

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOWELL OBSERVATORY

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, on May 28, 1894 Percival Lowell arrived in Flagstaff, Arizona Territory and officially began operations at his new astronomical observatory. This was one of the first permanent scientific establishments in the western United States and one of the most storied centers for scientific research and outreach in the world. As we celebrate Lowell Observatory's 125th anniversary this year, we not only look back to honor its rich heritage, but also look ahead to a future in which the sky is not the limit but the starting point.

Percival Lowell was the scion of a Boston Brahmin clan steeped in the traditions of public service and community leadership. His siblings alone included brother Abbott Lawrence, president of Harvard University for 24 years, and Pulitzer-Prize-winning poet Amy. Percival Lowell established his observatory initially to study Mars and the possibility of intelligent life there. He transcended science into pop culture by writing several popular books and lecturing widely. His provocative ideas triggered much discussion and debate—both within and outside of scientific circles—about extraterrestrial life. This standard set by Lowell to not only carry out research but to share the wonder and awe of space with the public led to the observatory's dual mission of research and education.

Some significant contributions made at Lowell Observatory:

V.M. Slipher detected the first evidence of the expanding universe in 1912.

Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto in 1930.

At the urging of Lowell scientists, Flagstaff enacted the world's first dark skies ordinance in 1958. This laid the path for future regulations that culminated in the community's designation as the first International Dark Sky City, in 2001.

Flagstaff continues to serve as a model for dark skies protection.

The second class of astronauts, the so-called "Next Nine" that included Neil Armstrong, and Jim Lovell, visited Lowell Observatory in 1963 to learn about the lunar mapping efforts going on here. This was part of a training exercise in northern Arizona that proved an important step in preparing the astronauts for their missions to the Moon.

A team of scientists, including many from Lowell, discovered the rings of Uranus in 1977.

Using observations with several research instruments, including Lowell Observatory's Perkins Telescope, Vera Rubin and Kent Ford confirmed the existence of dark matter in 1978.

A team of scientists, including many from Lowell, discovered Pluto's atmosphere in 1988.

Lowell scientist Will Grundy served as a team leader on the New Horizons mission's 2015 exploration of Pluto. This mission returned stunning images of the only planet in our solar system discovered in the United States.

Today, scientists at Lowell use a variety of ground- and space-based instruments for research—including Lowell Observatory's flagship Discovery Channel Telescope, one of the most versatile telescopes in the world. Meanwhile, the visitor program welcomes more than 100,000 guests per year and in the fall will complete construction of the Giovale Open Deck Observatory, the first stage of a multi-year master plan that will greatly increase the observatory's educational reach.

In recognition of Lowell's heritage of science, education, culture, and history, the observatory was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service in 1965 and identified as an Arizona Treasure in 2005 by Governor Janet Napolitano. In 2011 Time magazine named it one of "The World's 100 Most Important Places." Also, Astronomy magazine Editor Dave Eicher recently nicknamed Lowell Observatory "America's Observatory" because of its "unique combination of astronomical history and famous discoveries".

AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter in support of H.R. 6, The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019.

ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (AJCU),
May 31, 2019.

Hon. HENRY CUELLAR,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE CUELLAR: I write to you, an alum of one of our nation's Jesuit colleges and universities, in support of H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, as it was amended by the House Judiciary Committee earlier this month. This is important legislation that clearly reflects the values of Jesuit institutions across the country.

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) stated in 2016:

"Grounded in our Catholic and Jesuit mission, we are guided by our commitment to uphold the dignity of every person, to work for the common good of our nation, and to promote a living faith that works for justice. We see our work of teaching, scholarship and the formation of minds and spirits as a sacred trust.

That calls us to labor for solidarity among all people, and especially with and for the poor and marginalized in our society. That trust calls us to embrace the entire human

family, regardless of their immigration status or religious allegiance. And experience has shown us that our communities are immeasurably enriched by the presence, intelligence and contributions of undocumented students, as well as of faculty and staff of every color and from every faith tradition."

That statement went on to reaffirm our commitment to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Likewise, its principles lead us to strongly support passage of H.R. 6, which would finally provide lawful permanent resident status, and a pathway toward citizenship for the Dreamers who are very much a part of Jesuit campus communities across the nation. The presence of those young people on our campuses has enabled us to come to know and admire them. They have long considered the United States their home and, in fact, many of them have hardly any recollections of the countries where they were born. These individuals are pursuing or have successfully completed at least two years of higher education, served in our military or been steadily employed.

Simply put, we cannot imagine not wanting these individuals to remain a part of our country. Under provisions of H.R. 6, those who qualify for the program cannot have committed a felony or other serious crimes and can pose no threat to national security or public safety. These individuals are contributing to our society and our economy. They work and pay taxes. Indeed, they have lived their lives as Americans, but with the exception of having the legal status that they well deserve. For too long, they have had to live with uncertainty. With your help, by voting for H.R. 6, Congress will have taken a major step to remedy that situation.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. SHEERAN, S.J.,
President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, JOSEPH LEON MERRITT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of World War II Veteran Joseph Leon Merritt. Mr. Merritt has always placed God and family first in his life, offering friendship and brotherly love to all those who crossed his path.

Mr. Merritt was born on May 27, 1919, in Sturgis, Mississippi. He spent his early life in Itawamba County with his parents, Frank and Lula Lee Merritt, and his seven siblings. After the war, Mr. Merritt moved to Louisville, Mississippi where he still resides to this day.

From 1942 to 1946, Mr. Merritt answered the call to serve our great nation in the U.S. Marines. Serving as a driver and bulldozer operator, Mr. Merritt rose to the rank of Corporal and was recognized for participating in actions

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against the enemy in Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian. Mr. Merritt founded Merritt Plumbing Company in Louisville and worked there until his retirement in 1983.

