

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTES TO FORMER REP. RON DELLUMS BY HIS COLLEAGUES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 10, 2019, the family, friends, and former colleagues of the late Rep. Ron Dellums of California paid tribute to him at a memorial service here in Washington. Several of us who served with him in this House delivered eulogies praising Rep. Dellums for his decency, his strength of character, his leadership, his dedication to the men and women who serve in our military, and the respect he earned from his fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle.

I want to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD the remarks I offered along with the kind words spoken by Rep. BARBARA LEE, Chairwoman MAXINE WATERS, and Del. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON. Majority Whip JAMES CLYBURN also spoke, although unfortunately there is no transcript of his remarks. I can attest, however, to his moving words.

Below I share with the rest of our colleagues my remarks in praise of our friend, the late Rep. Dellums, joined by the statements of others made in tribute to him:

Mr. Hoyer: Rev. Lamar and Father Conroy, thank you for your words of peace and reflection. Cynthia, Erik, Piper, Brandon, and Pam, thank you for allowing us to join you in mourning Ron and participating in this service today. To his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, let me say “thank you” for the love you gave him, because we all saw the joy it brought him.

I had the great honor to serve in congress with Ron Dellums for seventeen years. He was a friend, a teacher, an example, a hero. He was always a gentleman. He was kind, gracious, strong, and historic. Respected and admired by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

As Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Ron Dellums was a man who knew the purpose of arms. He understood that instruments of war could be guarantors of peace. And he knew that the greatest force was that of the moral being, the spirit of good will and powerful words used to speak truth.

When he saw the injustice of apartheid in South Africa, Ron fought with every fiber to arm Congress with truth and make our country an instrument of moral clarity.

When he and other African-American Members saw an opportunity to raise issues that were being ignored in Washington and lift up voices that weren't being heard, Ron helped create the Congressional Black Caucus that now serves as the conscience of the Congress.

As city councilman, he drew on his own family's experiences to see the clarity of his cause championing workers and their families, the downtrodden, the forgotten, and the dispossessed.

The people of Oakland elected Ron eleven times to congress and then made him their mayor—because they saw in him the kind of moral leader unafraid to stand up for prin-

ciples and determined to do right by those who entrusted him with high office. They knew he would always speak up for them and speak out for the causes he knew to be just.

Ron Dellums understood that the power of words speaking truth—on the Floor of the House or in Committee or in the City Council chamber or from the mayor's desk—could be mightier than any armament. He was a man who chose his words carefully and wielded them forcefully.

President John F. Kennedy said of Winston Churchill that he “marshalled the English language and sent it into battle.” So too did Ron. And we will remember him always for speaking truth, speaking justice, speaking goodness, and speaking for those who needed a voice.

He was regal in bearing. He was real in his relationships—warm and empathetic to all.

He was courageous in battle. Principled in his policies. Moral in vision. Worthy of leading. Courteous in demeanor. Clear in his goals. Loyal to his country, colleagues, and conscience. Deserving of our love and respect. A Teddy-Roosevelt “doer of great deeds.” And, most assuredly, a man to be admired, emulated, followed, and—as we do today, remembered.

Ron was our friend and our exemplar. We were honored and blessed to be a part of his life.

Ron: you were always faithful, Marine. You were “Semper Fi.”

Ms. Lee of California: To our officiant, Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Father Conroy, Reverend Skinner, and to all members of the clergy.

First, let me offer my deepest condolences to Cynthia, Brandy, Rachel, and Ron's entire family and extended family and Ron's staff who have and continue to experience a deep sense of grief, yet hope that through the celebration of Ron's life, we all can join together and keep his legacy alive through our work and love for each other.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge my colleagues; members here; Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Majority Whip James Clyburn, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Congressman Hank Johnson, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congressman Gregory Meeks, and Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee. Members, please stand.

Our former congressional colleagues.

And Ron's friends and constituents, and all program participants.

I thank you for being here today as we celebrate the life of a man who was a statesman, a gentleman, and an authentic representative of the people. Also, Ron was my mentor and my friend.

I looked up to him, like we all did, as a warrior, and a fighter.

Ron never gave up his principles and integrity, even though he was brilliant, a deep thinker, a philosopher, and a man who—as he would say—had a memory like an elephant. He was a psychiatric social worker who understood human behavior in its totality and a proud former marine who demonstrated that peace is patriotic.

He was a comedian too.

He was so funny—some of you may remember his Richard Pryor skit—Sandre, and I were with Ron when he played the role of Richard Pryor at Lou Gossett's house.

What an evening—Ron became Richard Pryor, and Richard Pryor became Ron.

Ron never let the weight of the world destroy his sense of humor and fun-loving side with his friends and family.

I first met Ron as a college student in the early 1970s. I was going to school, raising my two little boys while on public assistance and developing my political consciousness.

I wanted to be an Intern in Ron's Washington office once I was in graduate school at UC Berkeley. I went to Ron's District Director, our beloved, the late Don Hopkins who Ron relied on and loved deeply, with this request.

Don placed me in Ron's DC Office during the Watergate hearings in the summer of 1974. I learned a lot that summer, saw how Ron, as a progressive African American man from Berkeley and Oakland, navigated his work as a legislator. Even though—as he always reminded us—they painted him as a commie pinko from Berkeley and he was on Spiro Agnew's hate list—Ron wore this as a badge of honor. He knew he came to Congress as an Anti-war, peace candidate, who knew the priorities of our country were wrong and destroying people's lives here at home & abroad.

In 1975, I came to Washington, D.C. to work on Ron's staff. In those days, it was rare for a woman—let alone a black woman—to run a congressional office. But Ron was proud to call himself a “feminist” and lived his life by the same progressive values he espoused on the House floor.

As an ardent anti-war activist, he also sought a seat on the Armed Services Committee to advocate for alternatives to military intervention.

Years later, Ron went on to make history as the first African American to chair the Armed Services Committee—and he used that position to advocate for more just and humane military policies. I travelled with Ron, along with his staff throughout the world. Heads of State wanted his advice and knew he was a global leader.

