

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH

HON. KATIE HILL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Ms. HILL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the WOW Flower Project participating in the annual observance of Juneteenth.

Whereas the staff and volunteers of WOW Flower Project have agreed to devote their time, resources and energy to this united effort to bring attention to this important day of celebration.

Whereas Juneteenth is an annual observance on June 19th to remember when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865. This day is an opportunity for people to celebrate freedom and equal rights in the United States.

Whereas WOW Flower Project will hold a public Juneteenth Celebration with the goals of bringing our neighbors together to remember the millions of African Americans who suffered the evils of slavery and celebrate the community's commitment to working toward a more fair and just society. Together, we honor the unbreakable spirit and countless contributions of generations of African Americans to the story of American greatness.

Whereas WOW Flower Project leads us today and every day in recommitting ourselves to defending the self-evident truth, boldly declared by our Founding Fathers, that all people are created equal.

On this day, we rise to declare June 19th, National Juneteenth Awareness Day. Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. We are fortunate to have passionate, forward-thinking, dedicated organizations like the WOW Flower Project who work tirelessly to enact change and educate our community.

Therefore, let it be proclaimed the Antelope Valley declares that every 19th of June is the official Remembrance of Juneteenth.

TRIBUTE FOR ELVIS DURAN AND ALEX CARR

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring two outstanding individuals who share an unquestionable commitment to improving the lives of Staten Islanders and to supporting our borough's LGBTQ community—Z100's Elvis Duran, and his fiancé, the Staten Island Zoo's own Alex Carr.

If there's one thing Staten Islanders know all too well, it's sitting in traffic in the morning lis-

tening to the radio. The work that Elvis Duran does every day to make that commute just a little less grueling deserves recognition all by itself. But Elvis is so much more than a New York City radio legend. Whether he is contributing to the Robin Hood Foundation which fights poverty in New York City, supporting the LGBTQ community through his work with GLAAD and The Trevor Project, or generously supporting local Staten Island causes with his fiancé, Alex, Mr. Duran has continually shown a commitment to helping those in need.

Our borough is known for its sense of community and through it, the people who make it one of the best places to raise a family. It is that commitment to community and supporting our borough in ways, both big and small, that Alex has exemplified. When there is someone struggling—whether a close friend or stranger—there's a good chance Alex will be there to help in some capacity. It's who he is, and Staten Island has been made better because of his efforts.

And so it should be no surprise that when Staten Island's own LGBTQ community needed help with a fundraiser, Elvis and his fiancé Alex went above and beyond to help out. They offered to do a dollar for dollar match of donations to the Staten Island Pride Center, raised awareness of the Pride Center's work on social media, and helped raise over \$25,000.

Their philanthropic efforts have impacted many lives, but there is nothing more powerful than individuals with large platforms sharing their stories and helping others feel accepted. Elvis and Alex have opened their lives to Staten Island, the City, and the country whether it's through the Morning Show, the Staten Island Zoo, or just the extraordinary acts of kindness they have demonstrated time and time again.

Staten Island is a place where we look out for each other and where we never hesitate to help those in need. Few people embody that more than Elvis Duran and Alex Carr. For that reason, the Pride Center of Staten Island will be honoring Alex and Elvis at its celebration commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots on June 21, 2019.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Alex as everything a Staten Islander ought to be, Elvis Duran as an honorary Staten Islander and in thanking them for their many years of selfless and compassionate service to Staten Island, and to all of New York City.

SONIA RAMIREZ

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW), a member organization of the North American Building Trades Union (NABTU), to honor Sonia Ramir-

ez, who has dedicated six years to the NABTU and millions of working men and women across America.

Sonia Ramirez is native of California's 26th Congressional District and a graduate of Occidental University in Los Angeles.

From 1995 to 1996, Sonia participated in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institution's graduate program and worked for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in the Office of Latino Outreach in Washington, D.C. Afterward, she served on the DNC's Board of Directors.

Sonia began serving working families directly as a legislative representative for the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). In this position, Sonia fought passionately for economic and social justice.

In 2012, Sonia was named the Director of Government Affairs of NABTU after serving as Deputy Director for two years prior. In this position, Sonia Ramirez advocated for more jobs and better working conditions for her fellow Americans day in and day out.

Now, Sonia will be moving on to serve as the Wage and Hour Division Administrator for Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries. She will be the first woman and person of color to hold this esteemed position, and it is no surprise to those of us that know Sonia that she will be breaking barriers.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Sonia Ramirez's exceptional career, as well as her dedication to the national labor movement. On behalf of my union brothers and sisters across the country, I recognize the tremendous work accomplished by Sonia Ramirez.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY OF DILLON

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the staff, instructors, and mentors of the Montana Youth Challenge Academy in Dillon for helping thousands of at-risk youth turn around their lives toward a more promising, productive future.

Celebrating its 20th year, the Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) provides young Montanans from 16 to 18 the opportunity to develop academically and hone workforce and social skills in a secure, structured setting.

The 22-week program, sponsored by the Montana National Guard and the State of Montana, focuses on academics, responsibility, service, leadership, and health. Nearly 3,000 students have graduated from MYCA since 1999, with volunteer mentors supporting and guiding them following graduation.

Every cadet in the academy has a story of personal struggle and perseverance. Many

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have faced circumstances that put them at risk of not completing high school. One such cadet is 17-year-old Crystal Whitedit.

Placed in foster care as a child, Crystal struggled with learning disabilities. As a high school junior, she was informed she was unlikely to meet graduation requirements. Crystal decided to enter MYCA.

Though her first attempt at graduating MYCA was unsuccessful, she reentered the academy eleven months later. Through perseverance and the assistance provided by MYCA, Crystal graduated MYCA on June 15 as part of the academy's 40th graduating class.

"People always told me it would be tough, but to push through and do things because you'll have your family right beside you," Crystal said. "I never knew what they meant. I never had that, but now I do. I never thought my family would be so big."

Crystal plans on joining the Job Corps program. She hopes to someday enter the military and become a role model for her community.

Madam Speaker, for twenty years of helping Montana's at-risk youth develop the skills and abilities they need to overcome challenges and turn their lives around, I recognize the staff, instructors, and mentors of the Montana Youth Challenge Academy for their spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF AGNES
ZAIONTZ

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Agnes Zaiontz, who passed away on Wednesday, May 29th at the age of 77.

Agnes, a resident of Columbus, Mississippi, was a long-time employee at the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Authority, serving as office manager. During her time with the Tenn-Tom Waterway, she assisted with the creation of a traveling Smithsonian exhibit at the Tenn-Tom Waterway Museum. The Waterway dedicated the exhibit to her naming it "The Agnes Zaiontz Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Transportation Museum." When she was not at the office, Agnes was an active member of Annunciation Catholic Church.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Francis Zaiontz of Columbus, MS; her sons—Bobby Zaiontz and Frank Zaiontz, Jr.; her daughter—Cindy DeFelice of Olive Branch, MS; grandchildren—Patricia DeFelice, Emily DeFelice and Maddie Zaiontz; as well as her sisters—Margie Walker, and Darcus Goodman.

