

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING OFFICER ROBERT CARROLL ON BEING NAMED OAK LAWN'S TOP COP OF 2019

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Robert Carroll of the Oak Lawn Police Department for being named the Village's Top Cop of 2019. The Oak Lawn Lion's Club bestows this award on a distinguished member of the force after being nominated by his or her peers and selected by a committee of police department leaders.

Officer Carroll has served the Oak Lawn community as an exemplary first responder. While performing his duties, Officer Carroll has put his life on the line to make numerous felony arrests and to keep the Village of Oak Lawn safe. Officer Carroll has received several letters from citizens recognizing him for his compassion and professionalism in the line of duty. Officer Carroll is an exceptional member of the Oak Lawn Police Department and his record stands as a shining example for others seeking to serve Oak Lawn and our larger Chicagoland community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Oak Lawn Police Officer Robert Carroll. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and thank him for his service.

TRIBUTE TO SYDNEY STROTHER SMITH III

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I pay tribute to Sydney Strother Smith III of Abingdon, Virginia, a faithful servant of his God and country.

Strother was born on August 1, 1941, to Strother and Betsy Smith. His father was one of the Army's last commissioned cavalry officers, and during young Strother's baptism at Fort Knox on December 7, 1941, news from Pearl Harbor interrupted the service. As his father fought in World War II as a tank commander, Strother lived in Richmond with his mother and grandfather. They remained there after his father returned from the war.

Hoping to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the military, Strother enrolled at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. A fall from cliffs broke his back, however, and ended hopes of a military career. Among his roommates at VMI, he was the only one not to die in Vietnam, convincing him that God had a different purpose for his life.

Strother is known as a dedicated and effective organizer of the Republican Party in Virginia. He was the founding president of the Young Republicans Club at the University of

Richmond and served as vice president of the statewide Young Republicans Federation, where he helped expand the number of clubs statewide and met his future wife Barbara. He managed his father's successful campaign for the Virginia House of Delegates as a Republican at a time when Virginia was still largely controlled by the Democratic Party and went on to manage other campaigns for the House of Delegates, United States Senate, and House of Representatives. After moving to Washington County to practice law, he became an active member of the county party and instilled it with new blood. He served as chairman of the county party from 1974 to 1980 and, along with Professor Ray Hancock, organized the College Republicans at Emory and Henry College, my alma mater.

Strother also achieved distinction in his legal career. He became one of the youngest attorneys to argue in front of the United States Supreme Court and would return several times, as well as appear before the Virginia Supreme Court. He was drawn toward cases in which he championed the underdog. One example unfolded over 25 years as he represented an elderly Kentucky mountain man, John Johnson, and eventually Mr. Johnson's heirs against the industrial giant Bethlehem Minerals. Mr. Johnson claimed rights over the coal on his property, and Strother argued his case up to the Kentucky Supreme Court, then to the U.S. Supreme Court, and back to Kentucky. When the case was finally resolved, Mr. Johnson's heirs and co-litigants were awarded \$37 million in damages, and willful trespassing became part of mineral rights law. Strother relished such cases and often engaged in them on a pro bono basis, about which his wife sometimes noted that his family had bills to pay, too.

Strother was an active member of the Anglican Church. He was a chancellor, canon lawyer, and a priest ordained in 1987, and he helped to found and rector six parishes. He also belonged to numerous civic organizations. He was an Eagle Scout as a boy and a scout leader as an adult, a member of the Sons of the Revolution, and a reenactor with the Mountain Men of Revolutionary War fame. An amateur pilot, a published poet, a joke collector and storyteller, he is a man of seemingly endless talents but one: punctuality. His nickname, the "Late Great Strother Smith," reflects his habit of being late to just about everything, including his wedding. The one exception: voting, which he would always be in line for by 6 am.

Strother's family includes his wife of 53 years, Barbara Ann Smith; daughters Ambler Dumler and her husband John, Sydney Smith and her husband Tim Gilhool, and Beth and her husband Andy Stockner; brother, Richard Smith and his wife Sarah of Alexandria, VA; sister Rev. Caroline Parkinson of Nashville, TN; and grandchildren Josef, Marshall, and Aidan Dumler, Jimmy and Molly Gilhool, and Virginia, Josie, and Cora Stockner.

TRIBUTE TO BLAKE EDWARD BUTLER

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a public servant and American patriot, Blake Butler, who passed away suddenly on May 3, 2019 at his home in Yerevan, Armenia. Today I ask that the U.S. House of Representatives join me to honor and remember the life of Blake Edward Butler.

Blake Butler joined the U.S. Department of State in 2009 as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. In 2018, he began his tour as the Human Resources and Financial Management Officer at U.S. Embassy Yerevan. From 2015 to 2018 he served as the Assistant General Services Officer at U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires where he led the team that provided logistical support to 14 different U.S. government agencies and close to 400 employees. Blake's other assignments included General Services Officer at U.S. Embassy Baghdad; Environmental, Science, Technology and Health Officer at U.S. Embassy Paris; and Vice Consul at U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked as a civil service employee for the Department of State as a budget analyst and in the office responsible for the President's foreign travel. He was the recipient of multiple Department Superior Honor and Meritorious Honor Awards. In addition to his service with the Department of State, Blake valiantly served in the U.S. Army's Reserve from 2001 to 2011 and was deployed overseas on multiple occasions.

