEO, Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education (NOCHE) and Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc. (NETO).

President Warren distinguished herself as a warm and friendly face amongst the students and staff of Kent State. Whether she's championing academics in the board room or cheering on the Golden Flashes on the field, her energy, presence, and compassion can be felt campus-wide.

I was proud to work with Dr. Warren to help secure funding to advance research efforts at Kent State. With Dr. Warren's leadership, the research being done at Kent State will go a long way to help solve real-world issues.

I thank President Warren for her service to the students and community and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF IMAM OMAR
SULEIMAN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Imam Omar Suleiman for offering the opening prayer before the House of Representatives this afternoon.

Imam Suleiman is a world renowned scholar and theologically driven activist for human rights. He is the Founder and President of the Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research and a professor of Islamic Studies at Southern Methodist University. He's also the resident scholar of the Valley Ranch Islamic Center and Co-Chair Emeritus of Faith Forward Dallas at Thanks-Giving Square, a multi-faith coalition of clergy for peace and justice. He frequently writes for CNN, USA Today, The Guardian, HuffPo, and The Dallas Morning News.

His career started in his hometown of New Orleans where he served as the Imam of the Jefferson Muslim Association in New Orleans for 6 years and directed the "Muslims for Humanity" Hurricane Katrina Relief effort. It was during this time that he was recognized on a national level as being a strong advocate of community service, interfaith dialogue, and social justice. He co-founded the East Jefferson Interfaith Clergy Association and was awarded for his outstanding civic achievement by the Mayor and City Council of New Orleans in 2010. He's also the founder of MUHSEN, a non-profit umbrella organization serving the community to establish a more inclusive "Special Friendly" environment for our brothers & sisters of all disabilities.

In July 2016, he marched with demonstrators in Dallas against the killings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. In the wake of the tragic shooting of officers after that protest, he was chosen to lead the invocation at the Presidential memorial alongside former Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush. The D-Magazine published a feature on him titled "The Religious Leader Dallas Needs." His work in bringing people together was the subject of a BBC documentary in 2016, and work with refugees in Syria featured in PBS in January 2017, and in 2016, he was a recipient of the United Nations Global Goals Award with Faith Forward Dallas. He led the airport pro-

tests in Dallas against President Trump's Muslim ban in 2017; led a group of clergy to the Mexico border that intercepted a bus of children taken from their parents under the family separation policy; and has worked closely with the families of the victims of police brutality to amplify their cause. Most recently, he was recognized by CNN as one of the 25 most influential Muslims in America and included amongst the Frederick Douglass 200 most influential Americans whose modern day work embodies the legacy of the great abolitionist.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH-
ERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board.

Southern Tier Central has been serving the communities of Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties since 1969. As a regional council, Southern Tier Central promotes coordination between the neighboring counties to provide a regional approach to improving the economy, the environment, and the quality of life for citizens of the Southern Tier. Their work to provide planning for economic development, transportation, human services, and flood assistance helps the communities of the Southern Tier grow and thrive.

The Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board provides a variety of services to the region. As the designated Local Development District of the Appalachian Regional Commission and an Economic Development District of the Economic Development Administration, Southern Tier Central is able to qualify for special grant funding and project assistance to promote important local economic and community development projects. Over the last half century, Southern Tier Central has helped to provide more than eighty-seven million dollars in grant funding and technical assistance to the region.

Fifty years of serving the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board 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 fiftieth anniversary of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mental Health Awareness

Month. Throughout May, my colleagues and I will bring attention to the impact of mental illnesses on American society, as well as Congress's role in addressing mental healthcare issues facing the country. It is an honor to collaborate with my colleagues in the Congressional Mental Health Caucus to raise awareness for mental illnesses, reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness, and create legislation that improves mental health outcomes for Americans.

Mental illnesses have a devastating effect on those struggling to live with them. This includes changes in mood, social interactions, sleep patterns, and eating habits. Sadly, the most extreme consequences of mental illness are when an individual inflicts self-injury or takes their life. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death among Americans age 24 and younger. Approximately 1.4 million Americans attempt suicide each year and over 47,000 Americans lose their lives to suicide. The United States has 3,700 suicide attempts daily and 129 suicide deaths per day. This equates to one suicide every 12 minutes.

Not only does suicide have severe emotional costs on families and communities, but also on our economy. It is estimated suicide and self-injury reduce the economic output of the United States by \$69 billion per year.

The suicide epidemic is responsible for nearly the same amount of deaths in the United States as another prevalent health crisis: the opioid epidemic. It is estimated opioids were the cause for 47,600 deaths in America, only a few hundred more than suicide. While solving the opioid crisis has received ample funding and attention, and rightfully so, reducing suicide and improving mental health treatment deserves the same recognition. Congress has a responsibility to assist individuals experiencing mental health challenges through effective legislation and research subsidies.