I remember him telling his staff “Let your conscience be your guide. If you are right—just to stand on that street corner alone because sooner or later everyone must walk right to you.” I'd like to ask Ron's staff—Congressional and Mayoral—to stand. Ron loved his staff. They are all true public servants who gave their all to our community, the country, and the world.

Ron demonstrated this repeatedly—he introduced the South African sanctions legislation 13 times.

It was the first override of a presidential policy veto in the 20th century and finally put the United States on the right side of history.

I will always remember Ron calling me after I was elected to Congress to come to his beautiful home for dinner. Yes—he also was a great cook.

Well, we sat at his kitchen table and asked me to think about introducing an AIDS martial plan for Africa given the devastating HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa. His idea led to my legislation establishing the global fund and PEPFAR which has saved millions of lives. He worked so hard to help me get these bills passed and the world owes him a debt of gratitude.

Ron was my boss, mentor, and yet, like the brother I never had. He gave me personal advice and support as a single Mom raising two boys.

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When my son Craig graduated from Brent Elementary School, in the sixth grade here in Washington, DC., he asked Ron to be the graduation speaker. Ron left Capitol Hill, spoke at the graduation, took pictures and spent time with the kids afterward. Mind you, they were young children. They didn't have any political clout and couldn't vote.

Ron did this out of the goodness of his heart because he loved children and cared about their future.

My sons Craig and Tony were childhood friends with Ron's kids Brandy, Eric, & Piper, and to this day they remain close friends.

Also, as a single woman in Washington, DC, Ron counseled me on who—and who not to date.

He saved me from a lot of trouble and heartbreaks.

We can't forget that Ron was nominated for President in the mid-70's, in Cincinnati, Ohio, but he declined the nomination for the Office of the President at the National Black Political Convention. Then there was an effort to draft him to run for president, in New York—I believe—in 1980.

Of course, he was conflicted—so was the staff. We just knew he could win—but Ron decided he wanted to continue serving his constituents because he wanted to help them achieve their dreams and aspirations.

And, as the father of Coalition politics, which began in the East Bay, his leadership was needed to continue to build coalitions for peace and justice around the country.

When Ron called me and told me of his illness, I was devastated. In his generous manner, he said he didn't want to worry me and was gentle and cautious in the way he told me—preparing me for that sad day. But he gave me time to be with him each week during his last month. Thank you, Cynthia.

I spent my birthday last year—the evening of July 16 after a legislative session—with Ron and his family. He was in rare form, telling stories, being the comedian that he was, toasting our friendship and singing Happy Birthday to me. He was frail, in pain, but demonstrated a sense of hope and courage—even as he knew he would meet his maker soon.

After my next visit, which would be the last, he talked about family and friends—told me some of his secrets, and I told him some of mine—encouraged me to keep fighting the good fight and imparted more pearls of wisdom.

As I was about to leave, I was reluctant to hug him, knowing he was in pain. He reared up in the bed and called me to him in his playful way and gave me a big hug with tears in his eyes.

As a brilliant, powerful, elected official, a fighter, and a physical fitness champion, Ron was also kind, gentle, and a humanitarian who lived his life with dignity and respect.

He left this earth demonstrating that same sense of dignity and courage.

He did it his way.

Ron passed me a blue baton when we announced in 1998 that I would run for his seat upon his retirement.

The baton, which I look at often, reminds me that all of us must carry that baton that Ron gave us and run our mile in this marathon for justice, for peace, and unity. So, when we can pass our batons to the next generation, we know, as Ron said frequently—we have secured their future. In honor of the great legacy Ron has left, I'll be introducing the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial Fellowship For Women Of Color In Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and National Security Act. And we will get it passed.

Finally, let me say during moments like this, as a person, of faith, I go to the scriptures often for inspiration and hope.

2nd Timothy Chapter 4, verse 7 says: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith."

Ron, rest in peace, rest in power, know that we got your back.

Ms. Waters: By all standards, our brother, Ron Dellums, was a truly exceptional human being who consistently gave of himself to his loved ones, his community, his nation, and the entire world.

Reverend King wrote "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy. In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways, he will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life."

In both his public and personal capacities, Ron embodied this standard of character, purpose, selflessness, and service.

As an elected official, Ron was a bold pioneer, a true leader, and a stalwart advocate for peace in the U.S. and globally. Fueled by his extraordinary acumen and legendary eloquence, he built a stellar track record of standing up for principle, righting the wrongs of inequality, and empowering the powerless.

Ron initiated his career in Congress as a crusader for peace, taking on the establishment by opposing the Vietnam War. He pressured Nixon to end the U.S. involvement, and exposed war crimes in Vietnam, earning him a place on Nixon's enemies list, of which he was proud to be a member.

Ron was a pioneer in the campaign to end apartheid in South Africa, proposing sanctions as far back as 1972. He was fiercely dedicated to opening hearts and minds in Congress to the plight of the oppressed South African majority. Together we fought apartheid, with my bill divesting California's pension fund investments, and Ron's bill divesting U.S. companies' assets and applying sanctions against the repressive regime, becoming law just days apart, in Ron's case by overriding the president's veto.

Ron called out racial discrimination in the military and advanced diversity and inclusion through innovations that opened doors of opportunity to people who had been excluded. He championed the minority set-aside program for Defense Department contracts, enabling businesses owned by African Americans, Latinos, and other minorities to compete for a share of the DoD's large procurement budget.

Ron consistently advocated for peace, opposing expensive, excessive weapons such as the B-2 stealth bomber, and the MX and Pershing II missiles. He called for funds for those weapons to be shifted to cities, communities, education, and housing. He opposed military intervention in Grenada, Zaire, Burundi, Sudan, Angola, Liberia, and elsewhere, and was an outspoken critic of the Persian Gulf War.

Ron's illustrious leadership was on display as chairman of the Armed Services Committee. He maintained his commitment to peaceful policy positions while allowing the committee to work its will on the DoD's authorization and policies that he opposed. Ron often voted against his committee's legislation.

