

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DENVER EAST HIGH SCHOOL'S 'WE THE PEOPLE' NATIONAL FINALS FIRST PLACE WIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Denver East High School on its first-place finish in the 2019 national finals of the 'We the People' competition sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. The students and teachers of the Denver East High School team should feel exceptionally proud of this outstanding achievement.

After winning the Colorado statewide 'We the People' competition, Denver East High School traveled here to Washington, D.C. where they prevailed over the competition to bring home first-place. The students of the Denver East High School team demonstrated exceptional skill and character as they worked towards this well-deserved win. I know that the lessons learned, and knowledge gained through this experience will be invaluable to the students throughout their lives and future careers, no matter what path they take.

Each year over 1,200 high school students from across the nation come together to learn about and debate the issues of the day. They participate in simulated congressional hearings, testifying as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees. Students demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution as well as a variety of topics connected to our country's historical and political heritage.

Robust civic education is the foundation of our democracy and is key to its future success. Informed citizenship in our youth is a primary factor of this future success. The students who participate in this competition inspire us all to be more informed citizens.

Madam Speaker, I would like to give special recognition to the incredible teachers who led the Denver East High School team. Susan McHugh and Matt Fulford have provided vital mentorship and guidance to these students, and their work with this team is a testament to the quality of teachers we have in the Denver Public school system. The winning team included Sam Anderson, Grant Austin, Kennedy Austin, Jack Beardshear, Max Boubin, Rebecca Chapman, Hayden Christopher, Henry Fox, Jessica Freedberg, Aidan Glennie, Sophie Goldberg, Alexa Goldstein, Ethan Gutterman, Ben Hamik, Anja Hutson, Marco Jimenez, Aiden Kahn, Ballard Kauffman, Madison Moore, Maggie Morrison, Matthew Nekritz, Amelia Nugent, Maddie Parker, Isabella Sanderson, Abby Schuman, Lulu Scully, Ella Snyder, Kacey Tanner, Elena Thoman, and Walker Young. Congratulations to all, and we are all so proud of their wonderful accomplishment. I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. HOWELL BEGLE

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the exemplary life of Mr. Howell Begle—a veteran Army captain, lawyer, advocate for R&B singers' rights and my dear friend.

Howell's life was spent in service to his country and helping others. After receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1968, Howell was commissioned a captain in Okinawa and served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. His wife, Julia, would tell you that he was particularly proud of his work in the JAG Corps, defending soldiers who were being tried for minor transgressions like growing their hair too long or neglecting to salute an officer, and explaining the Geneva Convention to soldiers who were being shipped out to fight in Vietnam.

Howell left the Army in 1973 and began working in Washington, D.C. as a successful corporate lawyer specializing in media mergers. His many prestigious clients included the Kennedy Center, the American Film Institute, and the Academy Awards. A lifelong fan of R&B music, Howell began advocating for R&B artists after learning that one of his favorite singers, Ruth Brown, hadn't received royalties from her former record company, Atlantic Records, in decades.

Using his years of experience working in the legal profession, Howell helped Brown pressure Atlantic records to eventually disperse her royalties in 1988—28 years after they were due. Howell's pro bono work led to industrywide royalty reform and Atlantic Records recalculating royalties for its numerous R&B artists, many of whom were African American and living in poverty due to unfair payment practices. That same year, Atlantic Records helped create the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, which gives grants to artists in need. Howell served as the foundation's first executive director.

Howell's work touched many lives, but his most significant accomplishment was the family he loved and cherished. He was deeply committed to his wife Julie, his children Mark, Matthew, Charles and Kristin and his three grandchildren.

In an interview, Howell once told *The Washington Post*: "Too often in one's professional career, you don't get a chance to be on the right side of the right issue." Today, I thank Howell for being on the right side of the right issue and for his years of committed service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Howell Begle's distinguished life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL TIMOTHY HOLMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Colonel Timothy Holman of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. Colonel Holman will soon transition from his current assignment as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division in the House of Representatives to the Deputy for the Army's Unity and Inclusion Office.

With an impressive and proven record of leadership, including combat tours in Iraq as the Brigade Operations Officer of the 130th Engineer Brigade and in Afghanistan as the Battalion Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion, Tim was chosen to serve as the Chief of the House Liaison Division in 2017 after serving as a Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow with the Center for a New American Security. Colonel Holman's outstanding work led to him being selected as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division. His first-hand knowledge of the military, its culture, and traditions was a tremendous benefit to Army senior leaders and Congressional offices. Tim was especially effective in his service to Members and staff as he escorted them on fact-finding and oversight delegations within the United States and around the world.

Recently, Colonel Holman led a CODEL to the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landing at Normandy, the largest CODEL of this type on record. His expert planning, attention to detail, and love of travel enabled exceptional visits for fifty-eight Members of Congress and their staff. I found him to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and a professional soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces. Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Colonel Holman during his tenure as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division in the House of Representatives.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of a fellow Mississippian, Colonel Timothy Holman, and his wife, B.J. Holman. I wish them the very best.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The American Legion upon its 100th Anniversary.

In 1919, The American Legion was chartered by Congress and founded by veterans of

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World War I, who upon returning home noticed a lack of government assistance in assimilating back to their pre-service lives. Though they had experienced extreme suffering during the war, veterans received no disability compensation, comprehensive medical care, pensions for widows and orphans, or vocational training. As a result, The American Legion sought to create a self-help organization that would provide veterans with devoted care nationwide with Posts in local communities. The 28th Congressional District is proud to house Burbank Post 150, Glendale Post 127, Los Feliz Post 527, Hollywood Post 43, Sun Valley Post 520, Sunland-Tujunga Post 377, and Verdugo Hills Post 288.

The American Legion's mission was founded on four principles: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism, National Security, and Children and Youth, and these principles reflect the founders' vision for America, one in which military veterans are honored, respected, and prosperous. For 100 years, they have done just that as The American Legion has made great strides in strengthening veteran care in America. In 1923, results from a nationwide survey conducted by The American Legion shocked the nation, as they showed that many veterans from the Great War had given up hope and were homeless, suffering from PTSD, and were merely attempting to survive. As a result, the Veterans Bureau was created, and federal and state laws were enacted that provided greater care for veterans. One of the laws that The American Legion is credited for creating is the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, or the GI Bill, which provided benefits for servicemen returning from World War II.

A lifeline to the veteran community, today The American Legion boasts over 2 million members and 13,000 posts nationwide. Some of the nationwide programs include The American Legion Baseball program, which is dedicated to mentoring the youth of America and Operation Comfort Warriors, which provides recovering wounded warriors with comfort items during their time in hospitals.

I am proud to recognize The American Legion for a century of outstanding service to veterans and the United States. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating The American Legion for its remarkable achievements.

CITRUS COLLEGE, GLENDORA,
CALIFORNIA

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I congratulate Citrus College, the first California community college to receive top honors for student success by a national organization. At an awards gala on April 15, 2019, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) President, Dr. Walter Bumpus, and AACC Board Chair, Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis, presented Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President of Citrus College, with the 2019 AACC Award of Excellence in the Student Success category. This well-deserved national recognition affirms the outstanding campus-wide effort to boost completion and transfer rates. Citrus College is the only community college in Cali-

fornia to have been honored by the AACC in 2019.

Every year, the AACC recognizes the exceptional work accomplished by the nation's community colleges by presenting Awards of Excellence in six categories: Student Success, Advancing Diversity, CEO/Board Relationship, Community College Safety and Planning, Faculty Innovation, and Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership. The AACC Award of Excellence in the Student Success category recognizes a community college that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to student achievement. The criteria used to determine this year's finalists included the development of a comprehensive strategic completion plan, the achievement of measurable and significant increases in degree completion, certificate completion, and transfer from two-year to four-year institutions.

Citrus College was highlighted for establishing and promoting an associate degree for transfer (ADT) pathway to four-year colleges and universities, and for introducing the Citrus College Promise, a program designed to cover enrollment fees and other college costs for first-time students for up to two years. As a result of the college's efforts, transfers have risen by 38 percent from 2014 to 2017.