In 1945, Mr. Merritt married Gladys Taylor, and they remained together for almost 70 years. Upon Mr. Merritt's return from military service, the family grew to include two children, Joe Merritt and Carol Higginbotham. Mr. Merritt now has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life and to this day, Mr. Merritt set an example for his children to follow. Mr. Merritt, a lifelong Christian, was an active member of Poplar Flat Baptist Church, where he served as Music Director for 50 years and was chosen to be a deacon of the church.

On Memorial Day of 2019, Mr. Merritt celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr. Merritt is an American patriot who served our great nation and continues to set an example for others to follow. We wish him many more years of good health.

RECOGNIZING MS. YNETTE LOPEZ
OF PIPER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
OF 2020

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ynette Lopez, a student at Piper High School and Class of 2020 in Sunrise, Florida. This remarkable young lady has a current weighted GPA of 3.4, while taking a rigorous schedule of all Honors classes. Additionally, she is passionate about her extracurricular activities, hobbies, and volunteer work. She is a six-year professional clarinetist and currently occupies the 1st chair position with the Bengal Band of Pride.

Ynette has volunteered at the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2017. Her father is a disabled veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder. Growing up and learning so much about his disability, she was inspired to give back in the best way possible. She has accrued more than 200 hours of volunteer work in her many different capacities. Ynette has gained valuable experience by scheduling appointments, communicating with others, and delivering important documents to various offices at the Broward County Veterans Hospital.

She is currently preparing to take the next step in her future and will apply early admission in November of this year. Ynette plans to attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, where she will study Sociology with a Psychology minor. Ynette's persistence, dedication, and ambition has carried her far and I wish her much success in the future.

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT
ELVIN TRUSTY, III FOR HIS EX-
EMPLARY SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Elvin

Trusty, III for his dedicated service. His commitment to country and community is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, MSG Elvin Trusty attended Dunbar Sr. High School prior to completing Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He became the Battalion Operations Sergeant on the Wolf Team at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin and later assumed duties as Operations Group First Sergeant. MSG Trusty completed two full tours and one extended tour in Iraq and a tour in Afghanistan, earning numerous medals and awards for his service. MSG Trusty currently attends the University of Louisville pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and Learning. He is also a military science instructor and assistant chair of the Army Officer Education Program at the University of Michigan.

MSG Trusty has shown a tremendous love for his country and community. His years as an educator and a member of the United States Military exemplify the selflessness of public service and stand as a testament to duty, honor, and country. We thank Master Sergeant Elvin Trusty, III for his commitment to protecting the American people and we congratulate him on his retirement. His dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish him good health and every happiness in his retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Master Sergeant Elvin Trusty, III for his exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and its residents through his selflessness and leadership.

HONORING GUNNERY SERGEANT
HENRY L. BAUL, FOUNDER OF
MONTFORD POINT MARINES OF
AMERICA, INC.

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Gunnery Sergeant Henry L. Baul, the 5th African-American Marine in the nation to be inducted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 following President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802, which ended discrimination in the armed forces.

Although the executive order may have intended to end all discrimination, it did not end segregation. Between 1942 and 1949, approximately twenty thousand Black Marines trained at a segregated facility named Camp Montford Point, New River, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. The Montford Marine Corp is derived from the name of the facility and Mr. Baul trained there.

In 2011, President Barack Obama and the 112th U.S. Congress passed legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Montford Marine Corp at a special ceremony at the U.S. Capitol and Marine Corps Barracks here in D.C.

Mr. Baul, age ninety-six, is a resident of the city of Detroit. He is also Founder and President-Emeritus of the Montford Point Marines of America, Inc. non-profit.

I am proud to recognize Mr. Baul for his work and service. Mr. Baul and so many oth-

ers decided to serve this country even in the face of adversity and discrimination right here at home. Today, I lift up the veterans across the 13th Congressional District and the great state of Michigan in recognition of their service and commitment.

AMERICAN DREAM AND PROMISE
ACT (H.R. 6)

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate alongside the hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients and TPS holders on the historic passage of the American Dream and Promise Act. I was proud to join my House colleagues this week in passing H.R. 6—and thereby marking a critical milestone in the long fight to protect those who have known only this country as their home.

For too long, DACA recipients have been left wondering and waiting, not knowing what will happen with their immigration status. It is time we end that. TPS recipients remain living year-by-year—wondering if their TPS status will be extended. It is time we end that. Dreamers and TPS recipients are our neighbors and friends; they contribute to our communities, pay taxes, fight for our country and our freedoms, and live and work toward the American dream.

The Trump Administration's approach to immigration has been cruel, unjust, and vicious. Its decision to dismantle the DACA program and terminate TPS designations for several countries is inhumane and an abandonment of American values and principles. Instead of working toward a future that creates hope and opportunity for Dreamers, and TPS and DED recipients, the Administration has relentlessly sought to further drive them into the shadows and close the door on their dreams and aspirations.

DACA has enabled 800,000 Dreamers who came to the United States as children, through no decision of their own, to get an education, to get jobs, and to meaningfully contribute to the economy of the only country they have ever called home. They have shown incredible potential and achievement. For instance, Jin Park, one of my constituents from Queens, NY, is the first DACA recipient to be awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, and he will begin his studies this fall at the University of Oxford in England. Instead of having the usual worries of living and studying abroad, Jin fears he may not be allowed to return to the United States. We need the American Dream and Promise Act for Jin.

Furthermore, with respect to TPS, I think about my constituents, the Nepali community of Queens, who were deeply impacted by the April 2015 massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal and destroyed over half a million homes. Today, we have 400,000 foreign nationals living in the U.S. with TPS, some of whom have lived in the U.S. for decades. And I am proud to have fought in Congress for Nepal's TPS designation and extension. TPS is not a decision that is made lightly, but it is a decision that is made compassionately. We need the American Dream and Promise Act for the Nepali community, and all the other TPS recipients.

