

in participants. I want to commend organizations like FIRST for their important work encouraging young people in these pursuits.

Sixty-seven young women from 8th through 12th grades associated with more than 20 schools located in and around the City of Pittsburgh represent this year's Girls of Steel team, and in recognition of their hard work, intelligence, and teamwork, I would like to mention each of these inspiring young ladies by name. They are: Alexandria Adams, Aeryn Anderson, Ciara Anderson, Anjali Angal, Ariella Avigad, Somdatta Basu, Meghna Behari, Justine Bennett, Ashnaa Bhide, Gracie Cain, Rosy Chen, Maya Cranor, Elizabeth Crookston, Claire Cummings, Isha Das, Maggie Davis, Haruka Doi, Riley Doyle, Anna Fedele, Alexandra George, Susanna Getty, Teadora Gildengers, Samhita Gudapati, Sofia Heller, Kristina Hilko, Amanda Hulver, Anna Jablonowski, Caroline Kenney, Janise Kim, Isabelle Kowenhoven, Mary Laird, Alice Liu, Sally Liu, Eve Mango, Alisha Mattson, Lauren Michaels, Abigail Miller-Peterson, Sreyashi Mandal, Lakshmi Mulgund, Abbey Murcek, Anna Nesbitt, Jimin Oh, Norah Ostin, Ariana Pasquella, Lehka Pendyala, Emma Prokop, Grace Raida, Lauren Raida, Ananya Rao, Sedona Rocher, Rachel Sadeh, Brittany Sadej, Swathi Senthil, Vivian Shao, Lauren Shovlin, Kavya Soman, Aditi Srivastava, Anna Staresinic, Tara Staresinic, Aditri Thakur, Langley Turcsanyi, Prishti Tyagi, Anja Vogt, Zoe Woon, Ziya Xu, Julia Young, and Qingqing Zhao.

Additionally, I want to convey my deep appreciation to the faculty and staff of Carnegie Mellon University's Field Robotics Center, who have mentored the Girls of Steel since 2010. Because of their efforts, more young women have experienced real-world technological challenges and learned from some of the nation's best at solving these problems. These experiences will certainly benefit these young women in the future.

I congratulate the Girls of Steel and wish them all continued success in their academic and professional endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Police Home Rule Act. This bill is necessary to eliminate the President's authority to federalize the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the local District of Columbia police department. The President has no authority to federalize any other local or state police department. Under the Home Rule Act, "whenever the President . . . determines that special conditions of an emergency nature exist which require the use of the [MPD] for Federal purposes, he may direct the Mayor to provide him, and the Mayor shall provide, such services of the [MPD] as the President may deem necessary and appropriate."

Under the section of the Home Rule Act that would be repealed by this bill, the President may federalize MPD for a period of not more

than 30 days, unless a resolution passed by Congress extending such federalization is enacted into law. Congress may also terminate the federalization at any time by enacting a resolution. This bill is necessary, even with these protections, because, under the principle of home rule, the President should not have control over the District's local police department.

While it does not appear that a President has exercised this authority over MPD, this latent power is totally unnecessary, should not exist and is an affront to MPD, which has always voluntarily assisted federal authorities. MPD's first responsibility is to protect District residents and visitors, and it must always remain under the authority of the D.C. Mayor to accomplish its mission. Moreover, federalization is outdated in light of current practice. MPD regularly assists the federal government as a matter of comity, not as an arm of the federal government, just as I am sure other local police departments do in the region. There are approximately 30 federal police departments under the President's control in the District. In the case of a federal emergency, the President can unilaterally deploy these federal officers, as well as the D.C. National Guard, to address it, and also request the support of our local police department, as the President would do in any other jurisdiction.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. SCOTT COLSON MARCY

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Scott Colson Marcy, a decorated military officer with twenty-seven years of service, and express my profound condolences to his family and friends on his passing.

Born in Conneaut in 1950, Scott was a clear leader from a young age. Upon graduating high school, he was accepted into the Class of 1972 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point only to be diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma just two years later. Through sheer determination and strength, he became the first cadet in West Point's history to be readmitted after battling cancer, graduating as a second lieutenant with the Class of 1973.

Throughout his storied military career, Scott served honorably both on and off the front lines all over the world, from an armored cavalry troop commander in Germany, to the Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy in Italy, for a U.S. Joint Task Force with Allied Forces Southern Europe in the War for Kosovo, to an advisor to the Army National Guard, to the Director of Alaska Operations for the ground based missile defense program. Over the years, Scott also held teaching positions at the U.S. Military Academy, Dickinson College, and the Naval Postgraduate School, helping to shape the minds of our nation's next generation of leaders. By the time he retired from active duty in 2000, Scott's exemplary service had earned him several prestigious awards, such as the Bronze Star, the Army Com-

mendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Equally as impressive as Scott's career was the family he built alongside it with his wife, Suzanne, and their son, Preston. As the son of a veteran myself, I cannot speak more highly of Scott's commitment to his country and his loved ones. In 2013, Scott fully retired to spend time with his family, enjoy fishing, boating, traveling, visiting friends and perfect the art of making sauerkraut. He is survived by both his wife and son.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life, service, and legacy of Col. Scott Colson Marcy.

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN ALVIN H. PERRY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Alvin H. Perry, of Wilmore, Kentucky, who will receive the Legion of Honor Medal from France this week on the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The Legion of Honor Medal is the highest honor presented by France for military service to the French people.

Pfc. Perry served in the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of Normandy from June 18, 1944, to July 19, 1944, when he was wounded and captured by enemy forces. He has been awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal for his valiant service.

Pfc. Perry truly represents the greatest generation, answering the call to defend freedom and to liberate Europe from Nazi control. I am incredibly grateful for his service. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious honor.

FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY 2019

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to both acknowledge the hardships many foster youths have had to endure, and to celebrate their persistence and determination as they navigate a complex system and transition into adulthood.

In Arkansas, we have almost 5,000 children currently in the state's foster care system. As a Member of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I am proud to join them as an original cosponsor of H. Res. 340, which recognizes the month of May as National Foster Care Month.

For the past four years, I have had the pleasure of a former foster youth personally shadowing me for a day. This year, I am honored to host Michaella Halbert, a former foster youth from my district. The proud mom of two boys, Michaella is a passionate advocate for children within the foster care system. Many foster youths do not have access to a community to help support them in finding a career