We send our sincere congratulations to Dr. Perri and all students, faculty, staff, and Members of the Board of Trustees at Citrus College, and we wish them continued success.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN JOHN
O'CONNOR OF PAYSON, ARIZONA
CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II Veteran John O'Conner as he celebrates his 100th Birthday. John O'Conner of Payson, Arizona epitomizes a life dedicated to serving others and defending our country.

John was born on June 11, 1919 in Bradford, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York. During this time, he met and married his wife of 54 years, Velma. After such a joyous and momentous occasion, his country called for him to serve as socialism spread throughout Europe.

Without hesitation, John answered his country's call, took his new bride to live with his mother and joined millions of the Greatest Generation to fight for the survival of mankind. The year of 1940 marked the beginning of John's five-year service in the European Theatre. He served in the artillery division of the United States Army Air Corps. By the grace of God, John survived the war and helped save the world from the rise of socialism.

After the war, he went on to author the first instruction manual for the nuclear submarine, the very same nuclear submarine invented by the "Father of the Nuclear Navy," Admiral Hyman Rickover. John and Velma went on to raise three wonderful children, John, Patricia and Kathleen. John moved to Payson in 1969.

When we look at John's life and what he has accomplished, it's clear to see why he is loved by so many. He and so many like him put their lives on hold and placed themselves

in a situation that none of us could possibly fathom. All of this, in defense of our country. We can never repay John's service to our country. May he have a blessed birthday and may many learn from his example of service and patriotism. Happy Birthday, John.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CAPABILITIES ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2539, "Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2019."

H.R. 2539 requires DHS to prioritize the assignment of officers and intelligence analysts from TSA and DHS I&A to locations with participating State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk surface transportation asset.

The tragic events of 9/11 thrust the issue of physical security into public domain as never before and set in motion responses that have re-shaped transportation in unforeseen ways.

H.R. 2539 authorizes DHS to develop, through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, a training program to enhance the protection, preparedness, and response capabilities of law enforcement agencies with respect to terrorism and other serious incidents at surface transportation assets.

In addition, threats to health, such as the spread of pandemics, present significant challenges to transport planning and operations.

Railway stations and airports are some of the most densely populated sites anywhere.

From 2009, all the flights originating, bound to or flying over the United States had their list of passengers cross-referenced by a central no-fly list managed by the TSA.

Security involves many steps, from restricting access to airport facilities, fortifying cockpits, the setting of no-fly lists, to the more extensive security screening of passengers.

Screening now involves more rigorous inspections of passengers and their baggage at airports, including restrictions on what can be personally carried in airplanes such as gels and liquids.

Considering the emergence of global supply chains, the emphasis in freight transport security is gradually shifting into a more comprehensive but complex approach.

The large number of ports, the vast fleet of global shipping and the range of products carried in vessels, and the difficulty of detection has made the issue of security in shipping an extremely difficult one to address.

The less regulated and greater international dimensions of the shipping industry have made it vulnerable to security breaches.

We need appropriate security measures to protect the susceptibility of American lives against possible acts of violence and terrorism.

The growth in the use of information technologies and their associated networks have opened new forms of vulnerability as control and management systems can be remotely accessed.

This has resulted in complex interconnected corporate information networks that can be hacked and disrupted.

Trained officials and security experts work arduously to assess and mitigate the safety of passenger flow at transportation hubs.

Taken together, the bill's provisions enhance the capabilities of local transportation security stakeholders to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and other serious incidents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2539 to strengthen our nations' ports of transportation to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable to vote in the House on June 10, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 242; YEA on Roll Call No. 243; and YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, LA
VERNE, CALIFORNIA

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the University of La Verne on being ranked 5th in the nation for social mobility of graduates, according to U.S. News & World Report in its 2019 Best Colleges rankings. These high marks affirm the university's record of success in helping students from low-income families achieve equity with graduates from families with stronger financial backgrounds.

I recently had the honor of addressing the University of La Verne's 2019 graduating class during the commencement ceremony on May 31, 2019, where I noted this distinguished ranking, and I was grateful to meet several students from all backgrounds and their families. These future leaders are poised to enter the workforce, continue their studies, and make a difference in our communities and the world around them.

For its social mobility rankings, U.S. News & World Report focused on how effective universities are at serving and graduating students who receive federal Pell Grants. Pell Grants are awarded to students from families with a household income that is typically less than \$50,000 annually.

We congratulate University of La Verne President Deborah Lieberman and all students, alumni, faculty, and staff on this well-deserved national recognition, and we wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations Citizen of the Year Awards. The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations who work together to promote and support initiatives that will benefit all. Each year, the Federation honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following individuals:

2019 Citizen of the Year: Catherine Ledec: Cathy Ledec has lived a lifetime of volunteerism that began when she was 14. She volunteers with several Fairfax County Park Authority programs and is actively engaged in numerous citizen science activities with both the Fairfax County Park Authority and the National Audubon Society. In January 2019, Cathy was elected as Chair of the Fairfax County Tree Commission. She is also an active leader in her HOA, Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association, leading landscaping efforts and converting to all native plants and trees. Cathy also led the re-landscaping of the Mt. Vernon Government Center and led the installation of two native pollinator meadows at Mt. Eagle Park and within her neighborhood. In addition, Cathy led two significant and complex conservation efforts at Huntley Meadows Park, resulting in the protection of rare natural and historic resources for present and future generations to enjoy. Cathy conducts massive public outreach at community events, enthusiastically inspiring others to come experience the natural world here in Fairfax County. She passionately fulfills the purpose of the nature-oriented certifications and designations she has earned, including Certification as a Fairfax Master Naturalist and Audubon-at-Home Program Ambassador.

Citation of Merit: Alberto Figueiredo-Sangiorgio: Alberto Figueiredo-Sangiorgio serves as the executive chef and general manager for Wildflour Caterers. Wildflour operates as a bakery and deli shop, and primarily employs individuals with developmental disabilities. Overseeing the chef-in-training program at Wildflour as well as daily operations, Chef Alberto ensures that these individuals receive valuable training and employment in a positive and accepting environment that allows them to build independence, strengthen their skill sets, and have a strong sense of community in their daily lives. The operations of Wildflour Catering serve as an example for the business community across the region to follow. For over 23 years, Chef Alberto has ensured that individuals with developmental disabilities not only have a place to work, but are provided with skills and opportunities to ensure a better quality of life going forward.

Citation of Merit: Tania Hossain: Tania Hossain has worked with various organizations as a volunteer leader for over two decades to enhance the quality of life for all county residents. Tania led the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations to fulfill her vi-

sion to ensure each Magisterial District had their own district council—a platform for the community to engage and act on issues that are important to them. In her role as President, Tania was instrumental in revitalizing not only the Federation's organizational effectiveness but also in promoting the revitalization of the Providence, Mason, Lee, and Springfield District Councils. Tania has served on numerous other boards, commissions, and organizations in leadership roles as well. She served as Chair of the Fairfax Cooperative Extension Leadership Council where she was responsible for advocating and fundraising for programs such as the 4-H Clubs and Master Gardeners. In addition, she served two terms as At-Large Advocacy Chair for the Commonwealth's Cooperative Extension Leadership Council. Tania represented Providence District on the Fairfax County Commission for Women, where she served as Vice-Chair of the Women's Voices Forum that led the first significant survey conducted on issues facing women and girls in Fairfax County. Tania was also the liaison for the Commission to the Commonwealth's Task Force on Human Trafficking. Most recently, Tania has served as President of the Providence District Council. In that role, she established leadership development for future officers to ensure the continuity of the organization. Tania also led extensive membership outreach and increased online visibility to Providence District residents which has led the PDC being one of the most active and engaged District Councils in Fairfax County.

Special Gratitude Award: John F. Ribble III: John F. Ribble III has been a member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals since 1982, serving as Vice-Chairman for several years and as Chairman since 2012. John has also been active in Riverside Gardens Civic Association in Alexandria, serving as President four times. He remains active in the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, currently serving as one of the organization's co-chairs. He has also served in leadership on numerous other groups. He served as Co-Chair of the Mount Vernon Visionary Task Force and as a member of Fairfax County Council of the Arts, now known as ArtsFairfax. He has served in multiple other positions, such as Past President of Belle Haven Country Club and as a volunteer firefighter for Arlington County. In addition to his extensive civic engagement, he is also the President of Old Dominion Title in Alexandria.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on their awards. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have greatly benefitted our community and truly merit our highest praise.