Congress should advance policies that increase Americans' access to mental healthcare treatment as a mechanism for preventing self-harm incidents and suicide attempts. Just one third of Americans with mental illness receive treatment. Our country is in desperate need of additional trained therapists, psychologists, and counselors. This lack of access can be partly attributed to a shortage of mental healthcare professionals in certain communities. In order to establish a more reliable supply of mental healthcare professionals, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO and I recently introduced the Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act of 2019. Our bill delivers professionals to areas that require mental healthcare experts the most by forgiving their secondary education student loans. It invests in bolstering our mental health workforce, while expanding treatment for Americans with mental illness.

Americans across the country, regardless of age, social status, or background, are affected by mental illnesses. Mental Health Awareness Month serves as an opportunity for any of my Congressional colleagues, Republican or Democrat, to join the conversation. Together, we can improve mental health outcomes for Americans across the country by engaging in thoughtful discussion and crafting efficient policies.

Finally, it is an honor to once again co-chair the Congressional Mental Health Caucus with

Congresswoman NAPOLITANO. I am grateful for her continued leadership and commitment on this issue and I look forward to further collaborating with her.

HONORING NEW ROCHELLE YMCA
120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize an institution that has helped children and families in my district for an astonishing 120 years, the New Rochelle YMCA.

On January 15, 1899 a group of New Rochelleans gathered at 56 Woodland Ave. in New Rochelle to discuss the possibility of creating a YMCA. On February 3, 1899 the New Rochelle YMCA received its article of incorporation.

The original home of the Y was located at 480-482 Main Street where a building committee was established to create a permanent home. Twenty-six years later the YMCA purchased the Hendricks property at the corner of Division St. and Burling Lane (now Memorial Highway) and began raising money to build a new site. Following the economic uncertainty of the stock market crash, the new building was completed in 1931.

A true charitable organization, the Y was involved with the soldiers at Fort Slocum during both world wars, providing them with room and board while on leave from their base, as well as providing room for the American Red Cross. Several local community organizations used the Y facility as meeting halls for their respective groups. Over the years the Y provided many programs for the New Rochelle community, with the pool being the most popular feature and by 1939 had a membership of over 2,200 people. Over the years, the Y developed a rich history in diversity.

In the 1980's they moved into its current home on 50 Weyman Avenue, a space it shared with the Boys and Girls Club.

The YMCA's presence in the community has continued to increase over the last ten years, as the focus of the Y shifted from a "swim and gym club" to a community based charitable organization, which offers affordable programs, in addition to providing financial aid for children and families in need. Currently the YMCA serves close to 5,000 members, with a great majority of seniors and children. The YMCA has developed a Universal Pre-K program in partnership with the New Rochelle school district.

The New Rochelle YMCA has served the community for 120 years. On the occasion of their anniversary, I'd like to congratulate and thank their entire team for all they have done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call

No. 185; YEA Roll Call No. 186; YEA Roll Call No. 187; and YEA Roll Call No. 188.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEXAS
A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 10th Anniversary of Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Since its establishment in 2009, A&M-San Antonio has transformed into a bustling, centralized University that has awarded over 8,000 degrees on the Southside of San Antonio, so students are prepared to take on the challenges of the 21st Century.

Additionally, the University is reflective of the rich heritage of the community it serves, with a student body that's 60-percent female, 72-percent Hispanic and 77-percent first-generation college students. I am proud to represent a University that is playing a hands-on role in moving our country forward, and I know this is only the beginning.

On behalf of the Twenty-third Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Texas A&M University-San Antonio on this achievement and go jaguars.

HONORING THE ROANOKE
TRIBUNE

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 80th anniversary of the Roanoke Tribune newspaper in Roanoke, Virginia.

Founded by Reverend F.E. Alexander in 1939, the Roanoke Tribune has played an important role in the community of Roanoke, representing the African-American community as it fought racial discrimination in the Roanoke Valley in the 20th Century.

Their tradition of strong, independent journalism which holds leaders and the powerful accountable continues today under the leadership of Reverend Alexander's daughter, Claudia A. Whitworth, and his grandson, Stanley A. Hale.

Congratulations to the Roanoke Tribune on its 80 years, and here is wishing them many more.

SUPPORT OF THE LAWYERS DEFENDING
DEMOCRACY "OPEN
LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT AND
CONGRESS"

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, while the nation has been focused on Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election and questions of presidential obstruction of justice, President Donald Trump's violation of funda-

mental principles and norms of American democracy have been far more comprehensive. In the last three months, more than 400 attorneys—including former federal and state judges, United States Attorneys, managing partners of large law firms, law deans and other distinguished lawyers from around the country—have stepped forward in a broad and unprecedented effort to defend American democracy and the rule of law against official lawlessness.