Blake was the loving husband of Sara Hurst Butler, who previously worked in my office, and the proud father of Everett Ian Butler. Blake received his BA from Baylor University and his MBA and Master's in Health Administration from Texas Woman's University.

As we look at the incredibly rich history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Blake, who chose a life of public service. I am grateful for Blake's service to our country and my thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences goes out Blake's wife, son, parents and brother. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation. I hope they know that the goodness Blake brought to this world will always be remembered.

ROYAL ROTH

**HON. STEVE SCALISE**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend, Royal Roth, on his well-deserved retirement after a long and

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happy career. On June 30, 2019, Royal will finish out seventeen rewarding years at the United Parcel Service (UPS), where he currently works as a Vice President in the UPS Global Public Affairs group.

Royal is a welcome and familiar face to many of us. He found his way to Washington via the campaign trail, while working for the late First Lady Barbara Bush during the 1992 election. After the election, he landed at the National Republican Senatorial Committee before moving onto then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's staff.

After several productive years on Capitol Hill, Royal moved on to The American Trucking Associations before joining UPS in 2002. Royal has worked tirelessly on behalf of American workers, taxpayers, and businesses over the past decades. He retires at the height of his career, with an impeccable reputation and much hard-earned good will behind him.

While Royal will be missed in Washington, he and Patrick will enjoy spending more time shuttling between New Orleans and Fairhope. As an avid University of Alabama football fan, I know we'll always be able to find him watching his beloved Crimson Tide play in Tuscaloosa (and sometime soon, lose to LSU). It is with many thanks for his friendship and years of service that Jennifer and I congratulate Royal and wish him well as we send him off on this new chapter of his life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my father, I was unable to attend the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 185; YEA on Roll Call No. 186; YEA on Roll Call No. 187; YEA on Roll Call No. 188; NAY on Roll Call No. 189; NAY on Roll Call No. 190; YEA on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; NAY on Roll Call No. 193; NAY on Roll Call No. 194; YEA on Roll Call No. 195; NAY on Roll Call No. 196; NAY on Roll Call No. 197; NAY on Roll Call No. 198; NAY on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; and NAY on Roll Call No. 202.

IN RECOGNITION OF FLOWER MOUND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SONYA LAIL

##### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding career of Ms. Sonya Lail. This spring, she is retiring from her position as principal of Flower Mound High School, where she has served in multiple leadership positions for the past 17 years.

Ms. Lail grew up in El Paso, Texas, where she was inspired by one of her teachers to become an educator. She went on to pursue her Bachelors of Science degree in education from the University of Texas at El Paso, and

achieved master's degrees from Texas Tech University and Sul Ross State University.

In 2002, Ms. Lail joined Flower Mound High School as an assistant principal, a position in which she served for five years, and served as an associate principal for another four years. She has led FMHS as its principal for the last eight years. From day one, Ms. Lail has been a dedicated leader and educator, working to help each student meet his or her full potential.

After nearly two decades of service to Flower Mound High School, Ms. Lail will be sorely missed by the entire Jaguar community. I am grateful for her total of thirty-three years in education and public service, and I wish Ms. Lail every continued success in her well-earned retirement.

#### IN MEMORY OF JOSUE FLORES

##### HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, today we remember the life of Josue Flores. At the young age of eleven years old, Josue was murdered while he walked home from school in Houston's Northside. Three years have passed since that day and every day that passes our community still feels sadness and mourns his loss. As family, friends and neighbors gather tonight at Holy Name Catholic Church to remember our little angel, we also remember what we are all striving for. We want safety. We want security. We want justice.

All of us have a role to play in making our community safer. The concerned parents and neighbors of Safe Walk Home go above and beyond. Together, they form a powerful force of protection for our school children. When I served in the Texas Senate, we worked hard to secure funding for organizations that help provide safe passage for children going to and from school in high crime or violent areas. Now, here in Congress, I continue to believe that we must do more to make the trip to and from school safe for every child in Houston, in Texas, and across the United States. Josue continues to touch our lives and watch over our work. Let us rededicate ourselves to keeping our children safe from harm.

#### HONORING OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

##### HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, this week is National Police Week, a week the American people join hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers across the country to honor all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in order to keep our communities safe.

Words alone can never fully express our gratitude for the sacrifices that police officers and their families make to protect the rest of us. And too often, it takes a tragedy to realize just what is at stake, and what we owe to those who are willing to take that risk.

It's why I do all that I can as a Member of Congress to help give police officers the resources they need to do their job effectively and safely. For example, this week, we passed important legislation to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. This important program helps protect the men and women who serve in law enforcement by giving states and localities the resources they need to ensure that all police officers have the proper equipment to keep them safe and help prevent line-of-duty deaths.

Every day and night, in cities and towns across America, the men and women who wear the uniform risk their lives to protect us as we go to school, to work, and spend time with our families.

And so, as we commemorate National Police Week, let's take a moment to thank those officers for their bravery, selfless dedication and tireless efforts to keep our communities safe.