SGT. FIRST CLASS WILL D.
LINDSAY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sgt. First Class Will D. Lindsay from

Cortez, Colorado, an American soldier who was recently killed defending our country in the Kunduz Province of Afghanistan. He and Spc. Joseph Collette, both Fort Carson based soldiers, were killed in an attack fighting against the Taliban.

Sgt. Lindsay was born in Cortez in 1985. The grandson of World War II veteran Richard Lindsay and World War II veteran Warren Waldorf, he was no stranger to service. He followed his grandfather's footsteps when he enlisted into the Army in 2004, ultimately getting selected into the elite 10th Special Forces Group. This prestigious fighting group deploys to some of the world's most heated combat zones and Sgt. Lindsay bravely deployed with them seven times including five tours in Iraq, one in Tajikistan and this final deployment to Afghanistan.

As a highly decorated combat veteran, Sgt. Lindsay had an expansive list of military awards and decorations to include a Silver Star, Purple Heart, four Bronze Stars, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Meritorious Unit Awards, the Valorous Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, four Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, the Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the NATO Medal, the Special Forces Tab, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Chilean Airborne Wings, and the Senior Instructor Badge. Sgt. Lindsay's record is a testament to his commitment of putting country before self, as he did in the Army for nearly 15 years.

I stand before the House of Representatives with a heavy heart thinking about his family and their great loss, especially his wife Sarah, his four daughters and his parents Grant and Tammy. I join the town of Cortez, his brothers and sisters in arms, and the entire nation in mourning his untimely death. I have gotten to know Sgt. Lindsay's family over the years and his loss will be felt by many in our small community.

Madam Speaker, Sgt. Lindsay's death is a painful reminder of the sacrifices our men and women in the military endure. Sgt. Lindsay was a true American hero from one of the most rural areas in Colorado who died protecting his men and the country he loved. He dedicated his life to selflessly protect our great nation and we are all proud of him. His loss is tragic, but his legacy will be remembered for generations to come, and the world is a better place because of him.

RECOGNIZING THE VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Vienna Arts Society on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since 1969, the Vienna Arts Society has worked to cultivate and maintain an interest in the fine arts in the Town of Vienna. The impact that the arts can have on a community and its residents cannot be overstated. As an amateur thespian myself,

I can attest to the transformative power the arts can have on an individual's life and I commend the Vienna Arts Society for its work to ensure that this transformative power is found in Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society does this in many different ways, whether it be its annual print making workshop for children, providing illustrations for the Town calendar, creating Christmas decorations for display during the holidays, providing high school scholarships or their work with numerous Scout troops.

This year is also significant because the Vienna Arts Society is hosting the first ever national art competition in the town, through its Treasure of Art reception at the newly renovated Vienna Community Center. I look forward to seeing the contributions of our local residents. A number of those artists are also receiving awards as a result of the excellence of their work. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals:

1ST PLACE

Lola Santos, "Pio", acrylic & collage

2ND PLACE

Carolyn Marshall Wright, "Cherries Jubilee" acrylic on canvas

3RD PLACE

Ray Goodrow, "Rodeo" watercolor

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Karen Hutchison, "Indigo Blues" acrylic & mixed medium

Carla Steckley, "Aspens" photograph
Susan Scanlon, "Girl with a Red Bag" photograph

Helen Power, "Layers & Levels" mixed media

Grace Rooney, "Field of Flowers" acrylic on yup

Alice Nodine, "Safezone" acrylic & ink on paper

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the winners of the Treasure of Art show and in congratulating the Vienna Arts Society on this momentous anniversary. I wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes Monday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 5. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 232 (Concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 233 (Passing H.R. 2940): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 234 (Approving the Journal): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 235 (Ordering the Previous Question): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 236 (Passing H. Res. 415): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 237 (Approving the Journal): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 238 (Passing H. Res. 393): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 239 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 6): NO; Roll Call Vote Number 240 (Passing H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act): YES; and Roll Call Vote Number 241 (Passing

H.R. 1921, the Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2019): YES.

UNITED STATES-MEXICO TOURISM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 951, the "United States-Mexico Tourism Improvement Act of 2019."

H.R. 951 addresses the decline in tourist activity between the United States and Mexico.

The bill aims to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexican tourism industries by advocating for increased cooperation through both government and non-governmental channels.

Specifically, the legislation seeks to—
improve third-party tourism to both countries through joint international promotional efforts;
prioritize exchange programs in various economic sectors; and
promote cross-border medical partnerships.

Mexico is the biggest source of international visitors to the United States after Canada.

In 2016, Mexican tourism to the United States peaked at 18,990,585 visitors, constituting 1 in 4 (24.9 percent) of all tourists that year.

Additionally, in 2016, spending by Mexican tourists in the United States totaled \$20.3 billion, which represented a 3 percent growth from 2015.

In 2017, international tourist arrivals totaled 76,900,000, up 0.7 percent from 76,400,000 in 2016.

The same year, 77,000,000 international visitors spent a record \$251.4 billion on hotels, travel, food, and souvenirs, a 2-percent increase over 2016.

However, also in 2017, there was a 6.1-percent decline in visitors to the United States from Mexico, comprising a loss of 1,166,585 Mexican tourists from 2016.

The Department of Commerce has not yet released 2017 spending totals by Mexican tourists in the United States, but a corresponding monetary decline would be approximately \$1.24 billion in lost revenue.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 951 to promote bilateral tourism through the United States and Mexico.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIENNA-OAKTON CHAPTER 1116 OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE).

NARFE is a national organization that was founded in 1921 to support both active and retired federal employees. It functions as an information resource, keeping its members up-to-date on federal retirement, health care, compensation and other benefits that affect federal employees and retirees. It also advocates on behalf of its members to protect and enhance the benefits they have earned.

With well over 1,000 chapters nationwide, NARFE also serves as a source of community engagement. It unites public servants and provides them with opportunities to do what they do best: serve their community.

Today, I would like to recognize the past and current members and leaders of NARFE Chapter 1116. They have contributed to a thriving civil society in Northern Virginia and are part of the backbone that makes both our community and this country great. I would like to specifically recognize President Kathy Arpa and the other officers and board members for their dedication and efforts on behalf of our current and retired federal employees.

The federal government cannot function effectively and efficiently without the hard work and commitment of our exceptional civil servants. NARFE Chapter 1116 has advocated and supported our public servants for the past 50 years and I am honored to recognize the Chapter on this occasion.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating NARFE Chapter 1116 for 50 years of service to our federal workers and to wish them continued success protecting the rights of current and future federal workers and retirees.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on June 10, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 242, Roll Call Vote 243, and Roll Call Vote 244. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 242, Yea on Roll Call Vote 243, and Yea on Roll Call 244.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRS CRISISLINK

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize PRS CrisisLink on its 50th anniversary. This occasion carries great significance for my family and I, as my wife is co-chair of the Congressional Spouses for Suicide Prevention and Education.

PRS CrisisLink is a free 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention program that offers a free and confidential crisis and suicide prevention hotline for Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C. region.

Under the leadership of Wendy Gradison, PRS CrisisLink continues to evolve into a highly important resource within our community. Based on a 2009 report by the Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, PRS CrisisLink has determined that an estimated 72,000 residents of Northern Virginia have a serious mental illness with the majority of whom not receiving treatment. Given the high numbers of persons with mental illness, PRS seeks ways to serve those in need through a variety of programs.

PRS CrisisLink hotlines are staffed by highly trained volunteers and crisis line workers who provide helpful information about community services, referrals to mental health services and tips on how to help those struggling with mental health issues.

With many community members in Northern Virginia and the Washington, D.C. region still in dire need of mental health services and support, PRS CrisisLink aims to further expand service delivery to reach as many individuals as possible.