The lawyers have signed and published an "Open Letter to The President and Congress" identifying five fundamental norms and principles of our democracy which they believe the President has violated. These violations involve the President's unjustified attacks on the mainstream media, courts, law enforcement and intelligence agencies, his repeated lying to the public, and failure to respect civil discourse and peoples from all backgrounds. The Letter's Appendix cites examples of violations of each principle.

The Letter emphasizes that it is "NOT about disagreements over Republican or Democratic policies, liberal or conservative ideology, or political party advantage. The values and principles threatened here are much deeper, and are much more important, than politics, policy differences and any politician's self-interest. They're the bedrock of our American, constitutional, democratic form of government for all times."

The Letter notes that: "[u]nless challenged and checked, the pattern of disregard weakens the norms that underpin American self-government and invites unfettered Executive power—transforming the United States from a democracy to an autocracy. As members of the legal profession, pledged to support the rule of law and the constitutional separation of powers, we must not allow this to happen." I am pleased to endorse this Letter and Appendix by Lawyers Defending American Democracy, www.lawyersdefendingdemocracy.org, and include them in the RECORD.

We are fortunate that, at a time of rising authoritarianism around the world, lawyers in the United States are standing strong for the rule of law and the Constitution.

OPEN LETTER OF LAWYERS DEFENDING
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

We live at a time when America's fundamental values are under attack. As American lawyers, we're deeply concerned about protecting the democratic institutions and principles that have enabled America to be the world's preeminent beacon of freedom and opportunity.

As lawyers, we have the responsibility to defend the underlying constitutional values and norms of political behavior on which our democracy depends. These core values and principles include: the rule of law; institutional checks and balances; separation of powers; press freedom; truthfulness to the public; and the integrity of our system of justice.

Accordingly, we, as lawyers, cannot ignore or remain silent about President Donald Trump's disregard of these core values and principles. We must speak out.

Yet, we recognize that elections have consequences. This effort to energize and mobilize our legal profession is emphatically NOT about disagreements over Republican or Democratic policies, liberal or conservative ideology, or political party advantage. The values and principles threatened here go much deeper, and are much more important than politics, policy differences and any politician's self-interest. They're the bedrock of

our American, constitutional, democratic form of government.

Specifically, we call on the President to respect and honor the following fundamental principles and norms of American democracy:

Independence, integrity and the critical role of mainstream media: An independent and watchful mainstream media is, and always has been, an essential component of American democracy.

Independence, integrity, competence and nonpartisanship of the judiciary: The independence, integrity, competence and nonpartisanship of our judiciary is, and from the founding of our Nation has been, a central pillar of our democratic system.

Truthfulness of public officials: Our democracy is built on trust and telling the people the truth about public matters; the maintenance of that trust and Americans' ability to make informed and rational public decisions require our leaders to provide honest, factual information to us all.

Independence, integrity, competence and nonpartisanship of federal criminal justice and intelligence agencies, including Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI: Nonpartisan independence, integrity and competence are critical to the fairness of our federal criminal justice system and intelligence agencies.

Civil discourse and fair treatment, including the respect for rights and the dignity of all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation: Civil discourse and fair treatment, including respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals, is an essential ingredient of American democracy.

The President's attacks on these core American democratic principles undermine the foundations of our Constitution and threaten the rule of law. Unless challenged and checked, this pattern of disregard weakens the norms that underpin American self-government and invites unfettered Executive power—transforming the United States from a democracy to an autocracy. As members of the legal profession, pledged to support the rule of law and the constitutional separation of powers, we must not allow this to happen.

Fortunately, a group of prominent conservative lawyers has recently spoken out on many of these same issues through a new organization, "Checks and Balances." Now, other members of the bar must no longer remain silent.

We call on the leaders of America's bar associations, law schools, law firms and fellow lawyers nationwide to speak out, on a non-partisan basis, against these attacks on the core of our democratic constitutional form of government. As lawyers, we have a responsibility to uphold "the rule of law" and prevent "the law of rulers." Wherever you live and work—in cities, towns, rural areas, suburbs—American democracy needs to hear your voice.

APPENDIX

We list below the five fundamental principles and values of American democracy highlighted in our Open Letter to the President. Under each principle, we describe patterns or examples of behavior by the President that we believe constitute serious violations of these principles. The examples are not intended to be comprehensive and may be added to in the future.

Principle: Independence, integrity and the critical role of mainstream media.

Pattern of Violations: Nevertheless, the President has labeled the mainstream news media that have earned our trust through decades of relentless, factual reporting as the "enemy of the American people!" and has repeatedly criticized reporting he dislikes as "Fake News."

Principle: Independence, integrity, competence and nonpartisanship of judiciary.