Agnes's life was one of service, grace, love for her family, and community. She will be greatly missed by all who she encountered.

RECOGNIZING LUDINGTON
PUMPED STORAGE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO WEST MICHIGAN

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Ludington Pumped Storage plant in Mason County for 46 years of service. Owned by Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, Ludington Pumped Storage recently had its construction and operating license period extended for 50 years.

Beginning operations on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1973, Ludington Pumped Storage is affectionately known as "the big battery." This engineering marvel is a critical part of Michigan's energy infrastructure, ensuring our residents can access safe, affordable, and reliable energy. It also serves as an innovative example of what can be done to harness energy in my home state.

Here's how the facility operates: When electricity is cheaper at night, the plant pumps water from Lake Michigan up a bluff to the plant's 27 billion-gallon reservoir, creating an on-demand power source. When demand dictates, the gates are simply opened, enabling water to rush downhill and turn the plant's powerful turbines to generate electricity.

Ludington Pumped Storage has the ability to produce 1,872 megawatts of electricity, which is enough energy to provide power to 1.4 million Michigan residents.

With the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission recently approving a 50-year extension of the plant's construction and operating license, this important source of energy will continue to support Michigan residents until June 30, 2069.

"The Big Battery's" nearly half-century of service is a testament to the dedication of the men and women who helped build it as well as to those who have kept watch over the years. As our nation confronts energy challenges going forward, I hope we remember Ludington Pumped Storage and the example it has provided in supporting Michigan's energy needs.

Congratulations to the team at Ludington Pumped Storage on this great achievement. I look forward to a new chapter for this modern marvel in service to the people of Michigan.

HONORING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SAN ANGELO MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AMBASSADOR

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unveiling of over thirty pieces of art from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in the European Union Ambassador's Residence in Washington, D.C. on June 20, 2019.

These works date back to the 1920's and represent a variety of creative approaches and artistic styles. The ceramic pieces, by renowned artists from all over the world, range

from functional to sculptural to abstract, and the paintings and sculptures by Texas artists are hallmark examples of movements such as surrealism, American regionalism, minimalism, and impressionism.

Texas has a rich, multicultural history that is well-represented through this collection. I am incredibly honored to have these pieces from Texas' 11th District on display in the Ambassador's home where they will be viewed and appreciated by individuals from across the world. It is a historic feat for art from an American museum to be displayed in a foreign diplomatic residence, and I am proud to have San Angelo and Texan artists represented on the world stage in this way.

The artists from Texas who will have their art displayed are: Randy Brodnax, Vorakit Chinooskowsong, Fidencio Duran, Altha Leona Edge, Juan Granados, W. Frederick Jarvis, Chapman Kelley, Lebeth Lammers, Ben Livingston, Otis Lumpkin, Patricia Nix, and one of San Angelo's very own world-renowned artist, René Alvarado, who also assisted with the transport and install of the art.

I would like to recognize Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis, the European Ambassador to the United States, for his generosity in displaying these works and opening his home to Texas art and culture. Additionally, I want to thank his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Kapouano, for her efforts in personally selecting the works to be displayed. This exhibition is a testament to the benevolence of Ambassador Lambrinidis, the excellent leadership of the museum, and the commitment of the San Angelo community to strive for excellence.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF 171 CEDAR
ARTS CENTER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning, New York.

171 Cedar Arts Center is an Associate Institutional Member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. As a non-profit multi-arts community center, they present performances in dance and music as well as exhibitions of fine arts and crafts in the community. The Center offers educational programs for people of all ages and skill levels, providing the community opportunities to share in the joy of the arts.

171 Cedar Arts Center gets its name from 171 Cedar Street in Corning, New York, the address of the old Knights of Columbus house where the Center was founded. Community members consisting of arts advocates, artists, and business entrepreneurs came together to form an organization to provide a place for artists and community members to come together, fostering artistic growth. From this foundation the Center has grown into the award-winning cultural hub that it is today.

While 171 Cedar Arts Center is a staple of the Corning area and community, it also holds a special place in my heart. My daughter, Autumn, took dance lessons at 171 Cedar Arts Center from the time she was four years old until she graduated from high school. Her time

spent learning ballet, tap, and modern dance with her exquisite instructors, Miss Melanie, Beth Landin, and Patty Ozer, gave her lifelong memories with immeasurable value. For that I am truly grateful. At a young age my son, Will, along with my wife, Jean, participated in music classes. Both Autumn and Will learned valuable lessons and seeds were planted which have now bloomed and witnessed by their daily appreciation for the arts.

Fifty years of cultivating the arts in our community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate 171 Cedar Arts Center on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning, New York.

HONORING JOHN SHACKFORD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Shackford for his contribution to our Napa Valley community as a local business owner and dedicated community member.

Mr. Shackford was born in Los Angeles, California, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Whittier College. He served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1958 as a distinguished fighter pilot and is a Korean War veteran. Mr. Shackford married the late Ms. Donna Shackford and in 1960 they moved to Napa County.

For forty-three years, Mr. Shackford owned Shackford's Kitchen Store, the beloved culinary store located in downtown Napa. The store employed countless people from our community and served local businesses, home chefs, and culinary students. Prior to establishing Shackford's Kitchen Store, Mr. Shackford was the owner and chief head pilot at the Nut Tree in Vacaville from 1967 to 1974.

Mr. Shackford has been active in our community through the programs he and Ms. Shackford sponsored over the last thirty years. He sponsored Babe Ruth baseball teams, girls softball teams, Slow Pitch teams, 4-H, and Derby cars for kids. Mr. Shackford is a family oriented man and he has shown with his generosity and involvement that he considers Napa to be part of his family.

Madam Speaker, John Shackford is an important member of our Napa County community. He is a kind and giving person who has served the people of Napa for over forty-three years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING THE ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ON ITS SERVICE TO THE MARINE CORPS FOR 75 YEARS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illinois Marine Corps League

on its 75th Annual Department of Illinois Convention. Congratulations for serving the United States Marine Corps in Illinois for 75 years.

The Marine Corps League was founded by Major General John A. LeJeune and has ever since been committed to upholding the ideals of the United States Marine Corps. Throughout the years, the League has provided a place for Marines to come together in the common bond they shared in service to our nation. The League also has the ability to bring together Marines who are currently serving with those who have been honorably discharged, making the group span across generations of leadership in the Marine Corps. It is my hope that this convention allows this group to celebrate the goals of the Marine Corps League and all they have accomplished in service to our nation.

It is because of dedicated community organizations such as the Illinois Marine Corps League that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Illinois Marine Corps League on its 75th Annual Department of Illinois Convention.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF ROBERT A. GANLEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Robert A. Ganley, a local leader in the private sector who has played an influential role in the revitalization of the Buffalo-Niagara region, upon the occasion of his retirement.