Ron's principled passion was epitomized by his speech from the well of the House supporting the Civil Rights Act of 1990. In that August 2, 1990 speech, which is still emblazoned on the minds of many, Ron implored his colleagues to support the bill, declaring "this is throw-down time. This is the bottom line. This is integrity. There is no substitute to freedom and human dignity . . . there is no substitute for justice."

Ron's nature was just as resplendent outside the public arena. To his friends and all who sought his counsel, he was a trusted

confidant, a source of strength, a bastion of wisdom, and a compatriot in our shared goals and dreams. His personal warmth, thoughtfulness, and empathy were as much a part of his essence as passion for peace. When facing conflict, he remained dignified. When confronting challenges, he remained optimistic. When engaging opponents, he remained congenial. Even his adversaries in Congress appreciated him for being fair, responsive, thoughtful, and honorable.

I am grateful that I had the chance to thank Ron for what he accomplished, represented, and taught us. Shortly after he left Congress, we celebrated him at the Black Women's Forum in L.A., not just because of what he did for his district and for the people of mine, but for all 435 districts. We enveloped him in so much appreciation and praise that day—every bit well-earned and well-deserved—that the eloquent orator was rendered speechless, albeit only briefly.

To me, Ron was far more than a colleague, compatriot, teammate, confidante, counselor, and political soul mate, although he was all that. To me, Ron was a true friend, a dear and trusted friend, a brother, and I loved him very much.

Ron Dellums will always be remembered as the true article; a man of conscience, dignity, and grace; a leader with the rare blend of sincere humility and sublime intellect; the peoples' patriot who waged peace at every opportunity; and a man who is admired and loved by more people, in more corners of the country and the world, than he could have imagined.

Ms. Norton: We celebrate our colleague and friend Ronald Dellums at a time of historic polarization in Congress. It is a good time to remember the peace advocate who chaired the Armed Services Committee with such equanimity that he won the respect, even the friendship, of those who opposed every cause, of the many into which Ron poured his considerable talent.

I first came to admire Ron even before being elected to Congress from my work in the Free South Africa anti-apartheid movement. For 14 years, Ron did not relent until he freed his landmark bill for South Africa divestment, overcoming a presidential veto.

By the time I was elected to Congress, Ron had already been chair of the District of Columbia Committee for more than a decade. That committee is long gone, and nothing would have pleased Chairman Dellums more than its demise. But when freedom-loving Ron Dellums first came to Congress, he knew that if there had to be such a Committee, he wanted a seat on it. Just as Ron sought peace by serving on the Armed Service Committee, he sought to free D.C. from Congressional control by serving on the D.C. Committee.

He joined the Committee during his very first term in Congress. Upon becoming chair of the D.C. Committee, Ron framed his service as "an advocate, not an overseer of District affairs." No sooner had Ron gotten to Congress in 1975, in his very 1st term, long before I even thought about becoming a Member, he introduced the 1st D.C. statehood bill.

Ron would relish our progress today as we close in on enough votes for the D.C. statehood bill to pass in the House this term. We expect a vote soon in the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to send the bill to the House Floor. When that committee vote occurs, we will not be able to claim we are breaking new or historic ground. In 1987, more than 30 years ago Chairman Ron Dellums proclaimed "There should be no colonies in a democracy" and led the District Committee in a vote for statehood for the District of Columbia that passed in his Committee.

The American citizens who live in the nation's capital will forever remember Ron Dellums, prescient warrior for equality and freedom—and well ahead of his time—a leader for statehood for the District of Columbia.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FILIPINO VETERANS FAMILY REUNIFICATION ACT OF 2019

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, today, with my colleague, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, I rise to introduce the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act. I also welcome the companion version of this bill introduced today in the U.S. Senate by Senator HIRONO of Hawai'i and Senator MURKOWSKI of Alaska.

This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would exempt immigrant visa applications of children of Filipino World War II veterans from existing caps and allow them to gain green cards on processing and approval of their applications, which are still carefully vetted in line with existing immigration standards. This bill will not only assist these veterans in their senior years but also provide a fitting recognition of their critical service in the War.

In 1941, more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers responded to President Roosevelt's call-to-arms in the Philippines and elsewhere and fought for the U.S. during World War II. Many of these brave individuals returned from the War only to be denied many of the benefits promised for their service, and they have spent decades fighting recognition of their service. Many such veterans became proud U.S. citizens, though today there are only a few thousand Filipino veterans still alive and living in the U.S.

In October 2017, Congress finally awarded the Filipino veterans of World War II the Congressional Gold Medal to honor their service to our country, but we must do more as we promised. These Filipino American veterans long sought to gain entry and citizenship for their children, yet our immigrant visa backlog has forced family members to wait up to decades and thus effectively prevented these aging veterans from reuniting with their families.

In 2016, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services created the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program, a temporary administrative fix that allows these veterans to request parole for their children or siblings. Under this policy, they can live in the U.S. pending processing of their permanent resident applications, which may still take years if not decades. However, as these veterans near the end of their lives, they deserve the certainty of a non-revocable permanent solution. This bill would grant them that.

In this Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and in further recognition of the selfless service and contributions of Filipino veterans of World War II to our country, I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting and passing this bill.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JIMMIE "JW" ALESHIRE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jimmie "JW" Aleshire, age 73, who passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Jimmie was a proud veteran, serving his country in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Infantry. He was also a devout man of faith and was a member of St. Mary's Church in Mineral Ridge, Ohio. Prior to retirement in 2011, Jimmie worked as a steel worker for RMI for 38 years, and was a former 6S coordinator and continuous improvement facilitator at RTI International Metals, Inc.

Jimmie was also a fighter in more ways than one. He was a 36-year melanoma cancer survivor, volunteered his time with the Niles' Relay for Life, and served on the Board of Directors of Yellow Brick Place. He was also a great union man, a part of Local No. 2155, and served on school committees for both St. Rose and John F. Kennedy Warren Schools.