Pattern of Violations: Nevertheless, the President has criticized "our Court System" as "broken and unfair" and has pilloried the judges and decisions of an entire Federal Circuit as "[a] terrible, costly and dangerous disgrace." He has publicly labeled a federal judge with whose decision he disagreed a "so-called judge". And he sought to undermine the public's confidence in the integrity of another federal judge—who had ruled that the President's immigration policy violated express statutory language—by calling him "an Obama judge."

Principle: Civil discourse and fair treatment, including respect for rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

Examples of Violations: Nevertheless, the President has said that there were "some very fine people on both sides" of the murderous Charlottesville white nationalists' demonstrations. He's approved the removal of thousands of children from their immigrant parents, for extended time periods, and has publicly insulted several respected African-American female journalists.

Principle: Independence, integrity, competence and nonpartisanship of federal criminal justice and intelligence agencies, including Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI.

Examples of Violations: Nevertheless, the President has attacked the DOJ for indicting Republican Congressmen for serious financial crimes because the indictments would harm the chances for reelecting Republicans. He has attacked and removed former Attorney General Jeff Sessions for lack of personal loyalty, after having previously complained that: "I don't have an Attorney General."

He has accused the special counsel's deliberate, professional, lawful investigation of Russian interference with the 2016 election as the "rigged Mueller Witch Hunt!" And, he has rejected the U.S. intelligence community's consensus finding of Russian interference in that election, because Vladimir Putin, the autocratic Russian President, told the President that there was no interference.

Principle: Truthfulness of public officials.
Examples of Violations: [. . .] The Washington Post has documented more than 7,500 "false or misleading claims" by the President.

COMMENDING THE JUNIOR YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AT MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great program that is promoting civic engagement in Florida and across the country. The YMCA's Junior Youth In Government Program is a model legislative forum where students learn to write bills, as well as develop critical debate and leadership skills. In Florida, these bills amend existing laws or create new legislation to better serve Floridians.

In Martin County, the Junior Youth In Government Program started at Murray Middle School, and now all middle schools in Martin County have successful programs. I want to especially recognize David Yankwitt. In addition to teaching American History and Civics

at Murray Middle School, he works as the coordinator for the Junior Youth In Government Program for Martin County. His work is inspiring a new generation of leaders to engage with our state in a civic-minded way.

I also want to recognize the 15 students who participated in this program at Murray Middle School and the 35 students who participated county-wide. As students continue in Junior Youth In Government, they can then move into Senior Youth In Government. South Fork, Martin County and Jensen Beach High Schools all have great student-led programs that could result in students receiving college credit and scholarships.

Madam Speaker, I hope these programs will continue to expand and give even more students the opportunity to learn more about how citizens can participate in our government.

CONGRATULATING JIM GRIFFIN ON HIS SUCCESS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HEB ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate City of Bedford Mayor Jim Griffin on his success as Chairman of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District Education Foundation's Board of Directors.

Through the guidance of its board of directors, the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District (HEB ISD) Education Foundation raises and awards private funds and community resources in support of the HEB ISD's commitment to serving its students and to educational excellence. Since its establishment in 1995, the Foundation has raised and awarded over \$855,000 in the form of grants to educators and programs within the HEB ISD.

In 2016, Jim Griffin assumed the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors, leading the foundation into a new period of success and prosperity. Acting on his passions for education and service to his community, Mayor Griffin has worked rigorously and spent countless hours on school campuses, building essential relationships with educators throughout the area. Furthermore, his efforts to secure critical funding have enabled the Foundation to effectively meet the needs of a growing student population.

Mayor Griffin's tremendous impact is apparent in the extensive and continuous outreach that he conducts on behalf of the Foundation. Throughout his time as Chairman, he has maintained the highest level of corporate and community support for the Superintendent's annual Circle of Giving Campaign. He has also expanded the Campus Liaison Program to include multiple visits to all HEB ISD campuses each year. Additionally, Mayor Griffin's work to rebrand the HEB ISD staff campaign "ARE YOU IN? Inspire, Innovate, Invest", has resulted in over 100 percent growth of both donors and donations in 2018-2019. With over 770 staff donors and \$36,000 raised this past year, every dollar from this campaign is given directly to classrooms and campuses

through the Empowered to Excel grant program.

Under Mayor Jim Griffin's stewardship, the Hurst-Euleuss-Bedford Independent School District Education Foundation has reached new heights, and will continue to help the schools and children throughout their communities for years to come. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Jim Griffin on his success as Chairman of the HEB ISD Education Foundation.

18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young student from my Congressional District, Caden Ferita from Westinghouse Arts Academy.

