

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

and a home after they grow out of the foster care system. I applaud Michaela in her efforts to create a better environment and future for children within the system.

I am proud to stand with the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth in celebration of the Eighth Annual Foster Youth Shadow Day, which gives youth an opportunity to experience firsthand the foundations and principle of the United States Congress, instilling the characteristics of leadership that they can continue to use throughout their lives.

TRIBUTE TO WISCONSIN SUPREME
COURT JUSTICE SHIRLEY
ABRAHAMSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the career and ongoing legacy of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson, the first woman and longest serving justice on our state's highest court. Born and raised in New York City, Justice Abrahamson often says, "At first I intended to be a teacher, but somewhere around 5 or 6 years old, I decided to be a lawyer, and when I really looked back to before wanting to be a teacher, I was going to be President of the United States, and don't count me out yet."

Her path to the potential presidency led her to the Indiana Law School in 1953 after graduating magna cum laude from New York University. Justice Abrahamson was one of the only two women enrolled during a time when there were not a lot of women in the law practice. While attending, her fellow classmates stood in awe of her performance and ability to recite cases and make arguments. According to her it was often the gossip amongst the students that whoever finished top in the class would automatically get an offer from large

leading Indianapolis law firms, but the Dean thought that they wouldn't hire a woman.

Despite that belief, she persisted, graduating with high distinction from the Indiana School of Law, she was then hired and quickly promoted to partner at a law firm in Madison, Wisconsin. As she continued her private practice, Justice Abrahamson served as a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Her career would be redirected in 1976 when she was appointed to be an Associate Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Justice Abrahamson would be repeatedly elected to 10-year terms on the bench with clear majorities each time and would be later sworn in as Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1996.

When she joined the court, she was given a voice—a voice that she was never reluctant to use. At times when our state and court's fundamental values were continuously challenged, she expressed her views off the bench when necessary. She is an unshakable defender of progressive values, a protector of victims and a voice who fought against the special interests, and corporate wrong-doing. She is a judicial heavyweight, one of the most respected justices in United States history, and a trailblazer for women everywhere.

Justice Abrahamson often says that her accomplishments are due to the generations of women who blazed that trail so that she can walk on it. However, Madam Speaker, in a time when very few women were in the law practice, she took that risk, picked up the mantle and continued to pave the way so women like myself, in this Congress and across the nation could walk on it. As Justice Abrahamson heads to retirement, her absence will leave a void in our state, but the legacy she leaves behind will inspire generations to come.

Madam Speaker, Justice Shirley Abrahamson has helped change the course of American History for the better, and I applaud her for everything she has contributed to the state of Wisconsin and our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MELISA D.
MONTEMAYOR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, Melisa D. Montemayor was born in Duval County, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in biology.

Mrs. Montemayor served the state of Texas for 29 years, including the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mrs. Montemayor also worked as the Laredo District Advance Transportation Planning Director and managed long-range and short-range transportation planning for the district. She also arranged transportation improvement plans with the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Through her extensive work with local and federal legislators, consulting firms, and fellow TxDOT staff, she developed essential projects for Laredo and the state of Texas. For her efforts she received the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Design for Transportation 2000 National Award" and the Texas Department of Transportation Environmental Achievement Award.

Mrs. Montemayor's involvement has been essential to the Laredo community. I have confidence that she will continue to aid her community in any way she can and I wish her well on her retirement. Today, Mrs. Montemayor lives in Laredo, Texas with her husband, Adrian, and their daughter, Ari.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mrs. Montemayor and her outstanding career.