For nearly 30 years, Robert Ganley has served as the President of Ivoclar Vivadent, a Buffalo-Niagara based dental technology business with global reach. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ivoclar Vivadent AG, a Liechtenstein based company with subsidiaries in 25 countries, and employs about 3,500 people worldwide.

Under the excellent leadership of Mr. Ganley, the company has had an immense economic impact on Western New York, growing from roughly 20 employees in 1990 to about 230 today. Mr. Ganley has also overseen tremendous growth in the company's sales, transforming it from a struggling company in the 1980s into a successful business with over 300 million dollars in sales today.

During his tenure at Ivoclar Vivadent, Mr. Ganley has sponsored numerous special initiatives to promote community outreach and mission, including Give Kids a Smile Day and the Wisdom Tooth Project. His main priority as the company's president has always been giving back to the community and providing essential services to patients in need in Western New York and around the world.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Ganley has received numerous awards for his outstanding leadership and expertise in the field of dental technology. In 2013, he was inducted as an Honorary Fellow into the International College of Dentists, and he received the Visionary Award from the American College of Prosthodontics in 2018.

In March of this year, Business First awarded Mr. Ganley with the Excellence in Healthcare Award for his visionary leadership of Ivoclar Vivadent and his steadfast commitment to providing underserved populations with access to oral healthcare. This April, Mr. Ganley also received the Lifetime Achievement Evy Award from the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Robert A. Ganley, a leader in the healthcare industry who has devoted his entire career to contributing to the growth and development of the Buffalo-Niagara region.

RECOGNIZING THE SAN ANGELO MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS EXHIBIT AT THE EUROPEAN UNION AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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This exhibition is a testament to the excellent leadership of the museum, and the commitment of the community to strive for excellence. I would like to thank the Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, Howard Taylor, as well as the Museum's board and staff members. I also want to recognize the European Ambassador to the United States, for his generosity in displaying these works and opening his home to Texas art and culture.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 249 (Motion to Adjourn): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 250 (Motion to Adjourn): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 251 (Passing H. AMDT. 268 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM MCGOVERN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 252 (Passing H. AMDT. 270 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DONNA SHALALA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 253 (Passing H. AMDT. 271 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 254 (Passing H. AMDT. 272 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 255 (Passing H. AMDT. 273 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 256 (Passing H. AMDT. 274 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK DESAULNIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 257 (Passing H. AMDT. 277 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CHRIS SMITH): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 258 (Passing H. AMDT. 278 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BOBBY SCOTT): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 259 (Passing H. AMDT. 279 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. PETER DEFAZIO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 260 (Passing H. AMDT. 280 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 261 (Passing H. AMDT. 281 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE): “yes”.

Roll call Vote Number 262 (Passing H. AMDT. 282 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL PASTRELL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 263 (Passing H. AMDT. 283 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DANNY DAVIS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 264 (Ordering the Previous Question): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 265 (Passing H. Res. 436): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 266 (Passing H. AMDT. 267 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. TOM COLE): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 267 (Passing H. AMDT. 275 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARTHA ROBY): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 268 (Passing H. AMDT. 284 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. VERN BUCHANAN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 269 (Passing H. AMDT. 285 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM LANGEVIN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 270 (Passing H. AMDT. 286 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 271 (Passing H. AMDT. 287 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 272 (Passing H. AMDT. 288 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 273 (Passing H. AMDT. 289 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL FOSTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 274 (Passing H. AMDT. 290 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ADAM SCHIFF): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 275 (Passing H. AMDT. 291 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 276 (Passing H. AMDT. 292 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. G. K. BUTTERFIELD): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 277 (Passing H. AMDT. 293 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL JOHNSON): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 278 (Passing H. AMDT. 294 to H.R. 2740 offered

by Rep. GWEN MOORE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 279 (Passing H. AMDT. 295 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. GWEN MOORE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 280 (Passing H. AMDT. 297 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DORIS MATSUI): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 281 (Passing H. AMDT. 298 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANDY BARR): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 282 (Passing H. AMDT. 299 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. EMMANUEL CLEAVER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 283 (Passing H. AMDT. 300 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATHY CASTOR): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 284 (Passing H. AMDT. 301 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. FRENCH HILL): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 285 (Passing H. AMDT. 302 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. FRENCH HILL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 286 (Passing H. AMDT. 303 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AYANNA PRESSLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 287 (Passing H. AMDT. 304 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. RO KHANNA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 288 (Passing H. AMDT. 305 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CEDRIC RICHMOND): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 289 (Passing H. AMDT. 306 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): “no”; Roll Call Vote Number 290 (Passing H. AMDT. 307 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL KEATING): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 291 (Passing H. AMDT. 308 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CAROL MILLER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 292 (Passing H. AMDT. 309 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DAVID CICILLINE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 293 (Passing H. AMDT. 310 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AMI BERA): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 294 (Passing H. AMDT. 311 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JOAQUIN CASTRO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 295 (Passing H. AMDT. 312 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. HAKEEM JEFFRIES): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 296 (Passing H. AMDT. 313 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 297 (Passing H. AMDT. 314 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALMA ADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 298 (Passing H. AMDT. 315 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALMA ADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 299 (Passing H. AMDT. 316 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DON BEYER): “YES”; ROLL CALL VOTE NUMBER 300 (PASSING H. AMDT. 317 TO H.R. 2740 OFFERED BY REP. DON BEYER): “YES”; ROLL CALL VOTE NUMBER 301 (PASSING H. AMDT. 318 TO H.R. 2740 OFFERED BY REP. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 302 (Passing H. AMDT. 319 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. STEPHANIE MURPHY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 303 (Passing H. AMDT. 320 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 304 (Passing H. AMDT. 321 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 305 (Passing H. AMDT. 322 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BEN MCADAMS): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 306 (Passing H. AMDT. 323 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KIM SCHRIER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 307 (Passing H. AMDT. 324 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. SUSIE LEE): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 308 (Passing H. AMDT. 325 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 309 (Passing H. AMDT. 326 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 310 (Passing H. AMDT. 327 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANGIE CRAIG): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 311 (Passing H. AMDT. 328 to

H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 312 (Passing H. AMDT. 329 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 313 (Passing H. AMDT. 330 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. KATIE PORTER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 314 (Passing H. AMDT. 331 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. DEBBIE MURCARSEL-POWELL): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 315 (Passing H. AMDT. 332 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANDY LEVIN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 316 (Passing H. AMDT. 333 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. AYANNA PRESSLEY): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 317 (Passing H. AMDT. 334 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 318 (Passing H. AMDT. 335 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. ANTONIO DELGADO): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 319 (Passing H. AMDT. 336 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. JASON CROW): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 320 (Passing H. AMDT. 337 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. CHRISSE HOULAHAN): “yes”; Roll Call Vote Number 321 (Passing H. AMDT. 338 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. MARK POCAN): “yes”; and Roll Call Vote Number 322 (Passing H. AMDT. 339 to H.R. 2740 offered by Rep. BILL PASCRELL): “yes”.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY PINTA

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary initiative and leadership of Molly Pinta, a 13-year-old resident of Buffalo Grove, Illinois who organized her town's first ever LGBTQ Pride Parade on June 2nd.