Caden is the winner of the 2019 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Caden's artwork, an oil painting entitled "René," was selected from a number of outstanding entries in this year's competition. In fact, 28 works from 10 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to Ms. Ferita's skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

Ms. Ferita's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Ferita's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Lillianne Taylor from Pittsburgh CAPA was awarded second place for her multi-media composition "Gabby." Caleb McCoy from Woodland Hills High School received third place for his untitled drawing with marker and pen. Nicholas Altland from Upper St. Clair High School was awarded fourth place for his photograph entitled "Over the Mon," and Hayley Shevitz from Pittsburgh CAPA was awarded fifth place for her charcoal drawing "Mystery-Pop."

Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Mackenzie Freed-DePastino from East Allegheny High School, Taya Tassone from East Allegheny High School, Kyrie Allshouse from Pittsburgh CAPA, Francesca Lojaco from Pittsburgh CAPA, and Ashleigh Smith from South Allegheny High School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition: Brian Genovesi, Khin Lwin, Anthony Provident, Bethany Rechterik, Bridget Stehle, and Jenna Velgich from Baldwin High School; Ariana Guerra from

Bethel Park High School; Amelia Bademosi from Cornerstone Christian Preparatory Academy; Makenzie Freed-DePastino, Madisyn Montgomery, Marissa Riggs, Mandy Ruffing, and Taya Tassone from East Allegheny High School; Sarah Artuhevich from Penn Hills High School; Kyrie Allshouse, Elais Freeman, Francesca Lojaco, Hayley Shevitz, and Lillianne Taylor from Pittsburgh CAPA; Kaelin Rebholz and Ashleigh Smith from South Allegheny High School; Nicholas Altland and Tori Keller from Upper St. Clair. Caden Ferita, Angelina Kukic, and Pheobe Richardson, from Westinghouse Arts Academy; and Caleb McCoy from Woodland Hills High School.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talent, imagination, and creativity. The efforts these talented students have put into expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are deeply inspiring. I hope that all of them will continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all great success in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KANSAS
CITY NATIONAL SECURITY CAM-
PUS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC), managed by Honeywell FM&T. Since their founding in 1949, KCNSC and Honeywell established a strong presence within our community, fulfilling a national security need while engaging our local workforce. Today, their campus has expanded exponentially to provide quality jobs for over 4,500 members of the Fifth Congressional District.

The Kansas City National Security Campus was created under the direction of then U.S. Senator Harry S. Truman to establish a centralized national defense operation that would be strategically located in the heart of the country—Kansas City. Seven years later, President Truman was pleased to see his vision come true when Kansas City's Bendix Corporation signed the contract to operate the local division of the Atomic Energy Commission. Growing steadily, Bendix expanded to employ 8,301 employees in the Kansas City community by 1963. Bendix became known for providing quality employment options for men and women of diverse backgrounds. As a new resident of Kansas City in 1968, I was actually employed at Bendix myself, so I am especially appreciative to this company for giving me my first opportunity in the city that I have called home for the past fifty years.

Throughout their seventy years in service, KCNSC has consistently paved the way in providing innovative solutions to some of our most pressing challenges. State of the art facilities like the Electrical Products Manufacturing Building and the Flexible Manufacturing System exhibited the foremost technological advances available at the time.

Beginning in 2013, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and Honeywell FM&T contract embarked on one of their largest and most prestigious expansions yet—the

relocation of the KCNSC campus. Since this expansion, the collaboration has remained steadfast as an integral pillar in the community. These \$9 billion facilities have enabled the already thriving KCNSC to expand exponentially, providing secure and highly sought-after jobs to a plethora of Kansas Citians. Since the opening dedication of the new facilities on Botts Road in August 2014, hundreds of employees have been added to the KCNSC family, encouraging economic growth and investment in our city. KCNSC has grown their total staff from 2,500 employees in 2015 to 4,500 employees employed there today. As a testament to KCNSC's continued efficiency, throughout the entire relocation process, the highest standards of both safety and performance were maintained, giving this branch of Honeywell and NNSA national recognition and approval. Their work during the transition was described as "better than flawless" by Plant President Chris Gentile.

Going forward, the KCNSC facility maintains the same standard of excellence and dedication to safety and sustainability as they did in 1949 while providing high quality jobs and employee satisfaction. It brings me great personal pride to have this institution located within our Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

Madam Speaker, please join me with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the Kansas City National Security Campus, managed by Honeywell FM&T, for their remarkable achievements in our community and their contributions to the security, safety, and longevity of our nation during the past seventy years.

HONORING NATIONAL ARAB
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month, a time to honor all of the incredible achievements the Arab American community has made here in America.

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture. Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants. They brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy. Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous.