A family man, Jimmie was a beloved grandfather and coach. He was a track coach at St. Rose and a softball coach for JFK and Seaborn Elementary, while being instrumental in developing the ball fields at JFK Warren.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Joyce (Veltre) Aleshire, whom he married October 22, 1966; his children, Alise (Jason) Kent of Warren, Christian M. Aleshire of Alliance, and Justin (Crystal) Aleshire of Mineral Ridge; his grandchildren, Isabella and Michael Kent, Ryan, Noah, and Lucas Aleshire; his granddog, Furious, and many nieces.

Jimmie was a great friend of mine and was a one of my earliest supporters. He knew better than most the power of collective action to improve the lives of working-class people. Jimmie will be missed.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF CAVEY'S

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Cavey's a restaurant located in Manchester, Connecticut.

Cavey's has been a mainstay on Connecticut's restaurant scene since it opened in 1933, during the Great Depression.

For 85 years the Cavagnaro family has created a welcoming environment with delicious food and great friendship.

As a frequent visitor of Cavey's, Steve Cavagnaro, the current owner and chef, and his wife Kate, have become dear friends. His grandmother, Florence, originally opened the restaurant, and Steve has continued to serve her famous ravioli.

Over the years, the Cavagnaro family has created a Manchester institution, where I met a cast of characters, starting with Steve's father, Stephen Cavagnaro Senior, and ranging from people like Raymond F. "Sonny"

Damato, Jack DeQuatro, Bill and Steve Thornton, Neil and Elizabeth Ellis, Chris Powell, and Bob Marcotte, who coined the phrase, and preferred to be called a social chemist, not a bartender.

Steve is the quintessential gentleman, erudite and gracious. His humility underscores the fact he is simplistically, as he's said, not a man of many words, but he speaks the language of good food and wine.

To say Cavey's will be missed after it closes on May 24th, is an understatement. We wish Steve, Kate, and the entire Cavey's family well wishes as they start this new chapter and thank them for being the hearth where the community could gather and know there was always good food, good wine, and good fellowship.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOEL JEAN COURREGES, SR.

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Joel Jean Courreges, Sr., a decorated veteran and Kitsap County community member, who passed away on May 10, 2019.

Joel was born in France on March 15, 1950. He attended Roosevelt High School in Seattle and immediately enlisted in the Marines after graduation. Through his decorated career of military service, Joel attained the rank of Sergeant and served two tours as a mortarman in Phu Bai and Danang, where he was wounded. Returning home from Vietnam, he married Kandace K. Hove and had two children, Joel Jr. and Danielle. In 1973, he met his current wife, Carol, and they were married, expanding his family to include Deanna and Tami.

After his time in the military, Joel continued to seek ways to serve his community and contribute to its growth and vitality. He spent thirty-six years as a truck operator before retiring in 2006. Not long after his retirement, Joel became a service officer for the Bremerton chapter of Disabled American Veterans, eventually taking on the role of Commander.

Through his work with Disabled American Veterans, Joel served his community diligently by outreaching, connecting, and supporting veterans across Kitsap County. His work earned praise and numerous accolades during his tenure, including a Golden Tennis Shoe award from Senator PATTY MURRAY.

In addition to his work with Disabled American Veterans, Joel also served on the Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board, helping shape the County's efforts in supporting its many veterans who call our region home.

Madam Speaker, Joel set an example for all of us who strive to serve and better our communities. Even in the face of increasing health hardship, Joel maintained a steadfast commitment to working on behalf of veterans and we are better off because of his great work.

I am honored to recognize Joel Jean Courreges, Sr.'s great life and legacy of service and send my very best to his family, friends, and the staff of the Bremerton chapter of Disabled American Veterans.

CONGRATULATING THE JOHNSON
FAMILY ON RECEIVING THE
LEOPOLD CONSERVATION
AWARD

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to highlight the Johnson farm in Frankfort, South Dakota as the recent recipients of the state's Leopold Conservation Award.

Alan and Mickie Johnson, with their son Brian and his wife Jamie, farm 1,800 acres of cropland and 500 acres of grassland in Spink County.

Using various techniques and technologies, the Johnsons intend to leave the landscape in better shape than they received it. Working with Natural Resource Conservation Service, they have incorporated no-till farming practices and switched to a variable rate fertilizer system.

Using farm bill programs such as EQIP, CRP and CSP, the Johnson family has demonstrated that you can do the right thing for the environment while remaining productive and economical.

As this body debates solutions to environmental challenges, we should reflect on the accomplishments of those hard-working individuals who achieve conservation on the ground.

I commend the Johnson Family on their achievement as stewards of the land as they raise nutritious food that many of us take for granted every day.

RECOGNIZING STOP THE BLEED DAY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize today as Stop the Bleed Day. For four years, the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma has been leading the way on training folks in our communities about how to safely stop traumatic bleeding.

I was honored to host a Stop the Bleed training here on Capitol Hill where we trained almost 100 people on how to save the lives of others and themselves. Because of this training, these folks are equipped and empowered to assist someone before a trained medical professional can take over.

Whether as a result of a gunshot, traffic accident, or other injury, traumatic bleeding can be life threatening. Like with CPR training, the hope is that the training will never be put into use. However, should a tragedy occur, those who have taken the Stop the Bleed training just might save a life.

I hope all of my colleagues here today will join me in recognizing Stop the Bleed Day, commending the American College of Surgeons, and think about hosting training sessions in their communities.

IN MEMORY OF RONNIE YOUNG

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Ronnie Young was a model public servant who genuinely loved the people he represented. I was fortunate to work with him firsthand as Chairman of the Aiken County Council, where he uniquely ran countywide fairly serving every community. Each year as County Council Chairman and later, State House member, one of my highlights in public service was to be a guest of Ronnie in Christmas parades where he never had a shortage of candy to share. You could see the mutual love and affection between him and his constituents. Roxanne and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Susan, family, and innumerable friends.

