

and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garrett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Garrett is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the Boy Scout World Conservation Award. Garrett has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Garrett built mobile shelving units to be used as storage space and visual barriers at the Kansas City Pet Project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Garrett Winheim for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING A GIANT OF PUTNAM COUNTY

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, the following obituary for Mr. Bill O'Dell of Putnam County:

WILLIAM DOUGLAS O'DELL

William "Bill" Douglas O'Dell, 68, of Pocahontas, died at his home on Monday, May 6, 2019.

Bill was a graduate of South Charleston High School and Marshall University. He worked at Regional Family Resource Network and was the Director of Putnam Wellness Coalition. He dedicated his life to drug and alcohol prevention. He was a mentor to many. His impact on the youth and the community cannot be measured. He touched many lives at Teen Institute, a leadership program that helps young people become leaders around prevention of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other critical daily decisions.

He was a man of Christian faith, integrity, great humor, positive thinking, a role model to many, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be greatly missed. The family would like to thank his Church, friends, co-workers, the community, our extended family and the Putnam Wellness Coalition for their support, love and prayers.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents Dr. Richard Nolan O'Dell and Vera Waldorf O'Dell and father-in-law, Louis "Gene" Barnett. He is survived by his wife Judith O'Dell of Pocahontas, daughter Tina (Mike) Shoemaker and his pride and joy, his grandson, Caden of Ona, WV, son Joshua (Kristina) of Charleston, SC; mother-in-law Lorene Barnett, brother Larry (Beverly) O'Dell of Chesapeake, OH; sister Verajane (William) Fish of Savannah, GA, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Adrain and Cindy Jones of Winfield, WV; nieces Wendy (Stephen) Mann, Laura (David) Moir; nephews Keith (Jennifer) O'Dell, Joseph (Marie) Fish, David (Heather) Fish and Logan Jones.

A tribute to the life of William "Bill" O'Dell will be 2:00 PM Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Gatens-Harding chapel with Pastor Fred Elliott and Pastor Wayne Hooper officiating. Entombment will follow at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House, WV. Friends

may visit at the funeral home 3 hours prior to the service 11:00 AM-2:00 PM on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wilkinson United Methodist Church, PO Box 236, Hometown, WV 25109 or donate to the Bill O'Dell Teen Institute Fund, PO Box 3041, Charleston, WV 25331.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 201, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions of H.R. 2157, Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 202, on Passage of H.R. 2157, Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF ANDRIS "ANDY" JON SILINS OF WEST BARNSTABLE, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Andris "Andy" Jon Silins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to working carpenters, their families and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to commend him for over fifty years of dedicated service to his community.

The son of Olga Silins and Rudolfs Silins, immigrants from Riga, Latvia, Andy was born on January 12, 1947, and immigrated with his parents and older sister to the United States and lived in Jamaica Plain.

Andy attended Roslindale High School and graduated in 1965. Subsequent to his graduation, Andy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country honorably in the Vietnam War. Ultimately, Andy graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Upon completion of his distinguished service to our country, Andy joined Carpenters Local 67 in 1968. In 1979, he was elected General Agent and Executive Secretary of the Boston District Council of Carpenters, and President in 1989. In 1995, Andy was elected to the position of General Secretary—Treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) and served in that position until his retirement on April 1, 2019. He continues to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a board member of the Massachusetts Housing Authority. He is also one of the founders of First Trade Union Savings Bank, in Boston, where he later served as Chairman of the Board.

Andy has had the good fortune to be married to his wife, Diane for 37 years. He is the proud father of his son, Jake, and the master of his beloved German Shepherd, Sami.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to thank Andris "Andy" Jon Silins for his remarkable service and dedication to the working carpenters and their families and all workers in

the Commonwealth and across the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF HARLEY LIPPMAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Harley Lippman, who is being recognized today as part of Jewish American Heritage Month. Harley has been a generous philanthropist and humanitarian who has been dedicated to uncovering mass graves of Jews murdered by the Nazis in Poland. His persistence and dedication have meant that the Nazis' victims will never be forgotten.

Deeply concerned about the possibility that Jews murdered during the Holocaust would simply disappear from memory, Harley has made a unique contribution to the remembrance of the Jewish community that was destroyed by the Nazis. With singular purpose and dedication, Harley has searched for unknown gravesites and has paid for the restoration of historic Jewish graveyards.

At my urging, Harley was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad which is involved in restoring desecrated cemeteries in Eastern Europe. Created in 1993, the Commission is tasked with identifying and reporting on cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings in Eastern and Central Europe that are associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens, particularly endangered properties. Congress recognized that, as a nation of immigrants, the United States has an interest in preserving sites related to the heritage of Americans, particularly Jewish gravesites since the Holocaust wiped out the communities that would ordinarily have cared for them. It is a credit to him, his enthusiasm and dedication, that he was reappointed by both Republican and Democratic Administrations.

Harley has been the sole funder of an effort to find mass graves in Poland—sites where Jews were slaughtered by the Nazis and then buried. So far, his team has found 52 sites. When he finds a site, he ensures that a memorial plaque is erected to honor the victims. He also arranges for a service with the Chief Rabbi of Poland, a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister and invites school children to help memorialize the dead. These ceremonies provide a meaningful opportunity to remind people of the Jews who perished, the tremendous loss in culture and humanity for Poland, the brutality of the Nazis and the success of the Jewish community that survived.