Unfortunately, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. has been marred by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate speech and violence. As such, Arab American concerns, such as civil rights violations, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated through education, awareness, and, if necessary our criminal justice system. We must all join together to see a peaceful and diverse

society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

Madam Speaker, the substantial contributions and rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better, stronger nation for everyone. As someone who represents a significant Arab American population in my district, I am honored to help celebrate and recognize National Arab American Heritage Month here in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WILLIAM NATHAN SALIN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Indiana Secretary of State, William Nathan Salin who passed away on May 4th. Bill was born in Anderson, Indiana and was a dedicated public servant and lifelong Hoosier who established a community bank creating hundreds of jobs in northern and central Indiana. In addition, Bill worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Indiana students with scholarships he provided to help fund their college education.

Bill's commitment to his community and state was well known. He was the two-time recipient of Indiana's highest honor, receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash award from both Governor Dr. Otis R. Bowen and Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. Typically, the Sagamore of the Wabash honor is given for wisdom, public commitment, and a concern for the well-being of others.

After graduation from Indiana School of Business in 1954, Bill went on to join the U.S. Army, and the following year married Jane Robertson on June 4, 1955. Bill then earned a law degree from Indiana University, and he and Jane moved to Kendallville, Indiana where he began his professional career as an attorney with the law firm Findlay & Findlay. Later, Bill continued his active community involvement serving as Kendallville City Attorney.

In 1962, Bill and Jane moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Bill once again was an active community leader managing Indiana Bank's trust department. In 1968, Bill was elected as Secretary of State serving along with Governor Edgar D. Whitcomb. After completing his service as Secretary of State, Bill returned with his family to Fort Wayne.

In Fort Wayne, Bill continued to practice law at the firm of Kennerk, Dumas, Burke, Backs & Salin. Bill was a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana, and American Bar Associations; Indiana and American Bankers Associations; American Business Club; Economic Club of Indianapolis; Indiana University Varsity Club and of the Well House Society; The Columbia Club; The Indiana Society of Chicago; and The Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

In 1983, Bill founded and was Chairman of Salin Bank & Trust Company, a family owned community bank serving Columbus, Delphi, Edinburg, Fishers, Flora, Fort Wayne, Galveston, Gas City, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, West Lafayette, and Indianapolis. Bill and the entire Salin family took great pride in serving Hoosiers and their banking needs. It was during his tenure at the bank that Bill

and his wife Jane established the Salin Family Foundation in order to provide annual scholarships to students to fund their education at colleges and universities in Indiana. In 2018, Salin Bank merged with Michigan City-based Horizon Bank and today Horizon Bank provides community banking services in both Indiana and Michigan.

In addition to Salin Bank & Trust and Salin Bancshares, Inc., Bill served on the boards of several banks and bank holding companies. Bill also served on a number of community and education boards including serving as a Trustee of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana; a Trustee of the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University; a member of the Board of the Indiana Historical Society; and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Bill was an active in the United Methodist Church for many years. Together, he and Jane established an endowed scholarship for ministers' children attending Anderson University in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District. In 1997, Bill and Jane served as co-chairs for the capital campaign which raised funds to build the sanctuary at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. One of Bill's favorite places was with his family at Lake Wawasee where he spent 55 years enjoying the outdoors and beautiful lake with Jane and their children and eight grandchildren. The entire family enjoyed many summer days sailing and water skiing at the lake. Bill also enjoyed winter out west, and spent many special days snow skiing with his grandchildren in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Bill was a leader in Indiana who cared deeply for all the communities both large and small served by Salin Bank. He will be missed by many. I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to his family in their time of mourning. Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Jane (Robertson); his children Bill II (Peggy), and their children Bill III (Julie), Sophie and Sam; daughter Sherri (Curt) Fritsch and their children Bob and Will; and daughter Susie (Garth) McClain, and their children Charlie, John and Margaret.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACQUIE
KAUFFMAN GRIBENS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Jacquie Kauffman Gribens, who passed away on May 6, 2019, after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in 1966 in Mexico City, Jacquie moved to Massachusetts when she was 14, where she later graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She then earned her law degree from Suffolk Law School in Boston. After meeting her "bashert" Bruce during law school, they spent the next few years travelling around the country. In 2006, the family moved to the Bay Area, where she spent much of her time volunteering for the local public schools and Congregation Rodef Shalom.

Jacquie's life was spent delivering on her strong desire for public service, in particular

for the most vulnerable in her community. Most recently, she did this through her work with Lifehouse; a non-profit that works to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Starting as a volunteer at Lifehouse, Jacquie stepped up to serve on the board of directors in 2014, and then became Board Chair in 2018. She also spent time volunteering for the Marin County Board of Education, where she supervised a grant program to help first-generation students attend four-year colleges.

Jacquie is survived by her husband, Bruce, their three children, Josh, Nick, and Allie, as well as her mother Wanda, sister Michelle and brother-in-law Bruce, and many other family and friends across the world. While she will be greatly missed, Jacquie's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on our community and beyond. Madam Speaker, please join me in offering our sincere condolences to Jacquie Gribens' family and many friends and in appreciating her many good deeds.