CLEARWATER, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Young, 71, of Clearwater, SC, who entered into rest May 19, 2019, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Christian Heritage Congregational Holiness Church. Bishop Phillip Napier and Pastor Stephen Phillips officiating.

Mr. Young was a native of Aiken County, having made the Valley Community his life-long residence. He was a member of the Sweetwater Church of God, attended Leavelle McCampbell School and graduated from Langley-Bath-Clearwater High School and was a former HR Manager with the Graniteville Company. Mr. Young enjoyed a long career of public service including the following responsibilities, currently a Full-time Legislator as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 84 serving on the Education and Public Works Committee and the Rules Committee; a member of the Aiken County Council, Valley Public Authority, Aiken County School Board, Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority, Three Rivers Solid Waste Technology Center, U.S. Selective Service Board and the Lower Savannah River Council of Governments. He was a member of several civic and governmental organizations including the Graniteville Exchange Club, Aiken Rotary Club, Midland Valley Lion's Club, Midland Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Has Been Club and the South Carolina Association of Counties. All whom he befriended enjoyed his well-known culinary skills.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Susan Napier Young; a sister, Patricia Boyd, Warrentonville; two brothers-in-law, Paul (Lucy) Felberg, North Augusta and Bishop Phillip (Sonya) Napier, Modoc; a sister-in-law, Mary Young, Graniteville; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Young was predeceased by a daughter, Tabatha Young, parents, Norris and Earlene Renew Young and a brother, Terry Young.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the South Carolina General Assembly and the Has Been Club. Active Pallbearers will be Joel Randall, John Caleb Napier, Leighton McLendon, Tommy McElveen, Roger Boyd, Bubba Baker and Ray Taylor.

The family will receive friends at the Christian Heritage Congregational Holiness Church Thursday evening from 6 until 8.

The family expresses deep appreciation to Tommy McElveen and Joel Randall for their loving care of Mr. Young.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL S.
MONAGHAN

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael S. Monaghan in honor of his retirement as executive director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Mr. Monaghan has been a crucial member in the education community for over 45 years, spearheading the movement to reform the community college system in Illinois while transforming thousands of lives along the way.

As a leader, teacher, and mentor, Mr. Monaghan has been an instrumental part of enhancing the educational experiences of young adults and professors across the state of Illinois. While serving as director of the Community College Trustees Association, he was able to successfully establish a state health insurance program for community college retirees, providing crucial benefits to countless employees.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Michael S. Monaghan and commend him for his impeccable work for the people of Illinois. I wish him the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING LEADERSHIP
ARKANSAS' XIII GRADUATING
CLASS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to a new crop of emerging leaders from the Natural State.

Leadership Arkansas is a unique program grounded in the belief that real progress is achieved by bringing a diverse set of interests and backgrounds together. First introduced in 2005 by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas, Leadership Arkansas recruits highly-motivated individuals to experience first-hand the dynamic interactions between cities, industries, governmental units and the people they serve.

The fifty-eight members of Leadership Arkansas' XIII graduating class are all respected and committed leaders within their communities and professions.

This year's graduating class includes: Ashten Adamston, Dina Bates, Dan Beranek, Len Blaylock III, Darrell Boggs, Jordan Burgess, Col. Thomas Crimmins, Chip Culpepper, Hollie Cummings, Kerrie Diaz, Chase Dugger, Bailey Faulkner, Rebekah Fincher, William Fletcher, Kristin Kirk, Pody Gay, Lisa Gazaway, Katherine Gentry, Anna Beth Gorman, Chris Gosnell, Michael Goswami, Adrienne Griffiths, Jordan Hale, Burt Hicks, Michael Hoggard, Kendra Jones, David Kelley, Kelsey Kelton, Chris Knollmeyer, Victoria Lamb, Laura Landreaux, Sarah Lane, Margot Lemaster, Gregg Long, Jason McGehee, Jim McGill, Vanessa Moody, Jaime G. Moss, Bob Mouser, Keegan Nichols, Jason Orlicek, Meredith Pettigrew, Mindy Pipkin, Dawn Prasifka, Gregg Ratliff, Matt Rickford, Jeanne Roepcke, Reggie Rose, Payton Smith, Bill Solleder,

Luke Story, Nacole Sweeney, Hilary Trudell, Kevin Weldon, Lawren Wilcox, Temeka Williams, Emily Wood, and Amiee York.

These individuals have worked diligently over the past nine months to enhance the economic outlook of our great state.

They join the dynamic group of Leadership Arkansas' alumni, more than 600 strong, who have gone on to accept roles of great responsibility in the private and public sectors. I congratulate them on their achievement and am excited to see how they shape the future of the state of Arkansas and our great country.

GI BILL ACCESS TO CAREER CREDENTIALS ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the GI Bill Access to Career Credentials Act, which would allow Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational assistance to cover the cost of approved preparatory courses for professional license and certification exams. By covering these courses under the GI Bill, veterans and their eligible family members will have better access to the support they need to enter in-demand careers in health care, teaching, technology and other fields that may require government licenses and certifications. To ensure quality and accountability, courses eligible for reimbursement must be approved beforehand by their State Approving Agency based on current requirements in law.

For the past 75 years, the VA estimates the GI Bill has helped more than 25 million veterans and their families nationwide including the Marianas achieve their educational and career goals. During this time, Congress expanded the GI Bill to cover non-tuition expenses such as college admissions test fees, admissions test preparatory courses and exam fees for licenses and certifications. While the more than 5,700 GI Bill students across the country over the last year and half used their license and certification exam fees reimbursement benefit according to the VA, courses designed to help them pass these tests, such as a \$400 nurse licensing exam course offered by Northern Marianas College, are not reimbursable. Not all students pass these exams on their first attempt which is why the GI Bill must be updated so VA educational assistance covers both preparatory courses and reimbursement of test fees for licenses and certifications.