More than 5,000 people came together to celebrate the LGBTQ community with Molly at a boisterous, family-friendly event on June 2. The parade was the culmination of months of planning by Molly. With support from her parents, she raised more than \$40,000 for the event and related foundation, the Pinta Pride Project which aims to empower the LGBTQ community in Buffalo Grove.

Because of her achievements in Buffalo Grove work, Molly was named the Youth Grand Marshal for the Chicago Pride Parade on June 30. “Molly is the result and a shining example of the hard work and sacrifices made by those generations of activists who for 50 years have toiled before, and leading up to Stonewall,” said Richard Pfeiffer, one of the Chicago Pride Parade organizers, in a statement to the press. Molly's vision united her community and inspired others, especially young people, to be proud of who they are.

Our nation's rapid march toward equality for the LGBTQ community—from the end of Don't Ask, Don't Tell to nationwide marriage equality—is a story of undeniable progress. While much work remains unfinished to achieve the goal of full equality, I take heart witnessing the support and acceptance of our young people—Molly's generation—for their peers. They give me hope that our future is in good hands.

It is my privilege to recognize Molly Pinta for her bravery and passion in her community. She has already made a positive mark in her first 13 years, and I look forward to seeing what she will do in years to come.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. SHEEHAN, AKA "THE PROFESSOR," FOR THE 900TH EPISODE OF WORDS TO THE WISE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Mike Sheehan, also known as "The Professor," upon the occasion of the 900th episode of his program Words to the Wise on WTCM NewsTalk 580 in Traverse City, Michigan. Through his exceptional insight, expert knowledge of the English language, and unique ability to teach with accuracy and humor, The Professor has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Born and raised in the southside of Chicago, Sheehan spent much of his early life as a monk in the Order of St. Augustine, being ordained as a priest in 1965. He would later leave the priesthood to become an instructor of English at the Olive-Harvey College of the City Colleges of Chicago, where he taught for 26 years and wrote three textbooks, a dictionary, and two novels. Upon retirement, he and his late wife decided to make Northern Michigan their home. Deciding to stay active in his retirement, Sheehan has served on the state of Michigan's Commission on Services to the Aging and is a member of the Society of Midland Authors, the Dictionary Society of North America, the American Dialect Society, and Michigan Writers. He also received the Distinguished Senior of the National Cherry Festival award in 2013.

For the past 18 years Mike has also hosted a weekly radio show, Words to the Wise, on WTCM NewsTalk 580. This show, which is heard by listeners in 19 counties throughout Michigan, dives into the interesting, humorous, and sometimes bizarre world of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and etymology. His unique passion and sense of humor have resulted in his show being beloved by students, retirees, and everyone in between. The 900th episode of Words to the Wise will air live from the City Opera House in Traverse City, Michigan, on July 16.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize "The Professor" for hitting the milestone of 900 episodes full of entertainment and education. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER INDIANA POLITICIAN, GENE SNOWDEN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of former Indiana politician and community leader, Gene Snowden.

Snowden was a lifelong public servant in Indiana state and local politics, having served in the Indiana House of Representatives and In-

diana State Senate in a legislative career that spanned nearly 20 years.

He served as an Indiana City Councilman for Huntington and as Mayor of Huntington, Indiana. In his political career, he lost just one election.

Snowden was an active member of his community, involved heavily in his church and civic organizations like the Police Athletic League, the Salvation Army, the Huntington County Historical Society, the Boy Scouts, United Way, Christian Literature for Africa, and others.

While there's not enough words to fully encapsulate all of Gene Snowden's accomplishments, his life is proof positive of the timeless legacy each one of us can forge, for ourselves and generations to come.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, four daughters, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren whom he leaves behind.

HONORING EDGAR J. CURTIS FOR RECEIVING THE ORDER OF LINCOLN AWARD

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Edgar J. Curtis for receiving the Order of Lincoln award from the Office of the Governor. This prestigious award is the highest honor that the state of Illinois can present for professional achievement and public service.

Ed currently sits as the President and Chief Executive Office of Memorial Health Systems in Springfield. He is also a member of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, and a Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville School of Nursing Hall of Fame member. Throughout his professional career and philanthropic efforts, Ed has had tremendous impact on the medical community in Illinois.

Ed has always had a passion for helping others and improving the lives of those around him. Since junior high, he has wanted to make a difference in the medical field. Ed attended Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville, where he received his bachelor's degree in nursing. Later Ed earned an MBA from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, who also named him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. After his schooling, Ed turned his focus to helping others, and has done just that throughout his career.

Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to Edgar J. Curtis for receiving the Order of Lincoln award.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFFREY J. IGNATOWSKI FOR HIS SERVICE TO LETTERKENNY MUNITIONS CENTER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the service of Lieuten-

ant Colonel Jeffrey J. Ignatowski, who has served his nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania admirably as Commander of the Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania over the last two years. During Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski's command, LEMC executed six worldwide ammunition rehearsal of concept drills, implemented a tier meeting process that accelerated work flow and communication, and multiplied employee suggestion implementation program participation.

His leadership has strengthened LEMC's reputation as the Army's premier munitions center, orchestrating the distribution, maintenance, and demilitarization of munitions from around the globe. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th District, I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski and his family for his selfless service, and moreover highlight the sense of purpose with which he has handled every project managed in his time at Letterkenny Munitions Center.

His leadership and the progressive changes he made will live on, and it is with the utmost appreciation with which I wish him the best as he continues to serve his nation in new capacities. I take great pleasure in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Ignatowski on his prodigious accomplishments and thank him for his tireless devotion to duty and continued service to the state and to the nation.

HONORING MICHAEL NGUYEN

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to the unjust detention of an American citizen, Mr. Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. Nguyen was arrested on July 7, 2018 while visiting elderly relatives in Vietnam. He has since been held at the Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City. While the Vietnamese government still has not provided any evidence of wrongdoing that would justify his arrest, the Vietnamese government has confirmed they are charging Mr. Nguyen for allegedly violating Article 109 of Vietnam's Penal Code, engaging in activity against the government.

I have worked with my colleagues in Congress, the Administration, our embassy personnel, as well as with Mr. Nguyen's family, to encourage the government of Vietnam to find a fast, transparent, and fair resolution to this case. Unfortunately, Mr. Nguyen is still being held in Vietnam. It is disheartening that an American citizen be detained for such a prolonged time before a trial is held.

Over the past four decades, our two countries have built a strong relationship based on trade, trust and mutual respect. My hope is that we can continue this relationship without the detraction of these kind of events. I will continue to urge a just resolution for Mr. Nguyen until he can return to his family and friends in the United States.