To those who serve us, who wear the uniform, and the badge, and the gun, thank them for their service. I also thank them for their dedication and the sacrifices they and their families make to keep the rest of us safe. God bless them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on May 16, 2019, in order to deliver the Commencement Address at the Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 213; and NAY on Roll Call No. 214.

#### HONORING PATTY AND IAN CARLIS

##### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of my friends Patty and Ian Carlis, who have been selected as the honorees of Congregation Keneseth Israel's annual Gala.

Patty and Ian Carlis have been active and engaged members of their community, helping to leave a lasting impact for the people of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and beyond. Moved by the historic atrocities of the Holocaust and the need for greater awareness, Patty used the performing arts to educate her community's young people. Through shows like "The Library" and other works, Patty played an instrumental role in inspiring the annual Youth and Prejudice Conference, paving the way for a more sophisticated and meaningful understanding of the Holocaust for middle and high-school students.

Ian Carlis served as a dentist at Bethlehem Smiles, going on to become the President of the dental staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital,

where he was a clinical educator for the Hospital and a member of the Continuing Dental Education Committee. Ian has graciously served both the profession and the community which he values so greatly.

To take their service even further, the Carlises went on to create the Ian and Patty Carlis Fund, a donor-advised fund which provides an array of grants to various organizations in greater Lehigh Valley.

As a Lehigh Valley native myself, I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor and thank them for their continued leadership in their community. May they go from strength to strength.

IN HONOR OF FIFTY YEARS OF  
DEDICATED SERVICE BY THE  
MICHIGAN 33RD DISTRICT COURT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michigan's 33rd District Court for fifty years of dedicated service. The court's efforts continue to improve and protect the communities of Southeastern Michigan.

Originally located above the Trenton Police Station, the 33rd District Court was established on January 1, 1969. The court and its staff work diligently in coordination with law enforcement officials to protect Southeastern Michigan, overseeing criminal and civil trials. Beyond its judicial duties, the 33rd District Court offers a wealth of services for defendants, offenders, and students. Through the Sobriety Court program, over one-hundred individuals suffering from severe alcohol and drug abuse have received supervision, assistance, and treatment, dramatically reducing the recidivism rates of participants. The 33rd District Court is also highly involved in education, offering multiple programs to teach students about the criminal justice system.

Regarded for its accessibility, timeliness, and courtesy, the 33rd District Court has faithfully served the community for fifty years. The efforts of the court and its staff highlight a deep commitment to justice and public safety. We thank the 33rd District Court for its exceptional service to Southeastern Michigan and its continued work in reducing crime. The 33rd District Court stands as a role model in criminal justice and its distinguished reputation is a testament to its impact on the community and the state of Michigan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michigan's 33rd District Court for fifty years of exemplary service. The court's work in criminal justice, reform, and education are worthy of commendation.

IN RECOGNITION OF WENDY  
SEELIGER-DIETSCHWEILER

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Wendy Seeliger-Dietschweiler, who recently was recognized by

the DFW World Affairs Council as "2019 International Educator of the Year." Ms. Seeliger-Dietschweiler is the Social Studies Chairwoman at Lewisville High School—Harmon Campus, where she currently teaches Advanced Placement World History, 10th Grade World History, and ESL World Geography. She also serves as the faculty sponsor of the school's Junior World Affairs Council.

Ms. Seeliger-Dietschweiler has been an educator for the past 22 years. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree at the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Webster University. She also has earned a certification in Education Administration.

This teacher takes great pride in leading her students by example. Ms. Seeliger-Dietschweiler is an active volunteer in her community and encourages her students to do the same. Her community service includes participation in many organizations, including the Lewisville Lions Club, Keep Lewisville Beautiful, and Texas Refugee Services. Previously, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer and taught English in China.

I congratulate Ms. Wendy Seeliger-Dietschweiler for winning this prestigious award, and I am grateful for her dedication to her students and our North Texas community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF  
UCLA

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the University of California, Los Angeles. What was once the largest teacher training school in the state was rechristened the Southern Branch of the University of California, developing into the full-fledged university, nestled in the hills of Westwood, with the global reputation it enjoys today.

With 14 Nobel Laureates, 13 MacArthur Fellows, nine National Medal of Science Winners, three Pulitzer Prize winners, a Fields Medal, and an A.M. Turing Award, UCLA's academic credentials are rivaled by few. And, with 117 NCAA team championships and 261 Olympic Medals, the UCLA Bruins are in the highest echelon of collegiate sports, with the likes of Jackie Robinson, Kareem Abdul-Jabar, Michelle Kwan, and Troy Aikman wearing the Blue and Gold.

Along the way to such a historic milestone, each successive class of students and their professors, doctors and researchers have lit new paths, bringing new discoveries to the fore and making groundbreaking accomplishments in almost every field.

The first node on the Internet in Leonard Kleinrock's laboratory in Boelter Hall; Coach John Wooden's almost uninterrupted streak of 10 NCAA men's basketball championships and his Pyramid of Success—building blocks in the pursuit of excellence; the first diagnosis of AIDS in the United States; and the first confirmation of the existence of a supermassive black hole at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy by Andrea Ghez—UCLA has played

an important role in shaping the course of history, advancing our understanding of the natural and man-made worlds, and setting standards time and time again for academic and athletic excellence.