Each year, PRS serves more than 1,100 clients. Last year alone the volunteers and staff at CrisisLink responded to 45,000 phone calls. I commend the staff and volunteers for their selfless service to our community. The tools they provide to help individuals with mental illness live with dignity and become fully integrated members of our community.

Madam Speaker, programs like PRS CrisisLink are a testament to good community leadership and further evidence that we live in a community that cares. I commend the staff and volunteers of PRS CrisisLink for the life-saving work they do every day on behalf of others. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating PRS CrisisLink on its 50th anniversary and in thanking them for their continued service to our community.

TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act" to safeguard federal funding for disaster-recovery projects.

I want to thank my colleagues from California's Congressional delegation for their support: Representatives JARED HUFFMAN (D-CA2), MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA5), MARK DESAULNIER (D-CA11), BARBARA LEE (D-CA13), JACKIE SPEIER (D-CA14), ERIC SWALWELL (D-CA15), RO KHANNA (D-CA17), ANNA G. ESHOO (D-CA 18), ZOE LOFGREN (D-CA 19), JIMMY PANETTA (D-CA20), SALUD O. CARBAJAL (D-CA24), KATIE HILL (D-CA25), JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA26), GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (D-CA32), NORMA J. TORRES (D-CA35), RAUL RUIZ (D-CA36), GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR. (D-CA39), ALAN S. LOWENTHAL (D-CA47), HARLEY ROUDA (D-CA48), and SCOTT H. PETERS (D-CA52).

Our legislation would prevent the Trump administration from targeting disaster-recovery funding for highway and transportation projects across our state. In January 31, 2019, the Federal Highway Administration denied the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) request for 1-year extensions for 66 out of 73 projects awarded "emergency relief" funding from the U.S. Department of Transpor-

ation. During previous administrations, such 1-year extensions were routinely granted under the Federal Highway Administration's and Federal Transit Administration's emergency relief programs.

Californians are facing increasingly frequent and severe floods and wildfires due to climate change. They deserve nothing less than the full-throated support of their Federal Government, and that is exactly what our bill ensures.

Current U.S. Department of Transportation regulations allow the Federal Government to claw back "emergency relief" funding for highway and public transit projects if those projects do not reach construction within 2 fiscal years. The "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act" would repeal this regulatory deadline and provide up to 6 years for projects awarded these funds to advance to construction. The new 6-year deadline would start following the date on which a disaster was declared by the respective state's governor or the president.

I also want to thank Caltrans, the California State Association of Counties and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for their support of this critical legislation for our state.

Madam Speaker, I hope that any surface transportation reauthorization bill this Congress will include the "Transportation Emergency Relief Funds Availability Act." This is a major priority for California: the nation's most populous state and the fifth largest economy in the world. As a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I am working with my fellow California colleagues to see this done.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 27th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Last year alone, over 6,000 individuals contributed more than 328,000 volunteer hours totaling almost \$8,000,000. These staggering numbers are a testament to the strong ethos of public service and of volunteerism that exists in Fairfax County and is one of the many reasons why this community is such a wonderful place to live.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Braddock District: Allan Boswell Robertson

Dranesville District: Homer W. Johns
 Hunter Mill District: St John Neumann
 Catholic Church
 Lee District: Liz Murphy
 Mason District: Binod Gupta
 Mount Vernon District: Jonathan Kiell
 Providence District: Oakton Women's Club
 Springfield District: Jenni Cantwell
 Sully District: Carol Robinson
 At-Large: John D. Pellegri

COMPETITIVE AWARD WINNERS

Adult Volunteer 250 Hours and Over: Julie Hill
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours and Under: Danae Delman
 Adult Volunteer Group: OLLI Photo Club
 Corporate Volunteer Program: Mt. Vernon Center for Dentistry
 Fairfax County Government Individual Volunteer: Stephen Richardson
 Fairfax County Government Volunteer Program: Fairfax County Public Library Volunteer Program
 Family Volunteer: Linda and Stefanie Kline
 Lifetime Achievement: Kevin Holland
 Rising Star: Stephanie Bridgewater
 RSVP: Sheller Brosnan
 Senior Volunteer: Alcira Pernot
 Volunteer Program: Ecumenical Community Helping Others
 Youth Volunteer: Carmela Dangale
 Youth Volunteer Group: Stony Brook Jr. Volunteers

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO ADD SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES TO SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, in 2017, there were more than 47,000 suicides nationwide, making it the tenth-leading cause of death.

Tragically, among teenagers and young adults, the suicide rate is particularly alarming, with suicide the second-leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24.

For people experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line provide free and confidential round-the-clock support. Many colleges and universities also offer mental health resources on campus.

To raise awareness of these available resources, the bill simply requires colleges and

universities to provide the contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Crisis Text Line; and a campus mental health center, if applicable, on student identification cards. For colleges and universities that do not provide identification cards to their students, schools must ensure that the information is available on their website.

Suicide is a major public health problem. Providing information on existing suicide prevention resources can help students experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress and potentially save lives.

HONORING SUNNY SUNG-IN KIM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Sunny Sung-In Kim, 68, died on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Sunrise at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia following a three-year battle with an aggressive meningioma. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving family, especially his five beloved grandchildren who serenaded him with music, song and laughter. Sunny was born on November 16, 1950 in Pusan, Korea during the Korean War. He enlisted in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, graduated basic training with the 218th Class and served from 1969 to 1972, having achieved the rank of Lance Corporal.

He emigrated to the United States in 1973, became a naturalized citizen and on May 11, 1975, he married the love of his life, Susan Bok-Ja Kim in Long Island, New York. Their wedding was officiated by the Reverend Dr. Young-Kyo Hahn (1902–1982), an historically renowned Korean Christian Scholar and civic leader who was a former Dean of the College and Graduate School at Yonsei University. Dr. Hahn led Sunny and his wife into the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church and baptized them. Together the couple had two sons. In 1986, Sunny founded and was President of Grass Roots, Inc., a food service and catering business with multiple locations in the Financial District of Boston, Massachusetts. He retired to Haymarket, Virginia to be near his sons and grandchildren after nearly three decades of running the company together with his wife.

Sunny had a lifelong passion of service to his community and served as President of the Korean American Association of New England and the Secretary-General of the Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A. He was also instrumental in galvanizing support for the creation of the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard. Having never forgotten the 36,574 U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines that paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect and defend freedom during the Korean War when he was born, he dedicated his life to honoring all Korean War veterans and their families. For his contributions to the U.S.-Korea alliance and the Korean American community, Sunny was the recipient of a Presidential Commendation by the President of the Republic of Korea.

An active member of the Korean Presbyterian Church in Greater Boston where he was an ordained Elder, Sunny's deep and

abiding Christian faith was the foundation of his family. He instilled in his sons the virtues of generosity, graciousness and a heart of gratitude. An avid sports enthusiast, he was a devoted fan of the Washington Redskins and the Boston Red Sox. In the final years of his life, nothing brought him greater joy than cheering on his grandchildren while watching them play football, lacrosse and baseball.

Sunny is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan Bok-Ja Kim, his sons Thomas (Nancy) and James (Susan) and his grandchildren Thomas "TJ" Kim, Rachel Kim, Samuel Kim, William Kim and Henry Kim. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22032 at 7:00PM. The Burial Service will be held on Thursday, June 13 at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22032 at 10:00AM. Memorials may be directed to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C. or to Open Door Presbyterian Church in Herndon, Virginia.

RECOGNIZING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA PASTOR VERNON C. WALTON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize First Baptist Church of Vienna and my friend, Pastor Vernon C. Walton, on the occasion of his 5th anniversary as pastor. Installed in 2014 after the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith, Pastor Walton has continued the legacy of spiritual wealth left behind by his predecessor. As someone who spent time with Rev. Dr. Smith, I can attest that having to fill his shoes as pastor is an unenviable task. However, Pastor Walton has not only succeeded in this task, but thrived.

As someone who studied for the Catholic priesthood, I can also speak to the unique benefits and challenges of being called to ministry. Being entrusted with the pastoral health of a congregation as large as First Baptist Church of Vienna is a significant undertaking and I commend Pastor Walton for handling it with dedication, devotion and with grace.