RECOGNIZING EVAN MARKS AS
THE CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize yet another exemplary citizen, Evan Marks, as my Constituent of the Month for May. Each month, it's my pleasure to recognize residents of the 49th District who have gone above and beyond to make our community stronger, and Evan has done just that as the Founder and Executive Director of The Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano.

At The Ecology Center, Evan and his team turned a vacant lot into an educational space, featuring a vibrant farm, kitchen, and artisan goods store where they teach community members about the importance of sustainable living practices. With roughly 70,000 visitors per year, The Ecology Center is a critical resource for our community that shows people how to save water, grow healthy food, and produce goods with a minimal impact on our environment.

Evan's work is imperative as we confront the dangerous impact that climate change is having on our planet. Just this week, the United Nations released a landmark report that found the health of the planet's ecosystems deteriorating rapidly, with over one million species of plants and animals on the path toward extinction due to human actions. However, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Chair, Sir Robert Watson, highlighted that "it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global." That is exactly what Evan and The Ecology Center inspire us to do, to take action at the local level that will help protect our planet for future generations.

I am proud to represent a community that recognizes the impact we have on our environment and knows we are all responsible for combatting climate change. Evan and all of the dedicated staff at The Ecology Center have led by example and made an extraordinarily positive impact on the region. I am

honored to recognize him as my Constituent of the Month for May.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on May 8, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on the Orange Book Transparency Act (H.R. 1503) and the Purple Book Transparency Act (H.R. 1520). Had I been present for roll calls No. 187 and 188, I would have voted AYE on both.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEEHAWKEN VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the essential role the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad plays in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding. Started in May 1969, the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad currently has thirty active members and provides free life-saving emergency medical services to Weehawken and the surrounding communities in my district.

The Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad is Hudson County's longest serving volunteer EMS organization and has responded to emergencies of community and national attention, including the World Trade Center Attacks, the landing of Flight 1549 on the Hudson River, and Hurricane Sandy. Furthermore, the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad continues to give back to the communities it serves through regular CPR and First Aid training to residents.

I am grateful to the men and women of the Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad who volunteer their time and skills in dedication to the safety of the 8th District and commend them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT PEAR

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the outstanding journalistic career of Robert Pear and to join so many who share a deep sadness over his untimely loss.

Those of us who had the chance to pitch a story to Robert or faced the challenge of responding to his questions knew he was deeply knowledgeable about health care. For 40 years, he reported on every major health care story and raised many issues that became

major stories based on his reporting. He knew the laws that were in place, studied the policies being proposed to change those laws, and combed proposed legislation to get the details right. I knew that I had to know my stuff when Robert Pear called, because he would ask smart questions that demanded serious and thoughtful answers.

What always impressed me about Robert was his interest in looking at how the Congressional debate would affect real people. Health care wasn't just an inside-the-Beltway political conflict in Robert's reporting, it was a debate that had real-life consequences for everyone in every part of our nation. He would read the footnotes of GAO reports but would be even more interested in talking with my constituents about how high cost-sharing or lifetime limits affected their family budgets. He was masterful in being able to translate arcane policy into understandable language—informing both policymakers and the public. We all paid attention to a Robert Pear article.

Robert was a great reporter and he was a great and kind person. Robert always made you feel that he respected your views and was grateful for the time you gave him. He was interested in all perspectives and viewpoints. He would regularly check in with my long time Chief of Staff and health policy expert, Cathy Hurwit. He always said thank you—and you know he meant it. He would often send follow-up emails to share something that he thought might be of interest. He was the nation's pre-eminent health care reporter, but he was never a self-promoter. His goal was always to get the story and to get it right.

We have lost an important and astute chronicler of health care. After four decades of relying on his reporting, it is hard to imagine that we will never again read another Robert Pear article in *The New York Times*. My deep condolences go to his brother Douglas, his friends, and all those who got to know Robert Pear the reporter and the person.

CONGRATULATING WENDY BARON ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true public servant on her retirement. Wendy Baron retires today from the Idaho National Laboratory as the Emergency Communications Department manager.

Her remarkable journey at the lab started in the early 1980's. She first held a summer job at Argonne National Laboratory-West while she was in college and then returned after earning a degree in communications at Idaho State University in the public affairs office.

She left to work in private consulting in the 90's but found her way back to the lab in 2000. During this time, she also began volunteering with the Chubbuck Fire Department. I am not sure if it was that first EMT call to the Chubbuck Flying J where she delivered a baby in the front seat of a minivan, but it was in this job that Wendy discovered a passion for firefighting and emergency response. So Wendy turned her volunteer passion into her career.