CONGRATULATING THE QUAD CITIES VET CENTER ON 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Quad Cities Vet Center on 40 years of assisting the veterans of this community. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, I'm committed to serving the men and women who've worn our country's uniform—making sure they have the resources they deserve and have earned.

The Quad Cities Vet Center was established in 1979 as a response to the lack of services that veterans received after the Vietnam War. Today, the center provides a wide range of social and psychological services, such as individual, group, marriage and family counseling. I am proud to represent a community that provides such essential services to veterans and their families, and I look forward to the continuation of their program. I join the Quad Cities community to celebrate this milestone and commend them on all of their efforts to improve the lives of those who have served our nation.

It is because of philanthropic services such as this that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Quad Cities Vet Center on their 40th Anniversary and all that they do to enrich our community.

IN HONOR OF MS. SUE SWANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sue Swann's forty years of service to the Essex County Department of Social Security.

Ms. Swann was known as a diligent and determined employee who gave everyone she worked with countless reasons to admire her work ethic. Not only did she dedicate four decades of her life to the Department, but she worked three years in other state offices as well.

At work, she was frequently requested personally by clients for face-to-face meetings to discuss the benefits entitled to them. She did her job with unmatched compassion and care. Over forty years, she decided to stay in her position and reject countless promotions. Had she chosen to move to other localities, she could have been a Benefit Program Specialist 4 or 5, but because of the passion she has for what she did, she remained a Specialist.

Ms. Swann plans to go into retirement now after decades of her tremendous work, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the service of this great woman, Ms. Sue Swann, to the people of Virginia's 1st District, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the entirety of our great nation. May God bless

Sue and her family for her countless hours of labor in service to her country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on June 10, 2019. On that day, I missed 3 recorded votes. I include in the RECORD how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On Roll Call No. 242 on the Passage of H.R. 542, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 243 on the Passage of H.R. 2539, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 244 on the Passage of H.R. 2590, I would have voted "Yea."

CONGRATULATING RICH AND JUDY BUCHANAN

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rich and Judy Buchanan of Bloomington, Illinois who were among the honorees named as 2019 History Makers by the McLean County Museum of History.

Rich's career in public service started shortly after his marriage to Judy and spanned nearly fifty years. He was first appointed to the Regional Planning Commission in 1971 and shortly after was elected to the Bloomington City Council at the age of 31. He then served as Bloomington's mayor from 1977 to 1985. His final elected position was as a member of the McLean County Board from 2012 to 2017.

Judy was also active in politics at nearly every level: her own husband's campaign for mayor, state legislative races, congressional campaigns, and the campaign of former President George H.W. Bush, introducing him on his campaign stop in McLean County. Although, she is perhaps most well-known for her fierce advocacy on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association. Having lost her own mother to the disease at a young age, she spent countless hours at the Illinois State Capitol bringing awareness to mental health issues and funding for Alzheimer's centers across the state.

I am proud to call the Buchanans friends. They deserve to be recognized and thanked for their decades of leadership and service to their community.

Congratulations to Rich and Judy, on this wonderful accomplishment.

CELEBRATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE FIRE STATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the City of Manistee Fire

Station upon the occasion of its 130th anniversary and designation as the "Oldest Continuously Manned Operating Fire Station" by Guinness World Records. Through its extraordinary history and commitment to the public good, the Manistee Fire Station has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

First constructed in 1889, the Manistee Fire Station has been manned continuously—24 hours a day, 7 days a week—ever since. The hundreds of firefighters that have since served in the station's 130 years fully devoted themselves to protecting the lives and well-being of the residents of Manistee, and the impact of their heroism cannot be understated.

Efforts to receive recognition from Guinness World Records were spearheaded by Fred LaPoint, who first joined the fire department in 1979. The approval process required more than two years of verification and was only possible thanks to the tireless effort of community leaders like Mark Fedder, executive director of the Manistee County Historical Museum. The fire station was finally awarded the title of "Oldest Continuously Manned Operating Fire Station" on its 130th anniversary—the very first time Guinness World Records has ever made this award designation.

Madam Speaker, the celebration of the Manistee Fire Station's 130th anniversary and designation as the oldest continuously manned operating fire station is the perfect opportunity for us to appreciate its unique history, cultural impact, and significance to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important landmark. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the City of Manistee Fire Station all the best in its future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RUPERT M. BARKOFF

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of Rupert M. Barkoff, a leader in Atlanta and the franchise business community.

Rupert M. Barkoff was born May 7, 1948, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Martha and Samuel Barkoff. He graduated from the Isidore Newman School in New Orleans and later went on to graduate from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Law School.

After graduating from law school, Barkoff moved to Atlanta where he practiced law for 46 years with Kilpatrick Townsend and established himself as a prominent and beloved member of the firm. With his creation of the Fundamentals of Franchising program and book, Barkoff transformed the way in which lawyers new to franchising are introduced to the business model.

Known for his generosity of spirit and knowledge in franchisor and franchisee practices, Barkoff taught a franchise law course at the University of Georgia. He was devoted to his students and took a personal interest in each and every one. He even made a point of meeting with them individually to discuss their interests and mentor them toward their goals.

Barkoff was not only a mentor to his students, but also to so many involved with the franchise bar. Countless lawyers admired his leadership in guiding them through the franchising business model. Those who had the pleasure to work with Barkoff will remember him for his gentleness, intelligence, and great sense of humor.

As an early pioneer of franchise law, Barkoff laid the fabric of franchising in Atlanta. The Southeast Franchise Forum, of which he was a founding member, is a regional organization in Atlanta as part of the International Franchise Association, established to foster professional relationships throughout the franchise community and to enhance the reputation of franchising through the exchange of information, ideas and solutions.

Our home state of Georgia is a thriving franchise hub containing 26,500 establishments, creating 275,800 jobs, and producing \$22.7 billion in economic output. There are 345 franchise companies headquartered in Georgia today, and Barkoff directly contributed to this economic boom in our city by ensuring these well-known brands operated with the highest standards of compliance in franchising.

Rupert will always be remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues as a trusted friend, a great mind, and a devoted family man. His children and his grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Umps," cherished the many Michigan football games they attended together. He is survived by his wife Susan, his two sisters, his three children and their spouses, and his many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Our condolences go out to Rupert's family and friends.

HONORING THE WORK OF LONNIE
G. BUNCH III

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lonnie G. Bunch III in his new position as the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, one of the highest positions in the museum world. He will be the 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian, responsible for 19 museums, nine research centers and the National Zoo, together employing 7,000 people with a \$1.5 billion budget annually.

On June 16th, Bunch will begin his tenure as Secretary, leaving his position as the director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). He is the ideal person to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the Smithsonian.

Bunch is owed the lion's share of the credit for the creation of NMAAHC. What started as a broad mandate from Congress, one staff member and no collection, NMAAHC has grown to become one of the great gems in the nation's capital. NMAAHC has had over 4 million visitors since its doors opened in 2016. Bunch's political and fundraising talents brought \$270 million in federal money and \$317 million in private donations for NMAAHC before it opened in 2016.