Pastor Walton's tenure has also enhanced First Baptist Church of Vienna's civic engagement. I have attended multiple events in the sanctuary designed to boost the civic engagement and awareness of the congregation. Most recently, I attended a community forum on affordable housing put together by the Fairfax chapter of the NAACP. First Baptist had graciously allowed its sanctuary to be used as the staging location for the event and Pastor Walton was a featured speaker. The sight of hundreds of people, many of them congregation members, coming together to educate themselves on one of the most pressing issues facing our community was inspiring. I have no doubt that there will be more events like this under Pastor Walton's leadership.

In times of turmoil and uncertainty, it is critical that members of a community have a unifying force or entity in which they can find strength and reassurance. First Baptist Church of Vienna has provided that spiritual strength for this community for centuries and I am confident that, under the leadership of Pastor

Walton and the efforts of the entire ministry team, staff and congregation, it will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Vernon C. Walton and the entire congregation of First Baptist Church of Vienna for their continued service to their faith and to the community. I commend them for their efforts and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them continued success in all their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING FRED G. ACOSTA
JOB CORPS CENTER DAY IN THE
CITY OF TUCSON

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center in Tucson, Arizona. Over these past forty years, thousands of young people have benefited from the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center's comprehensive residential, academic and career technical training program.

Each year, the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center serves hundreds of young adults by providing a career in technical education and a path to a high school diploma. Furthermore, the center provides social skills training and other services to empower young men and women to start a career, enroll in advanced training, enroll in college, or enter the Armed Forces. I am specifically grateful for the Center's accomplishments in breaking the cycle of poverty, strengthening local communities, improving the quality of life of thousands, and for its continued contributions in educating and training the youth of Arizona's 3rd District. For these reasons, I move that the United States House of Representatives celebrate the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center today, on Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center Day which is celebrated in July 10th.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JAMES ROBINSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that we honor the memory of James Robinson, who fought heroically in the American Revolution. Like many African Americans who fought for American independence, Mr. Robinson's contributions went unrecognized for too long. We will right that injustice by recognizing his accomplishments and honoring his memory.

Mr. Robinson was born into slavery in Maryland in 1753. After the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, he served in a light infantry regiment. James Robinson fought at the battles of Brandywine and Yorktown, during which he played a pivotal role in the overtaking of the British rampart. The battle of Yorktown ended with the British surrendering. Mr. Robinson was rewarded by French General Marquis de Lafayette with a Gold Medal of Valor.

Despite having been promised his freedom in exchange for his service, Mr. Robinson remained in slavery. He fought in the war of 1812. He eventually became free and went on to work as a preacher. In short, James Robinson lived an extraordinary life. He passed away at the age of one hundred fifteen, buried without recognition for his bravery and remarkable work.

It is an honor to see James Robinson's contributions receive the recognition they deserve. We are thankful for his service and give honor to his memory and legacy.

HONORING DR. WALTER TRIBLEY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Walter Tribley for his distinguished service as the President of Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). Dr. Tribley served as President of MPC from 2012 to 2019 and will assume the position of President of Northern Wyoming Community College District this Fall. Dr. Tribley has had a profound impact on MPC, its students and our community on the central coast of California, and I am grateful for his contributions.

Under Dr. Tribley's leadership as President, MPC became a model for other colleges and universities to emulate. His efforts have contributed to a diverse learning environment where all students have the opportunity to reach their educational goals. In the 2008–2009 academic year, Hispanic and Latino students made up less than 20 percent of MPC's total student body. Less than decade later, that number doubled to more accurately represent the population of the Central Coast. Furthermore, the number of total young people between the ages of 18 and 24 enrolling in higher education at MPC has risen significantly during Dr. Tribley's tenure.

Many positive changes to MPC are a result of Dr. Tribley's ability to articulate a strong vision and implement tangible and innovative policies. Examples of these forward-thinking approaches include the establishment of dual enrollment programs for local high school students and offering free tuition to first year students. Dr. Tribley was also instrumental in MPC's College Incentive Program and acquiring the Title V Developing Hispanic-Surviving Institutions Grant for a transfer and degree completion initiative titled "Ready, Set, Transfer." Both programs aim to expand access to higher education and increase success rates among underserved students. Dr. Tribley also demonstrated his financial management skills by reducing unnecessary spending and being a responsible steward of public funds.

Dr. Tribley's service is not limited to MPC. He serves in a number of advisory roles, including his membership on the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, the Monterey County Workforce Investment Board, the Monterey County Children's Council, and the Monterey Peninsula College Foundation. While our community will certainly miss Dr. Tribley's presence, I am confident that he will continue to find success and purpose in his future undertakings.

Dr. Walter Tribley embodies the meaning of a community leader and has undoubtedly

made a lasting impact on community prosperity and education on the Central Coast. Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues please join me in thanking Dr. Tribley for his significant contributions and wishing him success in his new position as President of Northern Wyoming Community College District.

RECOGNIZING JUNE 7TH AS NA-
TIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARE-
NESS DAY

HON. KATIE HILL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. HILL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to declare June 7th, National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Today we are reminded of the epidemic of senseless gun violence that plagues our nation. Our inaction has cost too many innocent lives. Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and countless others are wounded. We are fortunate to have passionate, forward-thinking, dedicated organizations like Moms Demand Action who work tirelessly to enact change and protect our community. It's time we do our part.

As a lifelong gun owner, I know that respecting the Second Amendment and advocating for gun safety measures are not mutually exclusive. We can adequately retain the right to bear arms while keeping our kids and communities safe.

Like most law-abiding gun owners, I believe that high-risk individuals like terrorists, domestic violence abusers, convicted criminals, and those suffering from mental illness, who are inclined to hurt themselves or others, should not be allowed to purchase weapons.

That is why I cosponsored and voted for H.R. 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, which establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties. On February 27, the House passed H.R. 8—the first time in 25 years that a piece of gun violence prevention legislation came to the House floor for a vote.

This is a public safety issue, not a partisan issue. Not only do we need stricter background checks, but we also need to provide funding to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to research gun violence as the public health concern that it is. We have a responsibility to do everything we can to address this problem.

Gun safety is a priority for me because I have heard from far too many constituents who are afraid for their lives. One constituent survived the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting, only to be killed the following year at the Borderline Bar mass shooting just outside our district. I will always fight for the people of the Antelope, Simi, and Santa Clarita Valleys, above all, and I am committed to pursuing policy solutions that address both the outcomes and root causes of these tragedies.

By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence. I want to thank the advocates and leaders all across America, but especially at home in my district,

for inspiring us every day through their commitment to a better future.

HONORING HEZEKIAH WATKINS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant and selfless community servant, Hezekiah Watkins.

In the summer of 1961, Hezekiah Watkins sought out to see the Freedom Riders make history at the Greyhound bus station in Jackson, Mississippi. Though his mother warned him of his potential demise, their home being burned, and other risks of activism; Watkins couldn't be dissuaded from watching the protesters combat segregated public transportation up close and personal.

At age 13, Watkins's life changed forever when he was pushed into the bus station, mistaken for an "outside agitator," and sent to Parchman Farm, the Mississippi State Penitentiary. While incarcerated, Watkins was celled with two inmates convicted of murder, who tormented, molested, and physically abused him. They also stole his food leaving him with only scraps of fat, syrup and a biscuit. He was returned to his mother in Jackson five days later, who anticipated identifying his remains.

Hearing of Watkins' incarceration, James Bevel, a prominent civil rights leader, visited Watkins' home in Jackson. While Watkins still had no intentions of joining the movement, Bevel insisted he was needed. After hearing Bevel deliver a powerful sermon at church, Bevel gained the trust of both Watkins and his mother, who believed Bevel was a God-sent man. She allowed Watkins to join the Freedom Riders under the sole condition that Bevel would keep him safe, which he did.

Watkins participated in the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project, also known as Freedom Summer, where he and other activists worked to increase the black voter turnout in Mississippi. They also instituted Freedom Schools which worked to academically empower black students by offering free summer classes.