Madam Speaker, it is long overdue for Congress to protect these individuals who, for too long, have lived in limbo and in the shadows. I am proud to have voted in for the American Dream and Promise Act which would provide vital and humane protections for Dreamers, TPS, and DED recipients. After all, they are integral members of our community, they each have an American story, and they are deeply woven into the fabric of this nation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS.
NANNIE E. WILKINS

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Nannie E. Wilkins, a matriarch of CA-24's NAACP Chapter. Mrs. Wilkins was described as "a social justice and human and civil rights champion," because of her hard work fighting for equal rights in the Central Coast.

Nannie Elizabeth Browning was born in Mebane, North Carolina on March 13, 1927 to John Henry Browning and Annie Pearl Richmond. As a young woman, she studied at North Carolina AT&T and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Commercial Education—an extraordinary accomplishment for women of color at the time. In 1951, Nannie E. Browning married Smiley Edward Wilkins, a member of the U.S. Air Force. Nannie was an ambitious go-getter; she encouraged Smiley to become an officer and used her education and fiscal know-how to raise and run the family.

In 1972, after Smiley retired from the military, the Wilkins family moved to Lompoc, where Nannie continued her life in community and public service. She selflessly served as a hospice volunteer and on the Executive Committee of the Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for more than forty-three years.

Alongside her husband, former President of the NAACP, she tackled race-based discrimination in their community. She was a Silver Life and Golden Heritage member of the NAACP, serving as the Communication, Press & Publicity Chair. Among her valiant strides towards justice, she also served as a Diaconate at the Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ for thirty years and was a dedicated member of Lompoc Alpha Club for twenty-five years.

Nannie passed away on May 9, 2019 at her home in Lompoc, California at the age of ninety-two. Her soul and legacy as a Civil Rights champion lives on in her loving family, her friends, and every community member liberated and inspired by her courageous efforts.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join the nation and the Wilkins Family in celebrating the special life of Nannie Elizabeth Wilkins.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MR. SID STAFFORD

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Sid Stafford, in celebration of his 100th birthday and for his service to the United States of America.

Mr. Stafford was born and raised in South Texas before joining the U.S. Army in 1941. His military service took him across the world to serve his country in the European Campaign during World War II. Mr. Stafford was in a tank platoon where he worked as a mechanic. Across much of North Africa and Europe, he courageously fought for the safety of Americans and people around the globe against the Nazi regime.

After being honorably discharged from the military in September of 1945, Mr. Stafford settled down on his farm in Hallsville, Texas, where he met his wife, Mrs. Nitalene Waldron. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters in East Texas. Mrs. Stafford passed away on March 15th of this year, and they would have celebrated their 68th anniversary yesterday, June 4th. Throughout his life, Mr. Stafford has made a positive impact on his East Texas community and it is an honor to call him my friend. No matter what life has in store for him, he has always made one thing clear: the importance of trusting in the Lord with all of your heart.

Madam Speaker, it is because of the sacrifices made by men and women like Mr. Sid Stafford that we are able to enjoy the freedoms which we all hold so dear. Let us not forget this great generation. We thank Mr. Stafford for the contribution he has made in preserving our liberty and we wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE
HOUSE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of the New Hampshire State House, also known as the "People's House."

Standing in beautiful downtown Concord, the State House was designed in 1814 by architect Stuart Park and opened on June 2, 1819. It is the oldest state capitol in which both houses of the legislature meet in their original chambers and is home to the largest legislative body in our nation, with 400 members. As the first significant granite building in New Hampshire, the State House was a symbol of the growing granite industry in Concord and our state.

While additions and updates have been made over the years to accommodate government entities such as the General Court, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer, the State House remains a focal point in Concord and a source of pride for New Hampshire two centuries after opening.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank the State House Bicentennial Commission for organizing this 200th birthday celebration and I send my deepest appreciation to everyone who maintains this historic, beautiful building.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. ISAAC JOSEPH

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph, a veteran educator and the first African-American superintendent of the Jefferson Parish Public School System. Dr. Joseph passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the age of 64.

Dr. Joseph was a graduate of Southern University at Baton Rouge, where he earned a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling. He completed all coursework towards a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans.

Dr. Joseph led Louisiana's largest school district from 2015 to 2018. In 2018, Dr. Joseph resigned as the leader of Jefferson schools.

In 1986 Dr. Joseph began his career in education as a teacher in Jefferson Parish. Throughout his career he served in a variety of roles including principal, assistant superintendent of human resources, and executive director of grants and federal programs.

In 1987 and 1989, Dr. Joseph was bestowed the Waggaman School Teacher of the Year award. Less than a decade later, Dr. Joseph was named Educator of the Year by the National Council on Educating Black Children.

Dr. Joseph loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Dr. Joseph, but surely, we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Dr. Joseph is survived by a wife, Faith. The couple had a son and Dr. Joseph had two other sons and daughters.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph.

IN HONOR OF KAREN HANRAHAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hanrahan, the retiring Head of School at Mercy High School Burlingame. Ms. Hanrahan has been a strong leader of this school for the past six years and is beloved on campus. I deeply admire her and feel privileged to call her a great friend.