Not only is the UCLA community proud of the accomplishments of its students and athletes while they attended this important institution, but also of the achievements of alumni as they pursue careers in every field.

UCLA has contributed many of this country's most dedicated public servants, including my predecessor, Congressman Henry Waxman, whose 40-year record in the U.S. House of Representatives saw passage of numerous consumer and patient protections; Ralph Bunche, who helped negotiate an end to the 1948 Arab-Israeli War; and Tom Bradley, the first African American mayor of Los Angeles. Legendary actress and comedienne Carol Burnett, Academy Award-winning director Dustin Lance Black, Academy Award-winner Tim Robbins, film composer John Williams, and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jim Morrison are only a few of the Bruins who have left their mark on the entertainment industry and the collective consciousness of American culture for the past century.

Given all that has happened in the first 100 years of UCLA's existence, I eagerly look forward to what UCLA will accomplish in its next hundred. With the launch of the UCLA Grand Challenges Initiatives in 2013, UCLA has set admirable goals aimed at increasing sustainability and tackling depressive disorders. The Sustainable LA Grand Challenge focuses on transitioning Los Angeles to rely on 100 percent renewable energy and 100 percent locally sourced water by 2050, enhancing the health of the local ecosystem and making the region a model for the world. The Depression Grand Challenge aims to understand, prevent, and treat depression, ultimately cutting the burden in half by 2050 and eliminating it by the end of the century.

UCLA's accomplishments would only be possible with the support and resources of the Bruin family. I would like to commend Chancellor Gene Block on his successful stewardship of the Centennial Campaign, which raised \$4.7 billion in total from more than 205,000 donors to fund programs for students and faculty in every corner of campus.

On the eve of UCLA's centennial, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Chancellor Block, UC President Janet Napolitano, and the rest of the UCLA community as they prepare for a year of celebration. I would also like to recognize all the people in UCLA's history that worked to make sure the university could light the way for the past century and the next 100 years to come. Go Bruins.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER  
MCNAIR

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of the late Christopher McNair. Commissioner McNair was a beloved member of the Birmingham community who, even in the

face of unspeakable tragedy, led his community with grace and love towards a more equal and just future.

Commissioner McNair's daughter, Denise, was killed in the 16th St. Baptist Church bombing on Sunday, September 15, 1963. It was in that moment that the McNair family became forever intertwined with the Civil Rights Movement.

Commissioner McNair was born in Fordyce, Arkansas on November 22, 1925. Commissioner McNair left his family and 11 younger siblings to serve in the Army during World War II. After leaving the service, he studied at Tuskegee University and earned a degree in agronomy in 1949. It was there that he met Thelma "Maxine" Pippen, a fellow classmate, and fell in love. After graduation, Commissioner McNair took a job in Tupelo, Mississippi teaching veterans and visited Maxine on the weekends in Birmingham while staying with her grandparents. The two married shortly after and settled in Tupelo.

When Mrs. McNair became pregnant, the couple moved back to Birmingham to be near family. On November 17, 1951, Carol Denise was welcomed to the world by her loving parents and became the center of their lives. Commissioner McNair was an amateur photographer and photographed Denise's childhood, including the iconic photo of her wearing her red winter coat and matching hat.

On the morning of September 15, 1963, Mrs. McNair and Denise left their home to attend church at 16th St. Baptist Church. Tensions were high in Birmingham as the Civil Rights Movement continued, and there were frequent acts of violence throughout the city. That morning was no exception—four members of the Ku Klux Klan bombed the basement of the church, killing Commissioner McNair's daughter, Denise, 11, Addie Mae Collins, 14, Carole Robertson, 14, and Cynthia Wesley, 14. These young girls became known to the world as the 4 Little Girls.

That morning, Commissioner McNair was at home preparing to go to his church, St. Paul Lutheran, when he heard the explosion and mistook it for thunder. After a neighbor explained what happened, he raced to the hospital, and was initially relieved because he did not see Denise's name on a list of the injured. Later, though, Mr. and Mrs. McNair were asked to walk into a separate room. There, the bodies of the four girls were covered, but Commissioner McNair instantly recognized Denise's shoe peeking out.

After overcoming their anger and sadness, the family was ready to return to their new normal. The McNairs welcomed two more blessings into their lives over the next five years: Lisa McNair, almost exactly a year after her sister's death, and Kimberly McNair in 1968. Both girls were seen as small miracles to the family and quickly became the light of their parents' lives.

After Denise's death, Commissioner McNair dedicated himself to serving the community and the people of Alabama. He knew he needed to help the state to reconcile its racial differences and to help heal the scars from the 1960s. In 1973, Commissioner McNair was elected the first African American State Representative since Reconstruction, and in that role, he worked tirelessly to bring positive national attention to the city he loved.

Commissioner McNair spent years in the public eye as an elected official, working hard

to pass legislation that would help all residents. After serving in the legislature, Commissioner McNair took a chance and ran for the Jefferson County Commission. His bid for office was successful and he was sworn into office in 1986 where he served until his retirement in 2001.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Commissioner Christopher McNair, whose election to the Alabama State Legislature inspired countless men and women to run for office in the state of Alabama, to continue fighting for social justice, and to educate future generations about the Civil Rights Movement. May we celebrate the totality of his life today and honor his great works during his 28 years of service to Birmingham and the State of Alabama.