Today, Watkins can be found at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, not as a part of a display, but as an employee, sharing his story to daily visitors.

PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGE IN
DISPLACED POPULATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2140, the "Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2019."

H.R. 2140 calls for an adoption by the United Nations of a definition of "child marriage" and develop a comprehensive strategy through the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to address child marriage in refugee settlements administered by the United Nations.

Child marriage occurs when a formal marriage or informal union takes place in which at least one person is younger than age 18.

Illegal child marriage arises when a formal marriage or informal union involving at least one person younger than age 18 that is illegal under the laws of the country in which the child marriage occurs.

It is critical that we better understand the presence of child marriages within refugee settlements in order to assess how they intersect with the rates of violence against girls including young children and infants.

This bill calls upon the United Nations to adopt a comprehensive strategy including:

Collecting and reporting data related to the number of known or suspected child marriages taking place inside each such settlement;

Protocols for United Nations personnel regarding prevention and monitoring of child marriages inside each such settlement;

A description of programs administered at such settlements that provide—

(A) physical, mental, and emotional rehabilitation and support to children who have extricated themselves from child marriage; and

(B) alternatives to child marriage, such as education initiatives; and

Protocols regarding how United Nations personnel should—

(A) report adults participating in illegal child marriages in each such settlement;

(B) monitor the prosecution of such adults by the authorities of the country in which the 2 settlement at issue is located.

When enacted, H.R. 2140 will develop a framework in gaining data on child marriages globally as well as create effective strategies to combat them in refugee settlements.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2140 to confront child marriages which pose a strong threat to young children especially girls living within these settlements.

TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE REYNOLDS, RETIRING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNCIL AT CONSUMERS ENERGY

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Catherine Reynolds for her superior leadership and service to the people of Michigan during a trailblazing 40-year career at CMS Energy Corporation and Consumers Energy Company.

Cathy, who will retire this month, joined the company in 1979 during an era of unique challenges for women in the corporate world. She started as a proofreader in the "steno pool" where all the typing in the company was conducted.

In 1983, she earned her law degree at Thomas M. Cooley Law School and transferred to the company's legal department. There, she worked in a variety of areas, including 10 years in litigation before focusing on marketing, electronic commerce and corporate issues.

Cathy was appointed assistant general counsel over the general practice group of the

legal department in 2004 and handled issues including contracts, property, environmental, marketing, human resources, labor, benefits, property tax and insurance matters.

In 2006, she became the company's first female corporate secretary. And in 2013, Cathy was named the company's first female senior vice president—serving as Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

She served as a director on the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Jackson County, Michigan and American Bar associations.

Cathy has handled each of her roles with professionalism, integrity and grace. She set an extraordinary example at the company, serving as a calm, insightful influence on the many co-workers she mentored throughout her career.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I send my congratulations on Cathy's well-deserved retirement and many thanks for 40 years of inspiring and empowering generations of women to excel.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 VOLUNTEER RESTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of individuals who have selflessly dedicated themselves to the betterment of their community. Each year, the Reston Association recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond with the Volunteer Reston awards. Reston is well known to be a shining example of civic engagement and this event, held during National Volunteer Week, honors those who have made significant impacts on the lives of others and the community. In Fairfax County, we are blessed with an incredible abundance of generosity of spirit and the individuals who are being honored with these awards are the embodiment of that spirit.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of 2019 Volunteer Reston award winners:

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Doug Britt
Cindy Metcalf

55+ VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Don Coram

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Family PASS/Mary O'Reilly

GROUP VOLUNTEER SERVICE OF THE YEAR

Andrew Sigle
Janet Bradshaw
Gerald Padmore
Darlena Ricks
Carol Anne Bradley
Sandra Deleon
Syazana Durrani
Emily Huaroco
Kathleen Jones
Luis Ortiz Lopez
Maryam Ovissi
Alexandra Rossi

WORK GROUP VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Belinda Collins
Pat & Paul Dunham

Dale Erickson
 Renette Okiewicz
 Judy & Bob Wolf
 Marianne Zawitz
 Ken Fredgren
 Micki Morawitz
 Louis Finch
 Lyn Jagger

Madam Speaker, civic engagement is at the heart of a healthy community and it is clear from these awardees that Reston remains one of the healthiest communities in Northern Virginia. I congratulate all of the recipients on their awards and thank them for their service to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL
 CELEBRATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion on their 100th birthday. The American Legion has been a leading voice in advocating for veterans, servicemembers, their families and communities.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of community-based programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow servicemembers and veterans.

The American Legion Department of New Hampshire was chartered on August 1, 1920. There are currently 107 American Legion Posts located throughout the Granite State, boasting nearly 18,000 members. American Legion members contribute significantly to their local communities. Members participate in blood drives, and contribute generously to scholarships, community projects, emergency aid and youth activities. Many of the Posts have halls, where community enjoy social functions for events throughout the year.

The American Legion works closely with the Veterans Administration to ensure that the veterans in New Hampshire and across our country are cared for following their service to the United States. New Hampshire leaders work closely with military organizations and are proud to have two military installations within the state serving thousands of military members and their families.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to the American Legion community for 100 years and all the best in the years to come.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 542, the "Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act of 2019."

H.R. 542 amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (NUSTL) within the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate.

The National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (NUSTL) is charged with testing and evaluating emerging technologies and conducting research and development (R&D) to assist emergency response providers in preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

The National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (NUSTL) conducts nuclear and radiological R&D in support of response and recovery as well as providing technical advisory services to emergency response professionals.

It is critical that we better understand the technologies and research used to further develop and assist emergency response providers when dealing with threats of terrorism.

This bill will allow the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory to—

1. Conduct tests, evaluations, and assessments of current and emerging technologies.
2. Also, conduct tests regarding cybersecurity of such technologies that can connect to the internet, for emergency response providers;
3. conduct research and development on radiological and nuclear response and recovery;
4. carry out other such activities as the Secretary determines appropriate;
5. act as a technical advisor to emergency response providers.

When enacted, H.R. 542 will create a better understanding of the technical advisory services that are being used to help emergency response professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 542 to further evaluate emerging technologies as well as research radiological and nuclear response and recovery for the emergency response providers.

HONORING THE 2019 PLANO TEXAS
 GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate twenty four young women from high schools across Plano, Texas who were presented with the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas for their dedication to our community.

The most prestigious accolade to earn, the Gold Award requires each young woman work tirelessly on a community project of their choice for up to eighty hours.

I want to thank each of these Girl Scouts for their exemplary service within Collin County and for demonstrating that age should never deter one from leading within their community.

It is with great pleasure I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these young ladies on their success.

2019 PLANO TEXAS GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mary Julienne Ragasajo, Mahnoor Muhammad, Sarah Cawthon, Katherine Xiong, Tahira Jones, Vennela Challagondla, Neha Jayarajan, Jiarong Joyce He, Madeline Osborne, Gauri Nukala, Sydney DeWolf, Madeline Polimerou's, Olivia King, Elizabeth Kokal, Regina Romero-Garza, Bianca Weimer, Carley Nelson, Kate Ohman, Joceyln Gillis, Rani Kumar Sarah Newman, Riya Danait, Kennedy Easter.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 BEST OF
 RESTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 28th Annual Best of Reston Awards for Community Service. These awards are the result of collaboration between Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of Reston. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and tonight's event proves that Reston continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia! That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening and I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees. I also wish to thank John Thomas and Kerrie Wilson of Cornerstones and Charlene Wheeless and Mark Ingrao of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for their tireless efforts on behalf of others and in making our community one of the best places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2019 Best of Reston Awards:

Bob Schnapp—Feeding Families—One Green Bag after Another
 Mike and Ellen Jennings—Expertise that Makes a Difference—It's Their Thing
 Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity/OKK Foundation, Inc.—The Colors of Their Service are Purple and Gold
 Maggie Parker—Passion that Leads to Lasting Success

Roz Rakoff—An Essential Community Kindness Connector

Kurt Rose—A Sparkling Gem of Community Spirit

Synergy Design & Construction (Mina and Mark Fies)—Constructing Better Lives by Design

The 2019 Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Legacy Award—Entrusting Our Community's Future Recipient: Touching Heart (Helen and

Taylor Yi)—Generations Inspiring Gifts of Love from Open Hearts

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2019 Best of Reston honorees for their tremendous contributions. I thank Cornerstones and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce for continuing this wonderful tradition, and I express my sincere gratitude to these individuals, businesses, and organizations for lending their time and energy to the betterment of our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COAST GUARD YOUTH STEM PROGRAMS EXPANSION ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce an important bill, the Coast Guard Youth STEM Programs Expansion Act. This bill will allow the Coast Guard expanded authority to partner with the Department of Education and the Department of Defense to improve Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education for America's elementary and secondary school students and their teachers.