Bunch began working for the Smithsonian in 1989. He spent 11 years At the National Mu-

seum of American History, where he worked, in part, as the museum's associate director for curatorial affairs. He left to work as the president of the Chicago Historical Society and later as the curator of history and program manager for the California African American Museum.

As a student, he attended American University in Washington, D.C. and received his master's and bachelor's degrees in History. He will be the first historian to be Secretary of the Smithsonian. He is also the first African American to lead the Smithsonian in its 172-year history and the first museum director to be named Secretary in 74 years.

Among Bunch's many accomplishments is writing various books, ranging from the black military experience to the American presidency to diversity in museum management. He has taught at several universities over the years, including American University and George Washington University, and has traveled both domestically and abroad for lectures and presentations.

In 2002, Bunch was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House and reappointed by President Barack Obama in 2010. In 2005, he was named one of the most influential museum professionals of the 20th century by the American Association of Museums.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lonnie G. Bunch III for his many achievements and in congratulating him on his new role as the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

HONORING AVIS WARNER, LEON
SMITH, JOHN PLANTIER AND
PATRICE CIANCI FOR THEIR
DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE
AND FOR BEING AWARDED
SENIOR OF THE YEAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize four North Country residents for their selfless dedication to their communities. Each of these individuals was awarded the Senior of the Year recognition by their respective Warren and Hamilton County Offices at their annual Office for the Aging Luncheon on June 7, 2019.

Avis Warner of Hamilton County has been a tireless volunteer with the Wells Volunteer Ambulance Corps where she currently serves as its Captain. Additionally, she volunteers with the Wells Senior Club, the Wells Volunteer Fire Company, the Wells Improvement Club, the Wells Fish and Game Club, the Wells Snowmobile Club, The Wells Central School Board and The Wesleyan Church.

Leon "Lee" Smith, also of Hamilton County, organized a redemption center to raise money for the Wells Volunteer Ambulance Corps (WVAC). Thanks to his vision, they were able to raise \$60,000 which allowed the WVAC to purchase a new ambulance. Mr. Smith also volunteered with the Town of Wells to create a directory for local events, businesses, and organizations. Finally, Mr. Smith volunteered with the Algonquin Snowblazers, the Cub Scouts, and the Wells Fish and Game Club.

John Plantier of Warren County has served the Hadley Luzern Library for over two decades. He spent many of those years as the library's President and as a member of the board. As President, he exhibited a very hands-on management style that saw him performing tasks at all levels. He was just as often presiding over board meetings as he was helping with routine maintenance. He was always ready to literally go the extra mile; giving rides to doctors' appointments to those without transportation, and delivering books and meals to homebound residents. John is also a member of the Lions Club and the Hadley Luzerne Historical Society.

Patrice Cianci volunteers with the Bolton Health Committee to deliver meals to homebound seniors in the northern Lake George area. She also helps deliver gifts to these seniors during the holiday season. Patrice has made herself a crucial asset to the team at the Warren County Office for the Aging that helps ensure seniors around the Lake George area can comfortably remain in their homes.

These four individuals have made a lasting impact on their communities and have positively impacted the lives of many North Country residents. I am proud to serve such amazing and generous people in Congress and I hope to live up to their example every day. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Patrice, John, Lee, and Avis for their service to the North Country and congratulate them on this well-deserved award.

COMMENDING THE AUBURN HIGH
SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend the Auburn High School girls tennis team, which captured the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 1 team state title on June 8, 2019. The Eagles put on a first-rate performance, defeating an excellent team from Rappahannock High School by a score of 5-4.

This marks the second consecutive season in which the Eagles have captured the VHSL Class 1 state championship. A victory from Auburn's No. 1 doubles pair Haley Gordon and Molly McMichael clinched the title, capping off just under 5½ hours of competition on the day between the two squads. I applaud the hard work and dedication of all members of this year's Auburn High School girls tennis team, and congratulate the administrators, teachers, coaches, parents, students, and fans. In particular I would like to recognize the contributions of the team's seniors, and their head coach Conrad Nester. Congratulations on a great end to the season.

HONORING OONI ADEYEYE ENITAN
BARTUNDE OGUNWUSI, OJAJA II

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor His Imperial

Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babtunde Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, Ooni of Ife.

Ojaja II is a Nigerian monarch; since coronation he has been able to harmonize the relationships between all the Yoruba Royal leaders and with the Nigerian government. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. He is an Associate Accounting Technician. Oba Ogunwusi is a certified member of the Institute of Directors. He is also a member of the Global Real Estate Institute. He holds multiple honorary doctorate degrees: one in Public Administration from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and another in Law from Igbinedion University. Oba Ogunwusi is the Chancellor at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

He has been described as an astute entrepreneur driven by the need to turn impossibilities into possibilities. He is an advocate for the empowerment and emancipation of women and young people. He is a renowned philanthropist who is committed to humanity and an advocate for the less privileged.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing His Imperial Majesty Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Babtunde Ogunwusi, Ojaja II for his endeavors to the citizens of Nigeria and for visiting the "Jewel of the Delta," Mound Bayou, MS.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on June 12, 2019. On that day, I missed 46 recorded votes. I include in the RECORD how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On Roll Call No. 249 on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 250 on the Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 251 on the Passage of Amendment No. 2 offered by Mr. MCGOVERN (D-MA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 252 on the Passage of Amendment No. 4 offered by Ms. SHALALA (D-FL), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 253 on the Passage of Amendment No. 5 offered by Mr. DESAULNIER (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 254 on the Passage of Amendment No. 6 offered by Mr. DESAULNIER (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 255 on the Passage of Amendment No. 7 offered by Mr. DESAULNIER (D-CA), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 256 on the Passage of Amendment No. 8 offered by Mr. DESAULNIER (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 257 on the Passage of Amendment No. 11 offered by Mr. SMITH (R-NJ), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 258 on the Passage of Amendment No. 12 offered by Mr. SCOTT (D-VA), present, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 259 on the Passage of Amendment No. 13 offered by Mr. DEFAZIO (D-OR), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 260 on the Passage of Amendment No. 14 offered by Ms. JACKSON LEE (D-TX), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 261 on the Passage of Amendment No. 15 offered by Ms. JACKSON LEE (D-TX), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 262 on the Passage of Amendment No. 16 offered by Mr. PASCRELL (D-NJ), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 263 on the Passage of Amendment No. 17 offered by Mr. DAVIS (D-IL), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 264 on the Ordering of the Previous Question, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 265 on the Adoption of H. Res. 436, I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 266 on the Passage of Amendment No. 1 offered by Mr. COLE (R-OK), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 267 on the Passage of Amendment No. 9 offered by Mrs. ROBY (R-AL), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 268 on the Passage of Amendment No. 18 offered by Mr. BUCHANAN (R-FL), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 269 on the Passage of Amendment No. 19 offered by Mr. LANGEVIN (D-RI), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 270 on the Passage of Amendment No. 20 offered by Mr. FOSTER (D-IL), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 271 on the Passage of Amendment No. 21 offered by Mr. FOSTER (D-IL), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 272 on the Passage of Amendment No. 22 offered by Mr. FOSTER (D-IL), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 273 on the Passage of Amendment No. 23 offered by Mr. FOSTER (D-IL), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 274 on the Passage of Amendment No. 24 offered by Mr. SCHIFF (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 275 on the Passage of Amendment No. 25 offered by Mr. MCKINLEY (R-WV), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 276 on the Passage of Amendment No. 26 offered by Mr. BUTTERFIELD (D-NC), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 277 on the Passage of Amendment No. 27 offered by Mr. JOHNSON (R-OH), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 278 on the Passage of Amendment No. 28 offered by Ms. MOORE (D-WI), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 279 on the Passage of Amendment No. 29 offered by Ms. MOORE (D-WI), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 280 on the Passage of Amendment No. 32 offered by Ms. MATSUI (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 281 on the Passage of Amendment No. 33 offered by Mr. BARR (R-KY), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 282 on the Passage of Amendment No. 34 offered by Mr. CLEAVER (D-MO), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 283 on the Passage of Amendment No. 36 offered by Ms. CASTOR (D-FL), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 284 on the Passage of Amendment No. 37 offered by Mr. HILL, FRENCH (R-AK), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 285 on the Passage of Amendment No. 38 offered by Mr. HILL, FRENCH (R-AK), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 286 on the Passage of Amendment No. 39 offered by Ms. PRESSLEY (D-MA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 287 on the Passage of Amendment No. 40 offered by Mr. KHANNA (D-CA), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 288 on the Passage of Amendment No. 41 offered by Mr. RICHMOND (D-LA), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 289 on the Passage of Amendment No. 42 offered by Mr. BANKS (R-IN), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 290 on the Passage of Amendment No. 43 offered by Mr. KEATING (D-MA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 291 on the Passage of Amendment No. 44 offered by Mrs. MILLER (R-WV), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 292 on the Passage of Amendment No. 45 offered by Mr. CICILLINE (D-RI), I would have voted "Nay."