#### HONORING PETE RICHMOND

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Richmond as the Napa Valley Grower of the Year for 2019.

Mr. Richmond's career in agriculture began in 1986 after earning a degree in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno. He gained valuable experience as a viticulturist while working at Bien Nacido Vineyards. Mr. Richmond went on to work for many prestigious wineries. In 1992 he was at Stag's Leap Winery; he worked at Atlas Peak Winery from 1993 to 1995; from 1995 to 2001 he was at Kendall Jackson. Mr. Richmond founded the Silverado Farming Company, a vineyard management company, in 2001. Many of the finest wineries and vineyards in the Napa Valley contract with Silverado Farming Company to manage their vineyards. The company oversees vineyard management for over 650 acres of grapes.

Mr. Richmond's passion for agriculture is not confined to the vineyard. He is involved in our community—through his philanthropic contributions and the Boards on which he sits. In 2006, Mr. Richmond established the One Percent for the Community Fund, a foundation that receives one percent of gross revenue profits made by the Silverado Farming Company. The foundation uses the money to support at-risk youth in our community and helps find a solution for a variety of issues that impact farm workers. Mr. Richmond is on the Farmworker Foundation Board of Directors, OLE Health Operating Board, and the OLE Health Foundation Board. He is also an Advisory Board Member for Teens Connect, a member of the Marketing Committee for the Napa Valley Community Foundation, and a past member of the Napa Valley Grapegrower's Board of Directors. He is active in the housing community as a member of Napa Valley Community Housing and Napa County Housing Commission. Mr. Richmond is also involved with Ag for Youth and is a former Babe Ruth Baseball League Coach.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Richmond is the community member we should all strive to be. He is a person of integrity, is generous and caring, and well-deserving of the title Napa Valley

2019 Grower of the Year. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Pete Richmond here today.

#### RECOGNIZING MRS. SUSAN MARY MAHEU GUERRA

#### HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Susan Mary Maheu Guerra, who passed away on May 20, 2018. Ms. Guerra hales from my hometown of San Antonio. She is survived by her husband, Eliberto Guerra; son, Christopher Guerra; daughters, Jessica Guerra and Trina Bacon; and seven grandchildren. Her contributions to the San Antonio community will last for many years to come. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Susan Guerra was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 12, 1951 to Donald and Marilyn Maheu. Mrs. Guerra's journey began after being accepted at the age of 18 to the Order of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at Guardian Angel Settlement in St. Louis, Missouri. She attended St. Louis University, receiving a bachelor's degree in social work.

After serving nine years as a nun, Mrs. Guerra heard another calling to care for those in her community. She began working with juvenile probations and at-risk families. Upon marrying Eliberto Guerra and starting a family of their own, Mrs. Guerra desired to do more for children in need. In 1986, The Guerra Family established the Guardian Angel Child Development Center.

With over 30 years of persistence and determination, Guardian Angel flourished enrolling over two generations of children. The center has provided many with a second home. Guardian Angel is now a beacon of hope in San Antonio and its Southside community. The center offers a broad range of after school and summer programs such as computer classes and performing arts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to be part of a community that cherishes our future generations. Mrs. Susan Guerra's legacy will be felt by many as her commitment to child development has inspired many. To know of her work in bettering the lives of our kids is truly remarkable. I have no hesitation in saying that her legacy will endure.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM

#### HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the significant contribution of the Head Start Program in promoting school readiness and overall success for some of the most vulnerable children in our communities. On May 18, 2019, Head Start will celebrate its 54th year of strengthening children and families and this year, the Early Head Start program also celebrates its 25th anniversary.

In New Jersey alone, there are currently twenty-six Head Start Programs and twenty-

nine Early Head Start Programs, with over 15,000 combined funded slots for these two programs. In addition to providing academic programming, Head Start also provides critical health and nutrition programs, as well as support services that help many families work their way towards economic stability.

I am proud to support the important work of Head Start in providing children and families within the 8th District of New Jersey every opportunity to succeed.

**HONORING BATTALION CHIEF MICHAEL McMILLIN ON BEING NAMED OAK LAWN'S TOP FIREFIGHTER OF 2019**

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Battalion Chief Michael McMillin of the Oak Lawn Fire Department for being named the Village's Top Firefighter of 2019. The Oak Lawn Lions Club bestows this award on a distinguished member of the department after being nominated by his or her peers and selected by a committee of fire department leaders.

Battalion Chief McMillin has distinguished himself as a tremendous first responder and dedicated servant to the Village of Oak Lawn. His devoted service to the community has earned him admiration from his fellow firefighters as well as the people of Oak Lawn. Battalion Chief McMillin exemplifies the true characteristics of leadership and has brought professionalism and tremendous dedication to the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Battalion Chief Michael McMillin of the Oak Lawn Fire Department. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and thank him for his service.

**IN HONOR OF NANCY HEDBERG FOR THE 2019 TOWNSHIP CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Hedberg for her award of 2019 Township Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Her numerous years of dedicated service are worthy of commendation.