During her time at Mercy, the school has benefitted greatly through her leadership. Mercy is a school where girls are taught to become leaders. In Ms. Hanrahan, they have a

tremendous role model. When she arrived, the school's enrollment was declining. She reversed the trend. Her interactions with students are a joy to observe. Smiles break out, sometimes hugs ensue, but students also know that she has high standards. Ms. Hanrahan stresses the belief of the Sisters of Mercy that every student is capable of improving herself and that every student should give back to the community. She imbues the value of social justice in the students through hands-on experiences. For example, a few years ago several Mercy girls joined me and a group of Rosie the Riveters at a rally to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

While at Mercy, the budget has been placed on sound footing. She's now raising funds for a \$12 million gymnasium and activities center, the first building on campus where all students will be able to assemble at once. In just eight months, \$2.3 million has been pledged. She once calmly explained to my staff that it would certainly require work to raise \$12 million but that it was doable, and then briefly explained the nuts and bolts of raising this extraordinary sum. She is demonstrating great leadership even now as she has been working over many months to train her replacement. It is apparent that the transition will go smoothly.

She emphasized to parents that science and technology play a big role in Mercy's curriculum, while also stressing the importance of a broad education. Mercy offers 37 AP courses ranging from biology to calculus to history and even studio art in 3D. There are 18 honors courses in sciences and the humanities. Ms. Hanrahan works with department heads to ensure that Mercy's curriculum offers a breadth of study that allows each student to reach her fullest potential. As an enthusiastic sports fan, she celebrates when Mercy's teams excel, as they often do. As the Head of School, Ms. Hanrahan is remarkably down to earth and models for the students that no one should take him or herself too seriously. During Mercy week, she dyed a streak of her hair royal blue, one of the school colors.

Karen Hanrahan began her career as the Director of Development at yet another Catholic school for girls, Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim, California. As she would in several other later positions, Ms. Hanrahan raised funds to bring facilities up to date and to close budget deficits. For example, at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, Rhode Island, she supervised admissions and alumnae, and was responsible for the annual fund and handled all communications. She then moved on to numerous other accomplishments in Catholic schools, and at one private school, throughout the country.

However, it was in Baltimore that she met her pre-Mercy community and education challenges that would prepare her for her years at Mercy. In Baltimore, she became the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Police Memorial Fund. She spent two years raising funds to ensure that fallen officers would never be forgotten. She then became the President and CEO of two Catholic schools, one a co-ed pre-K to 8th and the other an all-girls high school.

At Seton Keough High School and Holy Angels Catholic School, Ms. Hanrahan was the Energizer Bunny who did it all. She was involved in marketing, communications, and fundraising. She supervised all finances, developed budgets and strategic plans, and was

the face of the school in the community. She reduced the deficit of the two schools by 50 percent and reinvigorated the curriculum. She did everything imaginable to give the students of these two schools an outstanding education.

As Ms. Hanrahan came onboard from Baltimore, she knew that Mercy Burlingame also needed help. Ever the optimist, she dove right in, and she delivered through extraordinary self-discipline and an engaging personal style.

Today, the banner on the school's website says, "Be known. Be Challenged. Be Transformed." This could describe Ms. Hanrahan. She's known, been challenged, and has transformed the school into a stronger and better Mercy. She deserves a rest, but it would be unwise to call it a retirement because leaders like Ms. Hanrahan neither retire nor fade away. They listen closely to the next great calling, and then patiently re-engage in the exciting enterprise of creating a better tomorrow. We all await the day when we learn that Ms. Hanrahan has again set her sights upon a goal because it will likely be in service to a cause that enriches both us and our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER J.
MURDOCK'S LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter J. Murdock's lifetime of service. Mr. Murdock passed away on May 4, 2019 which greatly saddened our community. His lifetime of service to the Ypsilanti community is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Murdock was a fixture of the Ypsilanti community. He moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan from his hometown of Boston, Massachusetts in the 1960s. Immediately after arriving, he became involved with the Ypsilanti Tenants' Union. He was employed at Motor Wheel and the Ford Rawsonville plant and was a key member of the local UAW chapter. For the remainder of his career, Mr. Murdock worked with the Ypsilanti Recycling Project and Recycle Ann Arbor. Mr. Murdock was elected to the Ypsilanti City Council from 1978 to 1982 and became the Mayor of the City of Ypsilanti in 1982 where he served for three consecutive terms. After his tenure as Mayor, he returned to the Ypsilanti City Council from 1991 until 1993, and from 2008 until his passing. During that time, he attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1996.

Mr. Murdock and his wife Grace Sweeney were dedicated to historical preservation, founding the Ypsilanti East Side Neighborhood Association and supporting the revitalization of Depot Town. He was a champion for the environment, supporting solar power, crafting plans for city-wide recycling, invigorating community parks, and promoting sustainability. During his over 25-year tenure in Ypsilanti government he implemented policies that have positively affected the lives of all Ypsilanti residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Peter J. Murdock and his lifetime of service. We are truly grateful for his numerous contributions to the Ypsi-

lanti community and to the County of Washtenaw. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING NADINE WHITTED, RETIRED COMMUNITY BOARD 4 DISTRICT MANAGER AT SHAPE UP BUSHWICK 14TH ANNUAL PARADE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nadine Whitted, life-time resident of the Bushwick community and former Brooklyn Community Board 4 District Manager. Ms. Whitted retired in 2016 but her leadership and advocacy efforts continue today. She is considered a model civil servant by her community and colleagues in government. Her career spans an impressive 30 years of public service.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Nadine is the second child born to Rose Rucker and Emerson Whitted. According to her family, Nadine exemplified leadership qualities and an interest for public service at a young age. In 1977 during the New York City fiscal crisis, Ms. Whitted was hired as an Administrative Aide for Community Board 4 approximately three days prior to the Black Out of July 1977. This event detrimentally impacted the quality of life, infrastructure and Bushwick's economic development for decades. Ms. Whitted was determined to be part of her neighborhood's revitalization.