Harley has been a leader of a host of organizations from the Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy, an organization founded by Eli Wiesel, which he currently serves as President, to the American-Israel Friendship League and American Jewish Congress.

With great generosity and compassion, Harley has also helped orphans in Cambodia. He is the sole funder of an orphanage, enabling children to find stability, get an education and go on to college. It truly has been life-changing for many of these kids.

Harley Lippman created Genesis 10, a company that currently employs over 2,000 people across the country. Genesis 10 helps companies solve technology problems and find talent to address their needs. Unquestionably, Genesis 10 succeeds because it has a great leader at the helm. USA Today ranked Harley among the top 30 CEOs in America of all large companies including the Fortune 500.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Harley Lippman for his extraordinary contributions to America and the Jewish community.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH BROWN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ruth Brown's life and her many accomplishments. We deeply thank her for all of her support and dedication to our military.

Ruth was born in Harryhogan, VA on February 28, 1925. She married George W. Brown Jr., Former Town Sergeant and Mayor of Warsaw, VA in 1946. Ruth went on to have three children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She held her family at the center of her life.

Ruth was a charter member and secretary of the United Methodist Women and served on many committees within the Warsaw Methodist Church. She was a charter member of the Telephone Pioneers and retired from the Tidewater Telephone Company after 28 years of service. Ruth was also a charter member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post 7167 in Warsaw, VA. Finally, Ruth's heart belonged to our veterans. She spent her time fighting for them and taking care of them. She served our nation well during her long life.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments, tenacity, and dedication of Ruth Brown. Words alone cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Ruth Brown and her family.

CONGRATULATING THE JAIL HILL INN FOR WINNING THE TRAVELERS' CHOICE AWARDS FOR TRIPADVISOR

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jail Hill Inn for winning first place in the Travelers' Choice Award for TripAdvisor in the United States and for being named second place globally for the bed-and-breakfast/inn category.

The brick building where Jail Hill Inn operates today has been around for 140 years and originally served as a jail until 1977. The Jail Hill Inn was lovingly restored and revitalized by its owner, Matthew Carroll, and has been a hotel for the last 17 years. The hotel has six luxurious rooms complete with a fireplace, wet bar, king-size bed, high-end linens and a Bluetooth-connected sound system. Those

who stay in all six of the rooms are dubbed "repeat offenders" for their frequent visits to the inn. Galena's historic Main Street and downtown area are only a short walk away and provides guests with easy access to all Galena has to offer. I commend Matthew Carroll for creating an excellent stop for visitors hoping to catch a glimpse of some of the beauty our region has to offer and look forward to hearing about the Jail Hill Inn's future successes.

It is because of creative entrepreneurs like Matthew Carroll that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Jail Hill Inn for its rise to the top of TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Home Rule Act. This bill would give the Council of the District of Columbia authority over the jurisdiction and organization of the local D.C. courts. The 1973 Home Rule Act (HRA) expressly prohibits D.C. from enacting any law with respect to any provision of the D.C. Code title that relates to the local D.C. courts. Congress can correct this injustice to the District's tax paying residents by amending the HRA, even before the District becomes the 51st state.

Forty-six years after passage of the HRA, matters involving the D.C. courts almost never come to Congress, so Congress knows virtually nothing about the District's courts—and could not care less. Notwithstanding the importance of D.C.'s courts to District residents, the D.C. Council, which is the repository of knowledge and experience for the District's criminal and civil justice systems and the body accountable to our residents, is irresponsibly left on the sidelines while Congress remains the sole entity to correct flaws in the District's courts.

Under the HRA, the D.C. Council has no authority to "enact any act, resolution, or rule with respect to any provision of title 11 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the District of Columbia courts)." Matters in title 11 are limited primarily to rules of criminal and civil procedure, court administration, the number of authorized judges, the branches of the courts, the rules of jury service and admission to the bar. Our bill would strike this limitation on the D.C. Council's authority.

The District has never had authority over its local courts, even when it was responsible for paying for their operations. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, the federal government assumed the costs for several state-level functions, including the courts because it alone has jurisdiction over these courts. This bill, an important first step, would not change the courts' funding. This bill also would not affect the authority of the President to nominate, or the Senate to confirm, local D.C. judges,

which has been within their purview since the creation of the modern local court system in 1970.

This bill is an important step to increase democratic self-government for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE OFFICERS AT THE HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise during National Law Enforcement Week 2019 to honor the valiant men and women who protect and serve the town of Haverhill, Massachusetts. The Haverhill Police Department consists of outstanding public servants who devote their lives to keeping the citizens of the city safe, while improving the lives of countless individuals.

Like most Americans each day, they get up, say goodbye to their loved ones, and head to work. But their work, and the work of police officers around the country, is like no other. From the moment they put on their uniform they have answered a call that at any moment may put their lives in harm's way.

I thank the Haverhill Police Department for their continued and unwavering service and wish them well in their careers and future endeavors to come.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the Officers of the Haverhill, Massachusetts Police Department.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, President Trump visited our home state and I missed two important votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 203; and YEA on Roll Call No. 204.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 ALABAMA OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize 2018 Alabama Outstanding Young Farm Family, the Upchurch family.

The Upchurch family are multi-generation farmers and received the honor at the Alabama Farmer's Federation's 46th Commodity Producers Conference in Montgomery. They also placed in the Top 10 at the American Farm Bureau Federation national contest in New Orleans.

The Upchurches—Chris, Jordyn and son Charlie—owns Rockin U farm in Clay County.