Around 20 to 30 percent of graduating seniors each year enter the military according to the Marianas Public School System. When these future veterans transition to civilian life, the GI Bill benefits they earned should help prepare them to succeed in an economy increasingly reliant on technical skills which often requires paying for various tests, professional licenses, and other credentials. The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BANKS, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation, endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which will help veterans and their eligible family members access the necessary credentials

to make their educational and career dreams a reality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on May 17, 2019 I was unable to vote due to my daughter's graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; and NAY on Roll Call No. 217.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TERRY NORWOOD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Terry Norwood from the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF).

Mr. Norwood, a native of Union County, Mississippi, was born on December 27, 1951. He was raised on a dairy and cotton farm in Rockyford, Mississippi now known as Etta, Mississippi. It was here that Mr. Norwood's love for agriculture sparked. In 1969, Mr. Norwood graduated from West Union High School and attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College. After his two years at Northeast, Mr. Norwood earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education and Agriculture Engineering from Mississippi State University. Mr. Norwood subsequently earned a Masters Degree in Agriculture and Extension Education.

On June 1, 1993, Mr. Norwood joined the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation as a Fieldman and Regional Manager. He remained faithful in his commitment to MFBF for 26 years. Under his leadership, there has been 5 Achievement Award winners, 5 Discussion Meet winners, 2 Excellent in Ag winners, and 3 Farm Women of the Year winners. Leadership is often measured by what that individual achieves but a true leader is measured by what his subordinates achieve. The amount of awards people received under his leadership speaks volumes of the man and leader Mr. Norwood is.

In March of 1977, Mr. Norwood married his better half, Debbie McNabb Norwood and have spent 43 years happily married. Together they have three kids, Franklin, Dr. Allison, and Jacob. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood own and operate Rockyford Farms and Rockford Sorghum Mill, where they have produced sweet sorghum syrup called "Moonlite Gold" for 39 years with no intentions of stopping anytime soon.

Mr. Norwood has selflessly served his community and state for years, and I wish him and his family many years of health and happiness.

REMEMBERING FATHER ANGELO CASERTA

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great man. Born in Piqua, Ohio, Father Angelo Caserta, was the oldest active priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He peacefully passed away last week.

Those who knew Father Caserta recall his talent for people, his comforting words, and his love for our community.

When asked about the secret to his longevity, Father Caserta said, "My secret is the good Lord. The Lord gets all the credit. I'm the only classmate surviving in my class. Not many average that milestone. It's a celebration of God's goodness. How He could choose someone like me and take care of me for 70 years while doing His work in the priesthood."

While I did not know Father Caserta personally, I know of his deeds by those who did, and the love he had for our community.

Madam Speaker, I honor Father Caserta's life of service, and extend my condolences to those who knew him.

IN RECOGNITION OF TWO RIVER THEATER AND JOAN AND ROBERT RECHNITZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Two River Theater on its 25th Anniversary and join its leadership, staff and Board of Trustees in honoring its founders, Joan and Robert Rechnitz.

Founded in 1994 by Joan and Robert (Bob) Rechnitz, Two River Theater continues to bring art, culture and vitality to the greater Red Bank community. Two River Theater is a premier regional theater, providing an outstanding educational and recreational resource for the greater Monmouth County area. Its efforts to introduce theater to a broader audience and represent the diversity of the communities it serves are commendable. Two River Theater remains dedicated to fostering new work and imaginative interpretations of classics, supporting the creative expressions of many leading artists. Its commitment to promoting the arts has contributed to the thriving cultural landscape of the community.

Joan and Bob's commitment to the arts and humanities extends beyond Two River Theater. The Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall at Monmouth University promotes arts exhibitions and education and Bob continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Orchestra, among many other philanthropic endeavors. In addition to promoting arts appreciation and advancement, Joan and Bob are stalwart advocates of land preservation and conservation efforts as well as health care facilities and innovations, supporting the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, Monmouth Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center and many others. Their impact on the community is immeasurable.

Once again, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the contributions and achievements of Joan and Robert Rehnitz and congratulating Two River Theater on its 25th Anniversary. The theater enriches the quality of life of Monmouth County and brings new visitors and artistic diversity to the community.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL
KOSKOFF, ESQUIRE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and deeds of Michael Koskoff, Esquire, a champion for civil and criminal justice who passed away on April 24, 2019. Michael resided in the state of Connecticut, where his law practice achieved the highest level of success for his clients in courtrooms all across America, because his intelligence, creativity, and high ethical and moral standards.

Michael was a unique attorney. His family has been part of the trial bar over multiple generations, but also he was the scion of a family of stage performers. Some were actors, singers and musicians. His father, Theodore, was both his law partner and an accomplished cellist. "We're show people," Michael once explained. He won record settlements in Connecticut negligence and malpractice cases by coupling skills he had acquired in training to be a Shakespearean actor with a lifelong antagonism toward corporate greed. He also pioneered the use of vivid courtroom videos delivered in a documentary format.

For example, in 1979, Mr. Koskoff persuaded a jury in Danbury, CT, to award his client \$1.8 million in a wrongful-death case—Connecticut's first verdict of more than \$1 million in such a suit. In 1999, jurors awarded \$27 million for what he had demonstrated was a bungled heart operation at Yale-New Haven Hospital, which left a 29-year-old man permanently blind and brain-damaged. At the time, it was the biggest personal injury verdict in the state's history. In a medical malpractice case that became the subject of a book, *Damages: One Family's Legal Struggles in the World of Medicine* by Barry Werth, a couple represented by Mr. Koskoff settled for \$6.25 million in the early 1990s nine years after their baby, who had severe cerebral palsy and developmental disabilities, was born at Norwalk Hospital in Connecticut. (The child's twin brother had been stillborn there). In his book, Mr. Werth described Mr. Koskoff's courtroom techniques as "raw theater." "Koskoff liked to depend on his own 'visceral and instinctive reality' of what was happening in a courtroom—was a witness nervous? arrogant? appealing? unappealing?—to decide how best to keep the drama fresh," Mr. Werth wrote. "He also liked to keep the other side's experts off balance by not letting them know what to expect of him. If he met them, he might like them, and that would dull his attack."

