

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