On Roll Call No. 293 on the Passage of Amendment No. 46 offered by Mr. BERA (D-CA), I would have voted "Yea."

On Roll Call No. 294 on the Passage of Amendment No. 47 offered by Mr. CASTRO (D-TX), I would have voted "Nay."

JOSEPH M. LANE AMERICAN
LEGION POST 136 CENTENNIAL

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the centennial celebration of the American Legion. On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded in Paris, France by U.S. military personnel in the aftermath of World War I. Today, 100 years later, The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization and has been at the forefront of efforts to improve the lives of veterans including the development of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the creation of the U.S. Flag Code, and passage of the G.I. Bill.

The irreplaceable impact of the American Legion continues 100 years later. Every year, The American Legion provides assistance on more than 181,000 VA claims and cases, awards more than \$4 million in scholarships, and is the nation's single largest donor of blood.

Specifically, I would like to recognize the Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 in my District in Lodi, New Jersey. The inaugural meeting of what would today become the Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 was held on September 9, 1919, at the Liberty Street Fire House in Lodi. The Post's namesake was Lodi resident, United States Army Private Joseph M. Lane, who died in the service in France.

As the Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey, I am proud to recognize the Joseph M. Lane American Legion Post 136 of Lodi for its countless contributions to the Lodi community and its veterans.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the American Legion for reaching this amazing milestone and look forward to many great years ahead.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CORPORAL DAVID WOLMAN

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a distinguished New Yorker and proud World War II Veteran, Corporal David Wolman of the 412th Air Service Group. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Wolman began his life of service to our nation in 1942, when he elected to pursue a job in air traffic operations with the U.S. military. He served as an Air Traffic Controller, assisting with operations during the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

Corporal Wolman began his service by training across the United States, starting on Long Island at Camp Upton. After months of specialized training he was stationed on the Thorpe Abbots Airfield in England, where he would communicate with pilots of the 8th Army Air Force, 100th Bomb Group. Corporal Wohman communicated with pilots before, during, and after missions, directing them during takeoff and landing, and getting returning planes any desperately needed emergency services upon landing. In addition to serving his country, Corporal Wolman was a servant of his faith, helping conduct Jewish services on Friday evenings.

Corporal Wolman was with the 100th Bomb Group through some of their most difficult operations, like the October 10, 1943, mission to Munster, Germany. Corporal Wolman's proudest and most memorable experience during his time at Thorpe Abbots came on June 6, 1944—D-Day. He worked tirelessly for three days to ensure air traffic operations during that crucial turning point in history went smoothly.

Returning home, Corporal Wolman continued to pursue his passion, serving several years as an Air Traffic Control Specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration. Corporal Wohman remained a loyal friend, always keeping in touch with his former Lieutenant, James Pound. He was also a loyal husband and father, married to his wife Gladys for 66 years. Corporal David Wolman is a distinguished American hero, dedicated to his family, his faith, and his country. For his service to our nation, we will be forever grateful.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I thank the Gentlewoman from New York for writing such a

strong State Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill. You are a truly able chair. The base bill and report contain \$500,000 for Grass Carp control and this amendment doubles down on that investment, by providing an additional \$500,000 for a total of \$1 million for the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission to manage Grass Carp.

Much of the countries Asian Carp focus has been on stopping the Big-Head Carp, but let us not forget that the Grass Carp pose an existential threat to the economic future of the Great Lakes.

This threat is not theoretical. Just a few weeks ago, we found Grass Carp larva in the Maumee River. Every day, fisherman remove Grass Carp from the Lakes.

To understand just how dangerous the Grass Carp are, it is important to understand that on average, they consume 50 percent of their body weight of vegetation in just one day.

Think about those numbers. A five-pound grass carp consumes 2.5 pounds of vegetation in a single day.

While Grass Carp present a deadly threat to the Great Lakes fishery today, far too few resources have been allocated to the Grass Carp.

The Great Lakes Fisheries commission is an ideal partner to control this bi-national threat. The commission operates in coordination across our national borders to protect both American and Canadian fisheries.

The biodiversity, commercial and recreational fishery on the Great Lakes are threatened by the Grass Carp.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission has a long history of controlling invasive species across the American-Canadian border.

This amendment fills critical gaps and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM
GULLIFORD

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize City Councilman William Gulliford of Jacksonville, Florida, who is retiring after serving as Atlantic Beach Mayor, Atlantic Beach Commissioner, and President of the Jacksonville City Council. Today we honor Bill's outstanding public service to our community.

Aside from his role in local government, Bill is also a longtime business owner who is sincere in his desire to do good for the citizens of our community. He is a respected as an honorable, collegial leader who is known for bringing people in government and the private sector together to solve problems. Most recently, Bill worked to focus the City's attention on the opioid crisis and worked with numerous partners on solutions. This is just one example of his leadership and value to our community.