Nancy Hedberg has faithfully served her community of Scio Township for thirty-two years. Mrs. Hedberg was initially hired as a design consultant and worked on several initiatives, including the Jackson Boulevard project. In 1987, she was appointed to the Planning Commission, spending fourteen years supervising land development in Scio Township. From 1998 to 2008, she served on the Board of Review, and from 2008 onward has worked as the Scio Township Clerk. During her tenure as Township Clerk, Mrs. Hedberg has displayed incredible tenacity and empathy.

Nancy Hedberg's efforts have had a profound impact on the residents of Scio Township. Her exemplary work highlights a commitment to public service by developing deep relationships with members of her community. Praised for her continued optimism and tireless work ethic, Nancy Hedberg has been an integral member of the Scio Township hall. We thank Mrs. Hedberg for her commitment to serving Scio Township, and we congratulate her on her well-deserved award of the 2019 Township Clerk of the Year and her retirement. Her compassion and leadership will be missed, and we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nancy Hedberg for her years of distinguished public service. Her work has been instrumental to the people of Scio Township.

**DRUG PRICING AND SENIORS**

**HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the action being taken by this body to protect and expand affordable health care and lower prescription drug costs.

Because of soaring prescription drug costs, Texans and Americans are struggling to meet their health needs.

These costs are especially burdensome for the 65,000 senior citizens in my district, where the average senior takes 4½ medications each month.

Last year, nearly 20 percent skipped doses due to the high costs alone. This is absolutely unacceptable.

This moment calls for action to protect the health and well-being of Americans.

And action is exactly what House Democrats are doing. The bills passed this week will tackle out-of-control drug prices head-on and fight the Trump administration's efforts to destabilize Medicare and our health care markets.

**SUPPORTING THE EQUALITY ACT**

**HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent a community, Key West, where our motto is "One Human Family."

We welcome over 450 thousand LGBTQ tourists each year who feel appreciated in our home.

Protecting every American from discrimination is not only a fundamental value of our country, it's essential for the health of our economy.

For the first time in American history, we passed legislation that would add protections for a community that has been ignored for too long.

The Equality Act ensures that no one can lose their job or home because of whom they love or who they are.

It finally includes protections for our LGBTQ community that are inherent in the Constitution for all Americans.

This is the United States of America. Equality Matters.

After all, we are all one human family.

**HONORING AMERICAN LEGION POST 13 IN STAUNTON, VIRGINIA**

**HON. BEN CLINE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. CLINE. Madame Speaker, I rise today to recognize 100 years of the American Legion and specifically Post 13 in Staunton, Virginia. In March of 1919, Congress chartered and incorporated the American Legion as a veteran's organization that works to strengthen communities while encouraging patriotism and honor. The American Legion is dedicated to its fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Soon after its national charter was passed, a group of veterans of World War I gathered at the YMCA on Main Street in Staunton, Virginia, to organize a local American Legion post. This year, in 2019, that post celebrates its centennial. For the past 100 years, the Clemmer-McGuffin American Legion Post 13 has shown unwavering support to veterans, servicemembers, and the communities of Augusta County and Staunton, Virginia. This Staunton American Legion post is named after two local servicemen, Augusta County resident Jay F. Clemmer, and Staunton resident Robert A. McGuffin. Both young men were students at the Staunton Military Academy and were killed in 1918 during World War I. Today, I recognize the Clemmer-McGuffin American Legion Post as they celebrate their 100 years of assembly in the Shenandoah Valley.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF MR. MITCHELL LUNDGAARD**

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Appleton firefighter Mitchell Lundgaard.

Mr. Lundgaard began his career with the Appleton Fire Department in March of 2005 and spent the next 14 years serving and protecting his community. Through his dedication and hard work, Mr. Lundgaard achieved the rank of firefighter inspector.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Mr. Lundgaard tragically lost his life while on active duty. His heroism and bravery in response to a medical call will forever be remembered. He was a true leader in the Appleton community, and his absence will be felt across all of Northeast Wisconsin.

Mr. Lundgaard's years of service to our community and his commitment to ensuring the safety of others set the highest example of citizenship that we must all strive for. Mr. Lundgaard's death is a tragedy for our community, and my deepest condolences go out to his wife, three daughters, and the rest of their family.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the members of this chamber rise in honor of Mr. Lundgaard's life, and that we keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLOWER  
MOUND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOC-  
CER TEAM

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Flower Mound High School Boys Soccer Team for winning the school's first Texas UIL 6A State Soccer Championship. Coach David Doyle led the Jaguars through a remarkable season, and I congratulate all players and coaches for reaching this goal.

In winning the state championship, the students have demonstrated teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. This year, the FMHS Boys Soccer Team has elevated the bar for future student athletes. Its seniors are leaving an impressive legacy for their school and the Flower Mound community.

The team earned the nickname "Cardiac Jags" for their hard-fought championship run. The championship game ended only after 100 scoreless minutes, when Brock Clayton delivered the game-winning shot in a 4-1 penalty kick shootout win against San Antonio L.E.E. Goalie Landon Leach was named the state championship game MVP for making a penalty kick save in regulation and a second save in the final shootout.