Now more than ever the innovation capacity of the United States—our prosperity and security—depends on an effective and inclusive STEM education ecosystem and workforce. Given the Coast Guard's mission of coastal defense and maritime law enforcement, daily activity relies significantly on STEM skills. The ability to work with the Department of Education and Department of Defense on youth STEM programs will increase exposure and engagement to the adventures and intriguing opportunities of the Coast Guard's mission.

Specifically, the Coast Guard Youth STEM Programs Expansion Act will allow the Coast Guard to coordinate with the Department of Education to establish programs to improve STEM knowledge and skills for elementary and secondary school students and faculty. It will allow the Coast Guard to cooperate and coordinate with the Department of Defense, particularly through the very successful DOD STARBASE Program. It will also allow the Coast Guard to expand beyond traditional STEM skills to focus on expertise particularly important to their own mission, including limnology, marine science, and oceanography.

Basic STEM concepts are best learned at an early age—in elementary and secondary school—and are the essential prerequisites for career technical training, advanced college-level and graduate study, and success in workplaces. With the range of federal agencies partnered to coordinate federal STEM initiatives, the Coast Guard too has a vested interest in advancing this important mission.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and its goal of expanding the Coast Guard's efforts to engage and expose American youth to vital STEM education and workforce skills.

DHS OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2590, the "DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2019."

H.R. 2590 is a continuation of an existing program that requires an overseas personal enhancement plan to be provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

Current law mandates that the Department of Homeland Security have a three-year strategic plan for overseas deployment of DHS personnel (P.L. 114–328 (authored by Chairman THOMPSON)).

The requirements currently state that DHS must provide Congress with a briefing regarding all DHS personnel with primary duties taking place overseas.

H.R. 2590 will build on the existing Federal DHS mandate by strengthening congressional oversight.

The resolution requires DHS to submit a plan to enhance the effectiveness of the overseas deployment of DHS personnel 90 days after their initial briefing.

The DHS plan will be required to include proposals on how to improve efforts to develop foreign partnership capacity and further the United States' counterterrorism mission.

The plan will also consider possible redeployment in response to evolving threats.

The DHS plan will result in enhanced collaboration and improved communication between DHS personnel at home and abroad.

A version of this bill passed the House 415–0 in the 115th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2590.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VERA RUBIN SURVEY TELESCOPE DESIGNATION ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am joined by my Science Committee colleague, Representative GONZÁLEZ COLÓN, in introducing the Vera Rubin Survey Telescope Designation Act.

Dr. Vera Cooper Rubin was a renowned astronomer and a staunch advocate for women in science. She was also a trailblazer. Born in 1928, Dr. Rubin's interest in astronomy was ignited early. As a young girl, she would rather stay up and watch the stars through her bedroom window than go to sleep.

After graduating from Vassar College in 1948 as the only woman astronomer in her class, Dr. Rubin hoped to pursue her doctoral studies at Princeton. However, the Princeton astrophysics graduate program did not admit women at the time and declined to send her a course catalog.

Dr. Rubin persisted and earned her master's degree at Cornell and her Ph.D. at Georgetown University before joining the Carnegie In-

stitution's Department of Terrestrial Magnetism.

As her career progressed, Dr. Rubin continued to face barriers because of her gender. For instance, after becoming the first woman to be officially permitted to observe at the prestigious Palomar Observatory in 1965, she discovered that the building had no women's restroom. Undeterred, Dr. Rubin created her own women's restroom by pasting a skirt cut-out over the stick figure of a man on the observatory bathroom.

While Dr. Rubin was breaking down barriers, she was also revolutionizing our understanding of the universe. In 1970, Dr. Rubin and her collaborator Dr. Kent Ford published some of the best evidence of the existence of dark matter. This groundbreaking work changed the conventional view of the universe from one dominated by light-emitting matter to one dominated by dark matter.

Dr. Rubin went on to become the second woman astronomer elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1981. She received the National Medal of Science from President Clinton in 1993, and she received many other honors and awards throughout her career.

Motivated by her own battle to garner respect as a woman in a male-dominated field, Dr. Rubin worked tirelessly to encourage girls interested in astronomy to pursue their dreams. She advocated for more women members of the National Academy of Sciences and for more women on review panels and academic search committees. She also advocated for more opportunities for girls in science. In her address to the University of California, Berkeley class of 1996, Dr. Rubin said "science is competitive, aggressive, demanding. It is also imaginative, inspiring, uplifting. You can do it, too," urging the students to "devise your own paths".

Dr. Rubin has a well-deserved place in history. This bill will honor her legacy by designating the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST), jointly funded by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy and set to begin operations in 2023, as the Vera Rubin Survey Telescope. The LSST was designed, in part, to probe the nature of dark matter. As a tribute to the woman whose pioneering work made this pursuit possible, this bill would ensure that it bears her name.

I urge my colleagues to join us and help us move this legislation forward into law.

HONORING ALAN D. MONROE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan D. Monroe, a leader, a trailblazer, and an intellectual.

Alan D. Monroe grew up in Sherman, Texas. After graduating from Sherman High School in 1965, he attended Austin College where he graduated with Honors earning a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1969. In 1970, he obtained a Master of Arts at New York University. He continued his education at the University of Texas School of Law, graduating in 1975 with his juris doctor. Alan went on to practice law in many courts across Texas, including the United States Court of Appeals for

the Fifth Circuit in 1979 and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1981.

Alan D. Monroe is highly respected in the field of real estate law. Among his many prestigious accomplishments, he obtained his Board Certification by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Commercial Real Estate Law and Residential Real Estate Law in 1988. Additionally, he has held memberships in the State Bar of Texas, the Hidalgo County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Alan D. Monroe is a multi-faceted lawyer with years of experience and a wealth of knowledge. Upon graduating from the University of Texas School of Law, Alan D. Monroe served as an Associate with Kelly, Looney & Alexander in 1976. He became a partner of the firm in 1980. Seven years later in 1987, he established his own practice named the Law Office of Alan D. Monroe. On July 1, 2002, Alan D. Monroe became partners with Byron Jay Lewis and Mark S. Peña. They renamed the firm Lewis, Monroe & Peña.

Alan D. Monroe is known for both his successes and his generosity, constantly sharing his knowledge with peers. He taught courses in banking law for the American Bankers Association from 1989 to 1991. He also served as a chairman of the Real Estate Section for the Hidalgo County Bar Association from 2009 to 2011, and he coauthored Creative Solutions to Complex Title Problems, which was presented during the 28 Annual Advanced Real Estate Law Conference in 2006.

Alan D. Monroe is looking forward to devoting his time to his wife, Banceliza, and his children: Rebecca Monroe, Jessica Martinez and her husband Daniel, James Alan Monroe and his wife Mary Beth. He especially cherishes time with his grandsons, Luke Martinez and Tom Monroe.

Mr. Alan D. Monroe will retire officially on June 30, 2019. To say we are grateful for his contributions would be a grave understatement—he has earned the respect of many throughout his decades of service. His work ethic, dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact on many, especially those who have had the privilege of working with him.

Madam Speaker, I commend Alan D. Monroe for his work in the real estate industry that has produced great lasting results for the Rio Grande Valley, South Texas, and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 41st Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exem-

plified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present 123 awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor.