Madam Speaker, in addition to his successful practice, Michael had a rich family life. He married Rosalind Jacobs in 1963 and had four children—two daughters, Sarah Koskoff, an actress and screen writer, Juliet Koskoff a law-

yer in New York, and two sons Jacob Koskoff a screenwriter who collaborated with his father on the feature film "Marshall," a rendering of a criminal trial Justice Thurgood Marshall handled as an attorney in 1941. His other son, Joshua, is a partner in Michael's firm who just last month prevailed in a groundbreaking case against the gun manufacturer Remington Arms—a case that was brought by the families of the victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting.

Madam Speaker, Michael Koskoff brought to life the promise of American ideals of fairness and justice for "the little guy." With all of his success though, he never "put on airs" with people he met. He was generous with his time and support for his colleagues in the legal profession, the arts, and political causes devoted to a better community and nation. His presence will be sorely missed by those who had the privilege to know him, including myself. However, it is safe to say his memory will never be forgotten.

I would ask the House to please join me in extending deepest condolences to Michael's wife Rosalind and his family for their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE GORDON HELSEL'S RETIREMENT FROM THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Honorable Gordon Helsel's retirement from the Virginia House of Delegates. His extensive history as a military serviceman and a public servant exemplify his selflessness and dedication to our great nation.

In 1967, Gordon Helsel was drafted into the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam as an infantry soldier. Ten months into his tour of duty, Gordon was ambushed by North Vietnamese soldiers and sustained multiple injuries while returning fire on the enemy position. Gordon's injuries would require him to spend five months in recovery and rightfully earned him two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. Gordon has been a steadfast advocate for veterans and a tireless supporter of our active duty military members and families. The Vietnam veterans' community has benefitted tremendously from Gordon's efforts and advocacy and has an unshakable bond with him and his family.

Since his military service, Gordon has pursued his dream of owning a business, purchasing the York Box and Barrel Manufacturing Company, Inc., which supplies containers for the region's seafood industry. He has helped many a seafood dealer and waterman throughout Tidewater Virginia. Anyone in the seafood processing or harvesting business has come across Gordon and his fantastic products. Consumers of seafood also greatly appreciate the preservation of quality that his products have provided to seafood lovers.

His service would continue at the local level where he served as city council member, Vice Mayor, Mayor, and Chief of Poquoson's Volunteer Fire Company. Gordon would eventually be elected to the House of Delegates in

2011, representing the 91st House District of Virginia. His efforts in serving his community on many levels has placed him as the quintessential servant leader in the eyes of folks through Virginia. His love of his country, Commonwealth and community shines through in everything that he says and does. His community loves Gordon and he loves them back.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of Delegate Helsel's retirement from the Virginia General Assembly. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for his lifelong service to not only his community but to his country as well. May God bless Gordon Helsel and his family as he enters his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday, May 20, 2019 due to a delayed flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "YES" on roll call votes 218 and 219.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to my daughter's graduation from High School. Had I been present for roll call vote number 218, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1952, the Intercountry Adoption Information Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 219, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree on H. Res. 106, Denouncing female genital mutilation/cutting as a violation of the human rights of women and girls and urging the international community and the Federal Government to increase efforts to eliminate the harmful practice, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 220, On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 389, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1500) Consumers First Act, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1994) Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, and providing for proceedings during the period from May 24, 2019, through May 31, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 221, On Agreeing to the Resolution on H. Res. 389, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1500) Consumers First Act, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1994) Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, and providing for proceedings during the period from May 24, 2019, through May 31, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JON
DOUGLAS STEWART

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Jon Douglas Stewart.

Doug was born and raised in Chicopee, Georgia, and graduated from Gainesville High School before earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University. He later graduated from Emory School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1962. Doug practiced in both state and federal courts throughout Georgia, and in 1968, he began working at the Gainesville-based law firm, Stewart, Melvin & Frost, where he was a loyal partner for 50 years. As partner and senior litigator, Doug handled litigation ranging from commercial contract disputes to domestic relations cases and everything in between.

Doug was known as a steadfast leader and mentor in our community, serving in many capacities and dedicating his career to teaching and investing in the next generation of lawyers. From 1981 to 1982, Doug served as President of the State Bar of Georgia. He then spent the next decade sitting on the Georgia Bar Foundation's Board of Trustees, serving as both President and Vice President between 1983 and 1993. Towards the end of his tenure as President, Doug was honored with one of the State Bar's highest accolades—the Distinguished service Award—in recognition of his service, professionalism, and integrity. Just last year, Doug was honored with the Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award—the State Bar's highest honor.

As an active member of Gainesville First United Methodist Church, Doug took great joy in mentoring young leaders through teaching Sunday school classes and serving as Chairman of the Administrative Board. He lived out his passion for music by singing in the church choir and participating in local theatre and musical productions.

Jon Douglas Stewart leaves behind an honorable legacy of integrity, leadership, and service. He will be greatly missed by many, but he will always be remembered for his incredible impact on countless lives across Hall County and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY
AS GBS/CIDP AWARENESS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS/CIDP Awareness Month 2019 and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the CIDP and MMN communities through cosponsoring the Medicare IVIG Access Enhancement Act.

The bill Act would provide much-needed assistance to Medicare patients suffering from two rare diseases, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) and Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN). These debilitating conditions are the result of a pa-

tient's own immune system attacking their motor nerves, leading to compromised mobility and reduced quality of life.

Patients are frequently treated with intravenous immune globulin (IVIG), a plasma-derived medicine that can significantly improve health outcomes for these vulnerable patient populations. Given the mobility challenges associated with CIDP and MMN, treatment in the homes is the preferred site of care for many patients.

I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation by becoming a cosponsor. The establishment of a home infusion option for patients with CIDP and MMN will help promote therapy adherence, enhance quality of life and promote positive health outcomes for beneficiaries with CIDP and MMN.

RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR I
VETERANS FROM COVINGTON, OH

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the contributions and sacrifices of brave World War I soldiers from Covington, Ohio, and its surrounding areas.

These soldiers fought with the U.S. Army's 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Buckeye Division. In October of 1918, they fought in the muddy fields of Belgium in the great battle of Ypres.

Topping their trenches, the 37th faced a hailstorm of bullets, bombs and poisonous gas. Undeterred, they pressed the attack, penetrating enemy lines. These brave soldiers gained their objective and forced their foe into a headlong retreat. At least nine servicemen from the Covington area were killed or died in military service during the war, including: Orville Bazill, J. Lowell Boyer, Albert B. Cole, Lloyd W. Cornor, Oscar P. Kindell, Edward S. Knight, Arlie Carl Nicholas, Roscoe Rogers, and Fred Siler.

At least fifteen more were wounded, most of whom served with the U.S. Army's 148th Infantry Regiment. Madam Speaker, we must never forget the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. I rise today to honor these brave Ohioans, and to commemorate the newly erected World War I Monument in Highland Cemetery in Covington.

HONORING REX CAFÉ AND
BAKERY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rex Café & Bakery in McAllen, Texas, and all of its distinguished employees. Rex Café & Bakery was founded by Rogelio Guerrero over 70 years ago in 1947, and I could not be happier to have such a talented group of individuals create jobs in the Rio Grande Valley.

Rogelio was born in Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on February 3, 1908, and moved to McAllen in 1918. Rogelio was a World War II

Veteran who served as a construction equipment mechanic in the United States Army. Rogelio was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Three Bronze Stars and the Philippines Liberation Medal with One Bronze Star as well as many other awards for his service. He was also an active member of the American Legion, served as a member on the advisory board of La Piedad Cemetery, and treasurer of Woodmen of the World.

Rogelio left his legacy to his nephew Baldemar Guerrero, Sr., who in turn left it to his son Baldemar Guerrero, Jr. The Guerrero family's determination and hard work has left a lasting impact on South Texas. Most customers have visited frequently for years to enjoy coffee, baked goods, comfort food, among many others delicious meals and treats. This, along with the top of the line customer service provided by its loyal staff, have made Rex Café & Bakery a pillar of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to represent the hard-working individuals of Rex Café & Bakery and its founder, Rogelio Guerrero. Their success is a shining example of what the 15th District of Texas has to offer.

IN HONOR OF GABE LIPMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Gabe Lipman of Norwich, Connecticut. For 35 years, Gabe has dedicated herself to the education of our state's children as an art teacher in the Norwich Public School District. Thanks to her, generations of students have learned the value of art in our lives and discovered their own creative talents.

Throughout her professional life Gabe has worked to improve the circumstances of others. While that work was rooted in the classroom, it was by no means confined to it. Empowering her fellow teachers through late-night contract negotiations, serving as a contributing member of the Norwich Arts Center, and volunteering in the community have been a central part of her career. After a lifelong commitment to a single course, it is worth reflecting on the value of this undertaking.

Art and education, taken together, are a virtuous combination that elevate our children. Using this combination with her dynamic and engaging teaching style, Gabe has steadily enlarged the cultural opportunities for her students. Every one of us has had a teacher that has had a profound impact on our life's direction. For all the students who were lucky enough to be in her classroom, Gabe was one of those teachers. The ripples Gabe has cast across the community will never be completely comprehended. But I can assure you this, they are extensive and will continue moving outwards for years and decades to come bringing exuberance and brilliance wherever they land.

Colleagues, I ask you to please join me in extending your gratitude to Ms. Lipman for her commitment to our nation's youth. I thank Gabe for her 35 years of service, and wish her best of luck in the next endeavor.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Liberty Elementary School in Springfield, Massachusetts on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. This milestone is a testament to the school's faculty, staff, and students who have not only undoubtedly shaped the community of Springfield and beyond for decades, but continue to do so every day.

Liberty Elementary School first opened its doors to young students in Springfield in November 1918. It has now been nearly a full century since that day, and the city has been better for it ever since. For generations, Liberty School's teachers and administrators have dedicated themselves to the education of near countless children. These young individuals have of course gone on to great things in their own right. As a former history teacher in Springfield myself, and current lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, I know firsthand the value of a good education. Our country's next leaders, thinkers, movers and shakers depend on it. As the great Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Liberty Elementary School certainly exemplifies this wisdom. The school's multifaceted curriculum and passion for learning sets students up for future success in college, in their careers, and in their life.

Once again, Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere well-wishes to the Liberty Elementary School community as they celebrate 100 years since the school first opened. Liberty School has truly been essential to the fabric of Springfield for generations and will be for generations to come.

IN HONOR OF PENNY CHAUVETTE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Penny Chauvette, who is being honored as the Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors (GMNBR) Realtor of the Year for 2019. A valued member of GMNBR for 31 years, Penny has served her community with distinction, treating both her colleagues and clients with the utmost respect, professionalism, and positivity.

The Greater Manchester/Nashua Board of Realtors (GMNBR) is a local not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the real estate profession by supporting its members through education, community involvement, civic duty, pride of professionalism and advocacy. Over the past 31 years, she has been instrumental in helping the board achieve its critical goal. She has served as a leader at the Board in several ways, sitting on the Budget and Finance Committee and serving as the Chair of the Education Committee. During 2018 alone, Penny made sure that her Committee provided over 46 free continuing education credits for the GMNBR membership. She takes immense pride in serving her community with dignity and respect while inspiring others to do the same. Penny is proud to always wear her realtor pin and highlight her most valuable characteristic: her unwavering and steadfast commitment to ethical behavior.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Penny for her decades of dedication to our community. I congratulate her again on this well-deserved honor, and I thank her for all that she does to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 24

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing with the House Committee on Financial Services on trade-based money laundering.

RHOB-2360

MAY 29

9 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing with the House Committee on Financial Services on curbing corruption through corporate transparency and collaboration, focusing on the British model.

RHOB-2128