It is a privilege to represent Flower Mound High School in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am glad to join the students' family, friends, and North Texas community to celebrate the 2019 Flower Mound High School Boys Soccer Team's achievements, and I wish them every continued success.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**HON. DON BACON**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor May 15, 2019 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 13 through the 19, 2019 as Police Week. I stand in support of those who put their lives on the line, day in and day out, for the protection of those within the State of Nebraska and all over the United States. My district is home to two sheriff offices, a large urban police force, numerous community police departments, the Nebraska State Patrol, and a hand full of federal agencies. They have unique differences in their responsibilities yet they are strikingly similar in how they function. The different shapes of the badges they wear on their chests proudly proclaims their distinct alliance to their home agency, but it is also a symbol that binds them all together into one brotherhood.

These gallant law enforcement professionals are driven to serve the public of their jurisdictions. To protect the life, limb, and property in their assigned patrol areas during their long

hours for which they have this solemn duty. To those on the front line of our safety; it is not about the pay, the hours, or the conditions they work in. What is of importance to them is the satisfaction of making the world a better and safer place. They are the thin blue line that stands between us and some of the darkest parts of our society.

When one of these brave individuals put on their uniform and departs their home for the streets, they are not worried for their own safety. They know their fellow officer have their back when needed. At great personal sacrifice, they are pained by missing the baseball games or recitals of beloved children; the birthdays and holidays they worked instead of being home with their families.

I, like so many other members of the military, have a very personal connection and appreciation for those who choose this profession. I spent nearly thirty years in the military and much of that time was deployed with combat forces protecting our freedoms overseas: The men and women in military uniform depend on those back home in the blue uniform.

Like so many others in the military, when I was overseas, I left my wife and children here in the U.S. As a former commander, I can tell you that the fastest way to negatively affect a soldier, sailor, airman, or marine within a combat situation was to have them worry about their family back home. Our great police officers, allow the military to be a success. I am in awe with the dedication that each officer displays daily. When our military is reunited with their family after a deployment, they can relax knowing their fellow public servants provide a shield of protection. This is a profession that takes a different type of individual, someone who is consistently putting their lives on the line, someone that I have always looked up to, a group of individuals that I cannot thank enough for the blanket of security that they provide.

There are members of the law enforcement community who serve, retire, and move on in their lives. Eventually they go home and lay down their badge in retirement, but they will no longer miss these family events. These professionals have the gratitude of the constituents of my district and I want to thank them for their dedication to protect and serve. I would like to honor some of these courageous people who have long distinguished careers or who recently retired. They are:

Deputy Sheriff David J. Wintle, of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, for over 29 years of service (deceased). This included 13 years as a K-9 handler.

Deputy Sheriff Clarence Cooper, of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, for 22 years of service (deceased). He also served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Officer Paul Briese Sr., of the Eppley Airfield Police Department, for 11 years of service (deceased). He also served 28 years with the Omaha Police Department and 4 years as the Sheriff of Boone County, NE.

Officer Robert Wondra, of the Omaha Police Department, for over 25 years of service (retired). This included 22 years as a member of their SWAT team. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Chief Les Johnson, of the Bennington Police Department, for 26 years of service (deceased).

Detective Matthew Elsasser, of the Papillion Police Department, for 13 years. He is the Pa-

pillion Police Department's 2018 Officer of the Year.

I want to thank these officers and all others for their service and sacrifice.

HONORING DENNIS PEDISICH

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis Pedisich for his involvement with Community Health Initiative and his leadership in providing health insurance to residents of Napa County.

Mr. Pedisich has been active in our community since earning his Master in Business Administration from Santa Clara University. He sat on the Community Health Initiative Board of Directors for nine years. During his time on the Board, he held many positions, including that of Vice President. Mr. Pedisich has selflessly given many hours of his time to the Community Health Initiative, which has provided over 18,000 uninsured individuals with health insurance and access to care.

Mr. Pedisich has been active in our community in other positions as well. He has been the President of the Napa Valley College Foundation, the Justin-Siena High School Board of Trustees, and the Kiwanis Club of Napa Valley. He also sits on the Board of Trustees for the Queen of the Valley Medical Center. As the former President of Napa Community Bank and Vice President of Rabobank, Mr. Pedisich has shared his expertise of the finance community with the local non-profit sector and has helped many businesses thrive through his generosity with his time and knowledge.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Pedisich is an active member of our community who uses his expertise to assist others and help important local institutions, such as the Community Health Initiative, thrive. The Community Health Initiative has been able to reach such a large number of Napa residents in no small part because of Mr. Pedisich. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dennis Pedisich here today.

TRIBUTE TO ANDRES D. SARABIA

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the passing of Mr. Andres D. Sarabia, a community leader in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Sarabia dedicated his life to advocating on behalf of others and guiding people to use their own voice to hold their elected officials accountable. He passed away on Friday, May 3, 2019, and will be missed by the San Antonio community.

Mr. Sarabia served as the first president of Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS) and was actively involved with the organization's advocacy efforts for more than four decades. Through COPS, he worked to organize and empower local residents to

speak up on issues that affected their communities, working to address inequities in how local government services and resources were allocated. Mr. Sarabia and COPS successfully advocated across a diverse portfolio of issues, ranging from improvements in neighborhood infrastructure to the establishment of Palo Alto College on San Antonio's south side. The organization continues to serve as forum for residents to discuss and amplify their voices on important issues.