Besides his electoral contributions, Bill is a founding Board Member of Habitat for Humanity of the Jacksonville Beaches, and past president of the Beaches Boys Club, the Beaches Quarterback Club and the Rotary Club of Mandarin. He presently is a member of the Oceanside Rotary Club and has received numerous awards, including the

Charles D. Webb for Extraordinary Commitment to Public Service and the Mary L. Singleton for his work on City Council. Bill has also served in both President Carter's and President Reagan's Small Business Councils.

Bill has been a resident of Jacksonville since 1954 and of Atlantic Beach since 1972. He graduated from Bishop Kenny High School and the University of Florida. Bill and his wife Harriet have four children, Trip, Thad, Katherine and Elizabeth, and nine grandchildren. His dedication to his community, his strong work ethic, and his generosity of spirit are reasons to celebrate Bill Gulliford's public life and to honor his service.

HONORING JIM SELLS AND HIS 40
YEAR CAREER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sells on his 40 years of service to our community as Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Concord, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the last 40 years, Jim has made countless contributions to our area. He started his career in 1979 as a volunteer firefighter for the Concord Fire Department and is retiring on July 1st as the Emergency Management Coordinator. His strong character and leadership enabled him to advance within the City of Concord Fire Department, culminating as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Jim has earned the reputation for leading the vital improvements to the City of Concord's emergency response infrastructure. Through his leadership, he developed the initial Concord Emergency Management Ordinance which created the division of Emergency Management within the Concord Fire Department. Exemplary of his passion for service, Jim created the City's first emergency operations plan and has saved countless lives. In honor of his tireless innovations, he was recognized by the Executive Steering Committee for the Democratic National Convention in 2012. The City of Concord now stands as a premier model of emergency management and readiness across the state of North Carolina.

Jim has led by example over the years and is someone for whom I have everlasting respect and admiration. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for all of his service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Jim Sells on his 40 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE AUBURN HIGH
SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Auburn High School

girls soccer team for earning a class 1 state title on June 8, 2019. The girls soccer team earned their championship, the first conducted by the Virginia High School League for Class 1 soccer, in a close match with Stonewall Jackson-Quicksburg at Christiansburg High School.

The state championship clinched an 18–1 season for the Eagles. It was a close-run thing on a windy and rainy day, with a tie broken after four sudden victory periods and nine successful penalty kicks alternating between each team. The Eagles competed with discipline, skill, and coolness under pressure. Congratulations are in order for Coach Ashley Moreno and the team, especially its seniors. Auburn's parents, teachers, students, and fans also should take pride in this wonderful accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE BIG SANDY
WILDCATS ON THEIR BASEBALL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Big Sandy High School on winning the University Interscholastic League (UIL) baseball state championship for the 2018–2019 school year.

On Thursday, June 6, 2019, Big Sandy High School claimed their second UIL Class 2A baseball state title with a 7–1 win over Linden-Kildare High School. This triumph marks the end of an incredible four-year run for nine seniors: Graden Emmons, Bryan Duff, Brandon Hendrix, Broch Holmes, McKane Maxwell, Garret Lilley, Brayden Lennox, Seth Lalumandier, and Bryan Moseley. Since Big Sandy Head Coach Jacob Hooker arrived four years ago, these senior Wildcats were first a game away from the state tournament their freshman year, then state runners-up their sophomore year, and now are back-to-back state champions of Class 2A baseball.

Big Sandy High School ends a season to remember with a record of 36–4, losing only one Class 2A game all year to Refugio High School during the playoffs. They are only the 19th school in Texas history to win the baseball state championship two years in a row. I would like to personally recognize each student as well as their coaches. It is an honor to represent these young men in Congress, and I am so elated to say that they have made our community so proud.

I wish each of these talented athletes continued success on and off the field. Go Wildcats.

CALLING ON THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ENSURE A FAIR TRIAL FOR MICHAEL NGUYEN

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the case of Michael Nguyen, an American citizen and Orange County resident who has been imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for nearly a year.

Mr. Nguyen is a husband, a father, and a leader in his community. He has lived his life in the United States in accordance with our laws, and he owns a small business where he works to provide for his wife and four daughters.

For the past eleven months, Mr. Nguyen has been held at the Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City, where he has not been allowed to contact family or friends.

Mr. Nguyen was held without charge until recently, when the charges against him were announced and a trial was scheduled for June 24th and 25th.

As a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Vietnam must uphold its commitment to the rights to due process and a fair trial.

I join my colleagues in calling upon the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to uphold their international commitment to human rights by ensuring a fair trial for Michael Nguyen so that he may be reunited with his family.

HONORING TUCSON'S NATIONAL
HISTORY DAY WINNERS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Tucson, Arizona's four students who won first place at the National Endowment for the Humanities' National History Day contest. The young history buffs, Sean Choudhry, Elias Rice-Bensch, Zia Rice-Bensch, and Keona Wallen all attend the Accelerated Learning Laboratory in my district. Their website Radium Girls: From Jaw-Dropping Tragedy to Glowing Triumph earned the top prize in the contest that featured more than 3,000 students from across the country.

National History Day began in the 1970s and is the culmination of a yearlong academic program for students in grades 6 through 12 to engage in historical research. Students produce essays, exhibitions, films, perform-

ances, or websites to enter into local and state competitions. State winners move on to compete in the national finals at the University of Maryland at College Park. The National Endowment for the Humanities has been a sponsor and partner of National History Day for more than 30 years.

The theme for this year's competition was "Triumph and Tragedy in History" and more than a half million students submitted entries. On their website, Sean, Elias, Zia, and Keona state, "The radium girls were young factory workers who unknowingly consumed lethal amounts of radium, often resulting in slow, painful deaths. Despite their tragic circumstances, their desire for change and persistence in court caused revolutionary change to workplace safety regulations and sparked monumental scientific advancements regarding radium and radioactivity."

The students go on to document how radium was commonly used and recommended. At the focus of their website is the story of the women who, at the start of the 20th century, were exposed to high levels of radium in their work as they painted watch dials. Such exposure proved quickly fatal and resulted in physical deformities and cancer. The legal battles that followed were tumultuous and provided minor relief for the women who had been exposed to radium. Their legacy, however, lives on today as workplace protections continue to be a focus on Capitol Hill.

These four incredible students have demonstrated truly admirable talent and skill in their deep dive into history. I am moved by their desire to shed light on an overlooked and long-forgotten story that still resonates today. I want to congratulate Sean, Elias, Zia, Keona, their families, and the educators who have helped them get where they are today. I expect great things from each of them in the near future and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our district and abroad.

HAPPY 89TH BIRTHDAY TO
RICHARD G. BRISTOL

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish my friend, Richard G. Bristol, a happy 89th birthday. I hope Richard is enjoying his special day at his new home in Vero Beach, Florida with a properly chilled Sam Adams. Lots of love and warmest wishes from everyone in the Cunningham clan.