Within two years she was promoted to the position of Assistant District Manager, under this new role she strengthened her skills and diligently fostered relationships with city agencies, elected officials and stakeholders to help craft a community led revitalization project. The neighborhood's distinction as the poorest community district in the city fueled Ms. Whitted. Her efforts resulted in her promotion to District Manager in 1986. From 1986 to 2016 she served as District Manager with distinction. Her effective management skills and leadership were instrumental in the success of major projects ranging from the delivery of essential services, street lighting along commercial corridors and the development of large scale affordable housing and open space.

Nadine Whitted remains a champion of the Bushwick, Brooklyn community. I thank her for dedication and decades of public service. It is my honor to recognize her on this special occasion of the Shape Up Bushwick 14th Annual Parade.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONRAD GONZALES FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Conrad Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales was described as "an ordained minister with street experience who was very passionate about his work and who had a rare gift to inspire, motivate, and guide teens."

Mr. Gonzales was born and raised in the small town of Santa Paula, CA. For a few years, he and his wife lived in Santa Barbara before permanently moving to Lompoc in 1984, where he dedicated thirty-three years of his life to helping youth and preaching the word of God.

While in Lompoc, Mr. Gonzales had a reputation for his ability to mentor troubled and at-risk youth, earning the nickname of Lompoc's "Kid Whisperer." Most of his work in Lompoc was carried out at the church he founded, Cornerstone Church, and at the Boys & Girls Club. During the thirteen years that Mr. Gonzales directed and oversaw Lompoc's Boys & Girls Club teen program, he expanded it from a small group of 25 kids to around 400 strong.

As a result of his work, Mr. Gonzales had received numerous accolades during his life. One of those being the renaming of the teen center at the Boys & Girls Club to the "The Conrad Gonzales Teen Center." Other honors included being the first recipient of the Valley of Flowers Peace Prize Award as well as being the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Lompoc.

Mr. Gonzales passed away on December 27, 2018, after a bout with Lou Gehrig's disease, but his soul lives on in his loving family, his friends, and every troubled and at-risk teen he aided and inspired along the way.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Gonzales Family in celebrating the special life of Conrad Gonzales.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN H. CARL MCCALL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CELEBRATION OF HIS FIFTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, for more than five decades, H. Carl McCall has always been a steward for public good and will go down in New York's history as a monument to public service.

Before he turned thirty, McCall worked as a school teacher, served in the U.S. Army, and opened a church. This is a testament to his character and unbridled work-ethic. Born in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, McCall eventually made New York City his home, where his indelible impact is seen to this day.

Spanning multiple administrations, McCall has been elevated to positions of greater and greater import. It is not lost on New Yorkers or observers of his body of work that he has risen to meet many daunting challenges and emerged successful. During his career in public service, McCall has served as New York State Senator, a delegate to the United Nations, Commissioner of the New York Division of Human Rights, President of the New York City Board of Education, and Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. With his long list of roles and accolades, we cannot speak of H. Carl McCall without recognizing his groundbreaking achievement

as the first African American to hold statewide office in New York State as Comptroller serving from 1993 to 2002.

But for all his accomplishments, we all know that public education has always been a passion and priority since McCall was a teacher himself. As president of the New York City Board of Education under Mayor David Dinkins from 1991 to 1992, his vision guided policy for one of the largest public-school systems in the U.S.

It was always his belief that public education was the incubator for personal growth and scholastic enrichment. This was exemplified in his leadership as the chairman of the Public Higher Education Conference Board and later member and chairman of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees. He has served on the board since 2011 and has presided over a significant expansion of SUNY's academic curriculum and the diversification of its administration, faculty and student body.

Over his long and distinguished career, McCall has been awarded nine honorary degrees, in addition to his own degrees from Dartmouth College, the University of Edinburgh and Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He has also received the Nelson Rockefeller Distinguished Public Service Award from the University of Albany.

On behalf of the New York Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 116th Congress, we want to congratulate H. Carl McCall on his retirement after ten years of service with the State University of New York Board of Trustees and thank him for his half-century of public service to New York and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE TALENT OF LACI KAYE BOOTH

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laci Kaye Booth of Livingston, Texas. She is a musician with an incredible God-given talent, which she has so graciously shared with her community, state, and country.

Laci Kaye Booth was born in Livingston, Texas on August 28, 1995. Surrounded by sixty acres of land, Laci grew up playing in the woods and creeks of East Texas. Music was a big part of her life from the beginning, whether it was singing at home or church. Inspired by her upbringing she began singing at the age of three and learned to play the guitar at the age of eight. She has become a talented musician and song writer who finds joy in sharing her talents with others.

Booth attended Sam Houston State University in pursuit of a degree in healthcare. While in college, she used her musical talent to help with expenses. Earlier this year, Laci was selected as a candidate on the competitive television show, American Idol, where she secured a spot in the top five. She sang herself into the hearts of many Americans. It has been said by hit vocal artists that she has a beautiful, "unique timbre voice," and is a "diamond in the rough." Livingston and the entire

36th Congressional District are proud of Laci's accomplishments and are looking forward to supporting her musical pursuits in the future.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Laci Kaye Booth. May God continue to bless Laci and the voice He has given her, so that she may continue to share it with America and the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ATTORNEY JENNIFER ASHLEY MITCHELL-CARTER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter, a Louisiana-licensed attorney and a founding partner at Pearson & Mitchell, LLC. Mrs. Mitchell-Carter passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019 at the age of 34.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was born and reared in Shreveport, Louisiana where she graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School in 2003. In 2007, she graduated with honors from Louisiana State University College of Arts and Sciences where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Two years later she became a certified mediator by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. In 2011, she went on to earn a master's degree in political science from Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and a Jurist Doctorate from Southern University Law Center.

During her career in state government, Mrs. Mitchell-Carter served as the attorney for the Louisiana State Senate's Senate and Government Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Women and Children, and as support staff for the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. Moreover, she was the youngest Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus and Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was an integral part of her community and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all the members of the community who felt a special connection with her. Her legacy will live on through the many people and organizations she supported in our great state.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ARNOLD RAYMOND LAMBERT AND HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-

Day and honor Staff Sergeant Arnold Raymond "Ray" Lambert, a World War II veteran and Moore County constituent.