Twenty awards will be bestowed upon first responders who serve with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in recognition of their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the Record the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

- Lt. Rudy Iturrino,
- Lt. Edward Payne
- Lt. Mark Fernandez
- Master Technician John Capps
- Master Technician Luis Mata
- Master Technician Joshua Morrison
- Master Technician Robert Pickel
- Technician Dominic Runfola
- Firefighter Stephen Langone
- Firefighter Christopher Murray
- Fire Medic Robert Elam

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

- Lt. William Hyden Jr.
- Lt. Angel Medina
- Firefighter Christopher Murray
- Firefighter Jonathan Shao

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR

- Lt. Lawrence Mullin
- Technician Jason Dolan
- Technician Andrew Reedy

LIFESAVING CERTIFICATE

- Captain II Felicia Barnes
 - Lt. William Schnaekel
- Madam Speaker, I congratulate the 2019 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2019, I was not present for the recorded vote on roll call no. 242, roll call no. 243 and roll call no. 244. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 542, H.R. 2539, and H.R. 2590.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE ALBERT GAINES, JR.

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a life so rich in purpose

and experience that it would be a shame not to commit a place in the record of this body to commemorate it.

In August, a selfless servant of considerable character, Mr. George Albert Gaines, Jr. of Elberton, Georgia, will celebrate his 100th birthday in the company of friends, family and loved ones.

Born August 17, 1919, in Elberton, Georgia, George Albert Gaines, Jr. has spent 100 years demonstrating why his life—a life of service, leadership, and fortitude—is worth celebration and reflection.

In 1940, George began what would ultimately become a 31-year career in the military by joining the National Guard Unit in his hometown of Elberton, Georgia. As a member of the Greatest Generation, and a veteran of World War II, George served under General George S. Patton in North Africa, Corsica, and Italy, where he earned a Bronze Star in April of 1945 for his leadership on the battlefield, and for courage in the face of enemy fire.

After the war, George worked in the granite industry, capably managing Atlas Granite Company from 1947 to 1964. He later resigned from Atlas and took a position as the full-time executive officer with the Georgia National Guard, where he assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 214th Artillery, with units in Elberton, Washington, Thompson, Sparta and Waynesboro, Georgia. While in that position, George received the Distinctive Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinctive service.

In addition to serving his country, George has been devoted to serving his community throughout his lifetime. He served on various boards, including the Elbert County Board of Education, and has been active in many civic and community organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Salvation Army, the Rotary Club of Elberton, and the Elberton Granite Association, of which he was once the President. He has been a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Elberton and has served the congregation in many leadership positions over the years.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, please join me in thanking Mr. Gaines for his service and celebrating 100 years of a life well lived.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on June 10, 2019 during roll call no. 242, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 542, the Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 243, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2539, the Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 244, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2590, the DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

DHS ACQUISITION REVIEW BOARD
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 10, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, I rise in support of H.R. 2609, the "DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2019."

This bill would establish the Acquisition Review Board to—

1. strengthen accountability and uniformity within the Department acquisition review process;
2. review major acquisition programs; and
3. review the use of best practices.

The Acquisition Review Board also determines whether best practices are incorporated in proposed acquisition strategies and if the strategies are aligned with Department strategic initiatives.

Last, the Acquisition Review Board oversees the progression of major acquisition programs, confirming that the proposed acquisition has met key phases of the lifecycle framework, and conducting systematic reviews of the acquisition to ensure the program is progressing in compliance with approved documentation.

I stand in support of fairness and transparency through the Acquisition Review Board.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2609 to establish the Acquisition Review Board as chaired by the Under Secretary for Management.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 FAIRFAX
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Twenty-two members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

PFC Daniel Boring

PFC Christopher Sheffer
PFC Morgan Walker

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

PFC Francisco Rivas-Umanzor
CERTIFICATE OF VALOR2nd Lt. Roman Rauhala
2nd Lt. William Redfern
Sgt. Kevin Reilly

MDC Paul Hensel

Ms. Patricia Alexander

LIFESAVING CERTIFICATE

MDS Jerry Grady
PFC Timothy Pillon
PFC Joseph Nicholson
PFC Luiz Costa
PFC Mark Combs

PFC Elizabeth Tracy

PFC Omar Mercedes

PFC Connor Delgado

PFC Cecil Richardson

Ret. PFC Melissa Meler

Dep. Brendan Yunger

Dep. Andrew Crossan

Dep. Nichell Bailey-Holiday

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the 2019 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

HONORING DR. KAREN HAYNES ON
HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT
OF CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Karen Haynes on the event of her retirement as president of California State University San Marcos.

Dr. Haynes has worked for over 30 years as an academic administrator. During her tenure as president of California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), she was instrumental in the growth and development of the school. She joined CSUSM fourteen years after the school opened its doors, with a student population of merely 7,000. CSUSM is now home to over 17,000 students, Division II athletics, and a satellite campus in Temecula.

Since the beginning of her tenure, Dr. Haynes has worked to ensure that CSUSM serves a diverse student population. Around one third of CSU San Marcos students are outside of the traditional college age range, and the school has the largest number of Native American students per-capita in the CSU system. Like Dr. Haynes herself, almost half of the students are first-generation college students.

CSUSM would not be the school it is today without the hard work and dedication of Dr. Haynes. I thank Dr. Haynes for her fifteen years of service to California State University San Marcos and congratulate her on her retirement.

DR. SCHOONOVER'S REMARKS ON
NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, on June 5, 2019, Dr. Rod Schoonover, a Senior Analyst in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the U.S. Department of State, testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The hearing sought answers on the very real dangers and national security risks caused by climate change. The Administration, however, continued its pattern of anti-science and climate denial behavior. Though Dr. Schoonover was allowed to give his invaluable testimony, the Administration blocked his testimony from being entered into the record. We must recognize that climate change is a threat to our country's economic well-being, public health, and national security. I include in the RECORD part of Schoonover's summary, but urge my colleagues to read the full report here: <https://games-cdn.washingtonpost.com/notes/prod/default/documents/23db973-209c-44c2-ab0f-1db57d157f51/notes/7acf47a1-8ec4-4e76-a93e-2d4dba26cb28.pdf#page=1>

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Chairman Schiff, Ranking Member Nunes, and distinguished members of the Committee, thank you for inviting me to speak with you today on the national security implications of climate change.

As a U.S. intelligence officer in the Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research it is my job to provide clear, objective, and independent analysis to policymakers to advance U.S. national security objectives. As a scientist in the intelligence community (IC), I blend insights derived from peer-reviewed journal articles and other scientific reports with information gathered from daily intelligence reporting to provide science-informed national security analysis. My understanding of this and other issues is deepened by the cadre of talented and dedicated officers in the IC, many with technical expertise, who quietly serve U.S. interests. This Committee is already aware that the IC does not advocate for any particular set of policies, including those that address climate change.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Fundamental characteristics of the global climate are moving outside the bounds experienced in modern history and there is uncertainty on how some aspects of the climate will evolve. Given the complex social and political contexts in which a multitude of changes are occurring, however, we can expect new and compounded stresses on people and societies around the world, many with outcomes important for national security.

Climate change will have wide-ranging implications for U.S. national security over the next 20 years through global perturbations, increased risk of political instability, heightened tensions between countries for resources, a growing number of climate-linked humanitarian crises, emergent geostrategic competitive domains, and adverse effects on militaries. Increasingly probable amalgamations of these security concerns are especially worrisome. Climate change alone is unlikely to trigger state failure in the next few decades but it will affect factors that contribute to conflict, such as access to natural resources. People will

increasingly decide to move because of deteriorating conditions, both within nations and into countries that are more prosperous. Perhaps most importantly, the rapidity of concurrent and compounded changes to Earth's systems, from human and natural causes, heightens the risk for unwelcome and possibly severe climate-linked surprises.

FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS

The IC's task with respect to climate change is to inform policymakers of the myriad risks and uncertainties that may lie ahead, rather than trying to predict the future. We have therefore examined a wide range of climate change effects, including those currently believed to have low prob-

ability, particularly if the ramifications could be highly impactful. The IC focuses on security considerations outside the United States, so we do not address the direct effects of climate change on the U.S. homeland. We expect, however, that many judgements could nonetheless apply to the United States.