Perhaps Mr. Sarabia's most enduring legacy will be the foundation he helped establish through COPS and the steady stream of local leaders, activists and residents who have been empowered through the organization's work to engage with their government, advocate for the betterment of their community, and continue the important work of holding elected officials accountable.

I join my fellow residents of San Antonio in honoring Mr. Andres Sarabia's legacy of civic engagement, leadership and service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL JOHNSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent during last night's amendment votes and final passage vote on H.R. 987 due to travel for an unavoidable medical appointment back in Ohio. Below is how I would have voted on the amendments and final passage.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 213; and NAY on Roll Call No. 214.

FALLEN OFFICER REMEM-  
BRANCE—NATIONAL POLICE  
WEEK 2019

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, earlier this week, the 38th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service honored the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice upholding the rule of law and protecting the people of our great nation. Last year, Mississippi lost five officers in the line of duty. I'd like to honor them as we remember their service and sacrifice. Please join me in honoring:

POLICE OFFICER EMMETT PAUL MORRIS

Emmett Paul Morris, 61, lost his life in the Line of Duty May 17, 2018, in a vehicle crash. He served with the Raleigh Police Department for two years. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Dean King Morris; daughter, Candice Lea Morris; son, Paul Scott Morris; three step sons; and twelve grandchildren. He served with the Reservoir Police Department prior to his service with Raleigh Police Department.

CORPORAL WALTER ZACHERY MOAK

Walter Zachery Moak, 31, lost his life in the Line of Duty September 29, 2018, by gunfire. He was employed with the Brookhaven Police Department for three years and had previously worked for the Wesson Police Department and Lincoln County Sheriffs Department. Zach devoted his time to his family and enjoyed working with and helping people in his community.

PATROLMAN JAMES KEVIN WHITE

James Kevin White, 35, also lost his life in the Line of Duty September 29, 2018, by gunfire. He was employed with the Brookhaven Police Department for 3 months and was previously employed with Lawrence County Sheriffs Department, where he worked for many years. He was a soldier in the Army National Guard and served his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. James was a Purple Heart recipient. He is survived by two children.

PATROL OFFICER LEANN SIMPSON

LeAnn Simpson, 23, lost her life in the Line of Duty November 24, 2018, in a vehicle crash. She worked with the Philadelphia Police Department for 15 months. She was also a U.S. Army veteran joining the U.S. Army at the age of 17. She is survived by her parents, James and Wilma Simpson-McMillan, three sisters and four brothers.

POLICE OFFICER ROBERT MCKEITHEN

Robert McKeithen, 58, lost his life in the Line of Duty May 5, 2019, by gunfire. Officer McKeithen was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He had served with the Biloxi Police Department for 24 years and was planning on retiring by the end of the year. He received the Medal of Valor when he risked his life to save four children during Hurricane Katrina. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was deeply involved in his community. He is survived by his wife, daughter, stepdaughter, and two stepsons.

Ronald Reagan once said, "there can be no more noble vocation than the protection of one's fellow citizens." May we remember these brave officers, their service to protecting our communities, and the sacrifice they made for the people who call Mississippi home.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF EURIPIDES' MEDEA

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the cast and crew of Central High School's production of Euripides' Medea, which won the 2019 Texas UIL Class 6A State One-Act Play Championship.

This is the first time that Central High School has won the State One-Act Play Championship, a remarkable artistic accomplishment, in school history. This victory was a team effort, and all members of the cast and crew have rightfully earned this honor.

I also congratulate Ms. Renee Powell for earning a spot on the State All-Star Cast and

Mr. Jose Gonzalez for earning an Honorable Mention. This recognition of their talent and dedication is well-deserved.

I am glad to join the entire Keller ISD community in celebrating the success of these students, and I wish them every continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call Vote Nos. 197, 198, 199, 200, 201 and 202 from May 10, 2019 I am not recorded because I was not present in the House. I was presiding over a commissioning ceremony for my cousin, Joe Gutsok, who was newly commissioned in the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the University of North Dakota's ROTC program.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 197; NAY on Roll Call No. 198; NAY on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; and NAY on Roll Call No. 202.

#### RECOGNIZING BARBARA STANFIELD AS A HOSPITAL HERO OF 2019

### HON. DENVER RIGGLEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Madam Speaker, this week marks National Hospital Week. As such, I'd like to recognize the important work being done by one of my constituents, Ms. Barbara Stanfield. Barbara works at LifePoint Health's Sova Health in Danville, Virginia, and has been selected as a 2019 Hospital Hero by the Federation of American Hospitals, an award recognizing hospital employee for their dedicated work inside and outside the four walls of their hospital.

Barbara Stanfield has been a fixture at Sova Health for over 40 years and is best known for small acts of kindness that have a significant impact on those around her. Barbara works to comfort those receiving a difficult diagnosis, as she battled both multiple sclerosis and cancer. She further channels her experience with illness through her service on the hospital's cancer committee, which focuses on improving care, resources, and education for cancer patients in the community.

Barbara's commitment to those in need doesn't stop when she leaves the hospital though; she also supports the Relay for Life, United Way, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Madam Speaker, I hope you'll join me in congratulating Barbara Stanfield for her recognition as a Hospital Hero of 2019.