There are American heroes, and then there are American giants. Ray—along with other men and women of the Greatest Generation—is a giant. At 98-years-old, he is one of the few surviving warriors who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Seventy-five years ago, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a heavily fortified French coastline and established a foot-hold in Nazi-occupied France—though that one sentence hardly does the invasion any justice. D-Day was a major turning point in WWII and the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany.

Ray served as a medic in the 16th Infantry Regiment of the army's storied First Division, the "Big Red One." Facing intense fire from German forces, his medical unit landed with the first assault wave at Omaha Beach. Soldiers were killed and wounded all around him, and Ray pressed on—rescuing troops from drowning, attending to countless wounds, hauling soldiers to safety, and always serving his fellow men in uniform. He was wounded and in immense pain himself, but he persevered after giving himself a shot of morphine. That's incredible and selfless service at its finest.

Ray sacrificed on that beach. He saved countless men on that beach. And he never once gave up. After breaking his back and losing consciousness, he was picked up and evacuated by a landing craft. On that same landing craft was another heroic medic who was wounded—his brother, Bill. They were taken to safety in England and began the long journey back home and to recovery.

Before Normandy, Ray served in North Africa with the Big Red One and earned his first Silver Star for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in 1943. He continued to risk his life to save his fellow men in uniform, next in Sicily. A Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star recipient, Ray continues to serve our country and our community and he recently published a memoir titled "Every Man a Hero."

I admire Ray not only for his service, but also for his desire to memorialize his fallen comrades and his efforts to pass on the great values of his generation. As he said recently, "Perhaps they should teach a little more in schools about World War II and how the generation at that time, my generation, loved the country and respected the flag and was willing to fight for our families and our country." I agree and believe every generation owes an enormous debt to Ray and the Greatest Generation.

I applaud Ray for his tremendous service, and I thank him for his courageous and selfless actions. I am so proud to represent him in Congress, and I wish him and his wife Barbara and their family all the best.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Staff Sergeant Ray Lambert and his service to our country.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF TOM JOYNER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Tom

Joyner, of the Tom Joyner Morning Show, who is an iconic DJ and radio legend, and plans on retiring at the end of this year.

Tom has entertained and inspired millions of people throughout his career. He is a brilliant individual and a hard worker, earning the nickname "The Fly Jock" by flying between a morning show in Dallas, Texas and an afternoon show in Chicago, Illinois earlier in his career. In 1994, The Tom Joyner Morning Show was syndicated, and it has aired on the WTLC airwaves in the Indianapolis community for more than 25 years. Tom is also the founder of The Tom Joyner Foundation, Reach Media Inc., and BlackAmericaWeb.com. His tireless work and influence was honored in 1998 when he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

Tom grew up in Alabama, and his father served as a Tuskegee Airman. True to these roots, he has a deep commitment to civil rights, and has used his platform to serve others. He has raised millions of dollars through the Tom Joyner Foundation to provide scholarships, endowments, and capacity building enhancements for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their students. Tom has also been a champion for voting rights. He has tirelessly promoted voter engagement—inspiring listeners not only to register to vote but to be better informed about the issues and the candidates. His efforts are credited for helping to turn out a record number of voters in the African American community during the historic 2008 election.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Tom Joyner a happy retirement. His work has informed and inspired countless individuals in our community, and he leaves a legacy of service to be followed for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE, DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT CHEEXENG LEE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to welcome home Sergeant Cheexeng Lee from his service in the United States Marine Corps.

Sgt Lee enlisted into the Marine Corps in May 2009. Upon graduating from Appleton West High School in June 2010, he went to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Pvt Lee was stationed at Camp Pendleton north of San Diego, and after additional training, checked into his first unit, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. He was reassigned from his original role as Rifleman to Machine Gunner under Weapons Platoon, India Company 3/1. He later deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from November 2011 to June 2012.

While on the MEU, Lance Corporal Lee served in Malaysia, Singapore, Djibouti, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, and Hong Kong. After this deployment, he attended Advanced Machine Gunners Course and was selected to join 3/1's elite Scout Sniper Platoon. From October 2013 to April 2014, he deployed to Okinawa, Japan. He was then stationed in Thailand to participate in Operation Cobra Gold, a major multinational military exercise.

After completing his second deployment, Corporal Lee attended Scout Sniper Course

(SSC), completing the grueling course in April 2015. Afterwards, he deployed with the 15th MEU from May 2015 to December 2015, where he served in Hong Kong, Bahrain, Dubai, and Kuwait.

After his third deployment, he was transferred to Division School Pre-Scout Sniper Course at Camp Pendleton from March 2016 to June 2018. During that time, he trained hundreds of Marines from various units to better prepare them for SSC. Sgt Lee also trained Japanese Snipers from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF). He travelled to Washington, D.C. to provide subject matter expertise as the Marine Corps tested a new sniper rifle, a model that is now currently in use by Marine Snipers deployed around the world.

Words cannot adequately thank Sgt Lee for his years of service to our country. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by a grateful nation. It is truly an honor to welcome him home.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID "GINO" GASPARINI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Gino Gasparini of Redwood City upon his retirement after 47 years in the recycling and solid waste industry. His career is an example of how private enterprise and public service can merge to create great benefits for the entire community.

Gino is the son of a man rooted in the solid waste industry. His father, Gino Sr., worked on a truck. Gino Jr.'s fondest memory was of hanging off the back of a garbage truck and of making tags with his father. Fifty years ago, garbage bills were collected door-to-door and the tags were used in those collections.