In 2005 at 41 years old, Wendy became a member of the Idaho National Laboratory Fire

Department. She trained hard to pass the physical test, including dragging a toboggan loaded with rock salt around her neighborhood at 4 a.m. Wendy immediately became active in union activities and leadership at the INLFD and just two years later, she helped lead the effort to reorganize the 75-member department into the International Association of Firefighters and served as the new local's president. That same year, Wendy was named the 2007 INL Firefighter of the year and was elected to serve on the executive board of the Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho (PFFI). She was then named PFFI Fire Fighter of the Year in 2009.

In 2013, Wendy was promoted to assistant fire chief for planning and logistics. Today, there are seven women in the INLFD, one of them a battalion chief. Fire Chief Eric Gosswiller credits Wendy for laying the groundwork for them.

Wendy is quick to credit those around her for her success. But even despite her humility, it is clear that Wendy is extraordinarily talented, hardworking, and dedicated. These qualities have resulted in the great respect and affection that her colleagues share for her.

I know Wendy looks forward to spending more time with her family in retirement, especially her husband Victor. She will also enjoy more sailing, backpacking, scuba and participating in competitive swimming and running events.

On behalf of a grateful community, I congratulate Wendy Baron on an incredibly successful and admirable career, and I wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ETHEL MAE McCULLUM 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a remarkable milestone reached by a wonderful constituent in my district. On May 8, 2019 we will celebrate the 100th birthday of Ms. Ethel Mae McCullum. It is my distinct honor to help celebrate the occasion.

Ethel was born in Dunn, North Carolina to her parents Slona Streeter and Grant Bullard Streeter. She had two siblings, John Streeter and Beulah Lee. For 23 years, Ethel worked for the State of New York, and for 33 years she has been a resident of Tilden Towers II in the Bronx.

Ethel was always very involved with Tilden Towers II, working diligently with the Board for decades. But she was also involved in a host of other organizations. She is a lifetime member of the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), participating in many of the group's fundraisers, annual luncheons, and other events. She is also a longtime member of Abyssinian Baptist Church—over 80 years to be precise—and her first ever Pastor was Rev. Adam Clayton Powell III.

Ethel's stories about growing up in rural North Carolina have always been a hit with the seniors living in the community. Her personality is, and always has been, loving and caring to all she encounters, and it shows.

Many people refer to Ethel as "everyone's Nana." And while she is beloved by all, she is

in actuality the matriarch of an astounding 5 generations. Ethel loves her family deeply, and always made sure to send every one of her grandchildren and great grandchildren cards on their birthdays.

Madam Speaker, it's hard to put into words what Ethel Mae McCullum has meant to our community. Everyone knows what a warm and caring individual she is, and everyone knows just how many lives she has touched. 100 years is a remarkable milestone, and Ethel is an equally remarkable person. On this very special occasion, I want to congratulate Ethel and personally send her my warmest wishes.

TRIBUTE TO MS. EARNESTINE
RASBERRY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the life of Ms. Earnestine Rasberry who was affectionately known by her family, friends and loved-ones as "Mommy". Ms. Rasberry was born on December 15, 1940 in Edwards, Mississippi,

to the late Genella Jones and Floyd Hopkins, Sr. She accepted Christ at an early age while living in Mississippi and later moved to Chicago while a teenager. In April of 1965 she and Mr. Moses Rasberry were united in holy matrimony. Earnestine enrolled in Malcom X College and earned an Associates of Science Degree in Nursing and began her nursing career at Cook County Hospital where she worked for many years and then retired from Hartgrove Hospital in 2005. Her nursing career spanned for fifty years. Fifty years of looking after and caring for others. In addition to nursing, Earnestine had strong interests in traveling and cooking. A few of her favorite destinations included Alaska, Antarctica and China. The highlight of one of her many excursions was meeting Grammy Award winning Gerald Levert. Earnestine knew her way around the kitchen and hosted many holiday meals for family and friends. Cooking was one of her ways she expressed her love. Earnestine was the matriarch of her family and was instrumental. All of you should be comforted by these words. And I say "let not your heart be troubled, you who believe in God, also believe in Earnestine. Her father's house has many rooms; if it was not so, would I not have told you so. She is gone to prepare a place for you, and where she is, you will be

there also. And if she goes and prepares a place for you, she will come back and take you to be with her and you will be where she is. You know the way to the place where she is going." You can go where she is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district by inclement weather and was not present for Roll Call Votes 185 and 186. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. On Roll Call 185, I would have voted "aye." (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 273, Reaffirming the United States commitment to Taiwan and to the implementation of the Taiwan Relations Act)

2. On Roll Call 186, I would have voted "aye." (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1704, Championing American Business Through Diplomacy Act of 2019)