He graduated from high school having started a proud tradition at San Carlos High—the "Nude Relays"—an event that remained for years after he graduated. His reputation, however, was districtwide. At another high school in the district his sister, Dani, had to endure the ever-present question from teachers, "Are you related to Gino Gasparini?" His sister, wisely, conceded the relationship and noted that she was, indeed, Gino Sr.'s daughter.

Gino attended community college for two years and then entered the solid waste business. From 1972 to 1988, he collected garbage along residential and business routes from Burlingame to East Palo Alto. He began his career in management in 1995 as the manager in charge of day-to-day operations of drivers and supervisory staff. He was a great manager, often getting into the cab of a truck to stay in touch with the challenges faced by front-line employees.

Solid waste management on the San Francisco Peninsula has long been an advanced form of industrial processing. When I served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in the 1980's, I organized the first household hazardous waste pickup day. We invited residents to drop off pesticides and chemicals at the waste transfer station. A chemist working for the county glanced into the back of a station wagon and immediately

ordered that all persons in the vicinity pull back 100 feet. The vehicle owner had placed two potentially explosive chemicals next to each other. Today, the operations of Recology and its partner agencies manage a waste stream that potentially includes waste oil, e-waste, light bulbs of various types, household batteries, paint, construction debris, and such relatively benign products as cardboard, paper, glass and metals.

Gino Gasparini was at the forefront of these recycling efforts. Just a few years after my well-intentioned event resulted in a small-scale evacuation, Gino initiated voluntary recycling at the curbside. In 1989, Gino's effort was the largest multi-jurisdictional residential recycling program in the nation. Today, that effort is mandatory, involves three large containers, and diverts millions of tons of household and commercial waste to the recycling stream. This enterprise requires a knowledge of chemistry to avoid explosions and fires, and "adherence to strict standards to avoid cross-contamination of materials.

Gino participates regularly at city council meetings, community meetings, and in leadership positions at the Chamber of Commerce. He is often at charitable fundraisers. From the police athletic leagues to "walk for life" events to environmental cleanups. Recology and Gino Gasparini are both inseparable and unavoidable. They really care about the community.

Gino was honored as the Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber Person of the Year in 1996, the Redwood City PAL Citizen of the Year in 2006 and received numerous other awards over several decades. For over 20 years, Gino helped with the annual Redwood City creek and neighborhood cleanup.

As he enters retirement, Gino will not be alone. He will be joined by his wife, Jenny, and he will be able to watch his four children more closely: Adrianna, Daniel, Michael, and Nicholas. One child is a teacher and the other followed in the family tradition by entering the solid waste industry.

Let me close by saying that to know Gino Gasparini is to know a smile set amidst a whirling dervish of activity. He can be relied upon to think of his family and neighbors first. He can be relied upon to use fairness to infuse his judgment. He can be relied upon to think of new ways to accomplish longstanding objectives. He can be relied upon for a straight answer to any question. In short, Gino Gasparini is the man that everyone wants to call when there is a problem, but he is also the man everyone readily agrees to recognize when tough jobs get done well.

I salute Gino upon his retirement. Civic forums will be different without him. Our streets will be cleaner because of him. Our environment will benefit for years to come because of the standards of performance that he created. Good luck (Buona fortuna), Gino.

RECOGNIZING VICKI MASSIE OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vicki Massie of Billings for developing a program to provide computers to

students and organizations that need them, and for recently setting up two needed computer labs in a rural Montana school.

Vicki is the executive director of St. Vincent de Paul in Billings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing personalized service to those in need. Four years ago, as the volunteer coordinator, she developed Project R.E.B.O.O.T., or "Refurbished Electronics Bringing Out Opportunities Together." Project REBOOT refurbishes donated computers and distributes them to schools, students, and organizations in need. Since its inception, Project REBOOT has given nearly 100 computers to Montana students.

This spring, Vicki's project helped fill a tremendous need for students of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School. Elementary and high school students at the small, rural school shared one computer lab. Students faced another challenge: the high school curriculum required supplemental work online, and there were only nine laptops for 78 high school students.

I one day, that changed.

Through Project REBOOT, Vicki brought 50 computers to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School. Vicki and her two sons, who work in information technology at a nearby school district, set up two new computer labs for students at the school.

With greater resources and access to technology, the students of Northern Cheyenne Tribal School, and all students Vicki has helped through Project REBOOT, can improve their skills and further open the doors of opportunity, be it in higher education or in the workforce.

Madam Speaker, for her vision and dedication to expanding access to technology for Montana students, I recognize Vicki Massie for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF W.T. JOHNSTON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Newton Championship Coach, community leader, teacher, preacher, husband, father, grandfather, and father figure W.T. Johnston, who went home to be with the Lord on May 11, 2019, at the age of 54.

William T. (W.T.) Johnston was born on March 28, 1965 in Poteau, OK. He attended Henderson State University in Arkansas where he played for the Reddies as a defensive end from 1986–1988. His distinctions on and off the field were noticed, and in 2019 he was awarded with the Sporty Carpenter Award, which is given in honor of Henderson State's legendary head football coach.

He moved to Newton in the early 1990's where he coached and taught. For the last eight years, he was an outstanding head coach for the Newton Eagles football team, where he successfully led the Eagles to a 97–15 record. Even later in his career, battling Graft-versus-host disease, W.T. coached the Newton Eagles to a victory win as Texas State Champions in both 2017 and 2018.

W.T. married the love of his life Debra Short on August 3, 1985 and together they raised

their two sons, Drew and Shaw. He had two grandchildren, Jax and Reece. On April 22, 2019 Newton ISD announced that Drew would be taking his father's position as head coach.

William T. Johnston not only instilled the message of God in his students and athletes, but also inspired millions around the country with his courageous message of never giving up and hope. He has truly left a legacy, and will be remembered for generations to come. The Johnston Family will continue to be in my prayers.

IN HONOR OF STEVE AND BECKY RIGGLE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Steve and Becky Riggle's 50th wedding anniversary. Together, this couple has been a blessing to the Houston area. I am proud to call them my friends and recognize this significant milestone in their lives.

Now a seasoned pastor, Steve first became a licensed minister in 1969. Steve and Becky later joined Grace International Churches and Ministries, eventually starting a church in Livermore, California. For almost a decade they proudly served their church and grew the ministry into the largest Protestant church in the city—a truly incredible accomplishment.

After years of teaching others about God's mercy, Steve and Becky experienced it first hand. While ministering at a remote prison in the Philippines in 1978, they were attacked and held hostage by four prisoners. The situation escalated when Steve was stabbed seven times and Becky was shot and stabbed multiple times along her arms. Miraculously, through God's grace, the couple was able to leave the hospital and head back to California in just 18 days after the near fatal assault. Becky subsequently had five major surgeries, spent nine months in a body cast, and nine more learning how to walk again. As harrowing as this event was, Steve and Becky held steadfast in their faith, and have since praised God for his mercy for helping them survive and continue to serve.

Fortunately, for our community, the Riggle family made their way to the Lone Star State in 1983, where they started the Grace Community Church in Houston, Texas. After many years of growth, Grace Community Church now has four thriving campuses and is the church home to over 17,000 devoted individuals.

Steve currently holds the title of Founding Pastor at Grace, and serves as the Senior Pastor at the Grace Woodland's campus. Steve's service to our community does not stop at the pulpit. He also sits on the executive team of the Houston Area's Pastor Council, is a Board member of The King's University, and currently serves as the President of Grace International—a group of 3,500 churches with ministries in over 100 nations. Becky is also incredibly active in our community, and leads a local women's ministry and bible study. A gifted motivational speaker, she speaks at a variety of conferences for women, both across the country and internationally.

Steve and Becky's work has truly made our region a better place for the next generation. They have touched the hearts and lives of so many throughout the world. I believe—and I know Steve and Becky would agree—that their greatest accomplishment is their wonderful family, which includes two children, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. I am proud to join their family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating them on their golden anniversary. I wish Steve and Becky all the best and here's to many more happy years together.

2019 AIR FORCE ACADEMY
APPOINTEES

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brendan Anderson, Benjamin Bi, Eugene Macias, Jr., Cameryn McKinnell, Luke Rohlwing, Nathaniel Spidel and Ryan Johnson, Air Force Academy Appointees from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. I believe America's greatest assets are our brave men and women in uniform. These individuals are making an incredible sacrifice for our country and deserve our utmost support for their service. It is with great pleasure that I give Brendan, Benjamin, Eugene, Cameryn, Luke, Nathaniel and Ryan my endorsement to attend this prestigious institution.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than to those who fight to protect our freedom and liberty. I commend these young people and their families for their commitment. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, it is an honor to recognize Brendan Anderson, Benjamin Bi, Eugene Macias, Jr., Cameryn McKinnell, Luke Rohlwing, Nathaniel Spidel, and Ryan Johnson as appointees to the United States Air Force Academy for their commitment to protect and serve our nation.

INTRODUCING SENATOR LUGAR
POST OFFICE BILL

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to name a U.S. Post Office in Indianapolis in honor of Senator Richard Lugar. Senator Lugar, who served as mayor of Indianapolis from 1968 to 1975, also represented Indiana honorably in the U.S. Senate from 1977 to 2013. He was a brilliant scholar, a brave member of our armed forces, and a dedicated public servant who championed people and principle over party.

His distinguished life demonstrates the type of leader that Indiana cultivates, and his public service is an unquestionable example of his deep commitment to our country. He was not only a pillar of strength in his local community, but he was also a trusted, unfailing personification of excellence in national leadership.

That excellence pervaded everything that Senator Lugar achieved in life, beginning early in his youth. He participated in youth organizations, reaching the highest achievement attainable in the Boy Scouts of America—the rank of Eagle Scout.

After completing his studies at Denison University, he studied at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Following graduation, he served in the United States Navy as an intelligence officer.

His political career began shortly thereafter, upon his return to Indianapolis. He promptly began contributing to the well-being of the community in Indianapolis, serving on the local school board and then becoming mayor in 1968.

Following his mayoral service, Lugar ran for the United States Senate, and he was elected in 1976. It was in the Senate where Richard Lugar truly became the resilient and formidable political leader that we have come to recognize. He served as the Chairman of the

Senate Agricultural Committee, where he garnered bipartisan support for farm program reforms, initiated the biofuels research program, reformed the food stamp program, and preserved the federal school lunch program. He also served 34 years on the Senate Foreign Relations committee, including two terms as chair. In this capacity, he was a leader in reducing the threat of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons through the passage and implementation of the Nunn-Lugar program. He also played an essential role in enactment of sanctions against the Apartheid government of South Africa and the U.S. recognition of democratic government in the Philippines. He contributed to the expansion of the NATO Alliance, the implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to end the global AIDS epidemic, and the ratification of anti-terrorist treaties. For all he accomplished, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013. He was awarded 47 honorary degrees and received numerous other awards. When he passed away, he was the President of the Lugar Center, a non-profit organization focusing on global food security, Weapons of Mass Destruction proliferation, aid effectiveness, and bipartisan governance.

His commitment to good governance and diplomacy, particularly his tireless efforts on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made our world a better, safer place. He won the respect of people across the political spectrum and earned that Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013 from President Obama—our nation's highest civilian honor.

In our increasingly divided society, everyone can help his legacy live on by pledging to advance the Hoosier values of bipartisanship and cooperation that defined Senator Richard Lugar's life.

This bill is supported by the entire Indiana delegation, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this effort.