

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF LORE
SEGAL NÉE GROSZMANN

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the illustrious 55-year career of acclaimed writer and Upper West Side resident Lore Segal née Groszmann.

Lore Segal was born to a Jewish middle-class family in Vienna, Austria in 1928. Shortly after Hitler's annexation of Austria in 1938, she participated in the first wave of the Kindertransport which brought thousands of children to safety in England. It was here she first began writing: Segal penned impassioned letters to refugee committees and potential sponsors advocating for her parents to be brought to England, ultimately resulting in her parents' arrival a year later with domestic laborers' visas. Although this effort reunited her family, her parents' roles as domestic laborers required Segal to live with foster families until she was eighteen. After earning her degree in English Literature from the University of London, Segal spent three years in the Dominican Republic, finally making her way to New York with her mother in 1951.

Segal's writing career began in earnest when she began chronicling her experiences as a young émigré living with different families in England in series of articles in *The New Yorker*, which later formed the basis of her first novel, *Other People's Houses*, published in 1964. Segal's other works include five novels, including *Shakespeare's Kitchen* (a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction in 2008), eight children's books including *Tell Me a Mitzi*, translations such as *The Juniper Tree*, an adaptation of Grimm tales on which she collaborated with her friend Maurice Sendak, and innumerable short stories and essays. Lore Segal's most recent book is the 2019 collection of published and unpublished works entitled, *The Journal I Did Not Keep: New and Selected Writing*. Segal taught writing for almost thirty years at notable institutions, including as a tenured professor at University of Illinois at Chicago and Ohio State University, as well as Columbia University, Princeton, Sarah Lawrence and the 92 Y. She has also been recognized for her work with numerous awards and honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts grants and O. Henry awards.

What makes Segal's writing so enduring is the masterful way she balances the themes of displacement and otherness, central to her identities as a refugee and a foster child, with the emotions, humor and conflicts inherent to the universal human condition. Her work provides a unique insight into the immigrant perspective on the American Dream and the Jewish diaspora. Segal's contributions to the diverse community of immigrant voices who illustrate the complexities and vibrancy of American life are well-deserving of tribute.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 55th Anniversary of Lore Segal's first publication, and in recognizing the amazing achievements and continued impact of her work.

HONORING M. DIANE HAYS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I pause to recognize M. Diane Hays, who passed away on June 20, 2019. It is both fitting and proper to reflect and recognize her life's accomplishments and for all of her efforts in serving the greater Independence, Missouri, community.

Russell and Diane Hays started the Coins for Canines program in 1997 after budget restraints barred the city from purchasing a replacement K-9 after its only working dog passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Hays raised funds by placing jugs at local businesses, presenting donation request letters to various groups, and lobbying the Jackson County Legislature for funds derived from the anti-drug sales tax. The funds were used to purchase K-9's, their training, and eventually repair and renovation of the Police Department's new K-9 training center. In 2002 Mr. and Mrs. Hays received the Missouri Peace Officers Association's Citizens of the Year Award. This couple embodies the spirit of volunteerism, and their support of law enforcement illustrates the model of exemplary citizenship.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in offering our condolences to Diane's friends and family, particularly her husband, Russell Hays, their daughters Kim and Lynda, their five grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed in Independence. I would also like to thank the Hays family for sharing Diane's heart and her commitment to our K-9 officers with the community for so many years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARJORIE
"PEGGY" MURPHY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community contributions of Marjorie "Peggy" Murphy at time of her retirement. Peggy has been a prominent and passionate member of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania's theater community for most of her life. Both on the stage and in the community, Peggy has dedicated her career to making a positive impact on those around her.

For over 50 years, Peggy has been actively involved in bringing live community theater to

audiences in Wayne County. She has directed and performed in all kinds of productions, from dramas and comedies to musicals and mysteries. And her involvement extends far beyond the stage. Along with her late husband Richard Murphy, Peggy helped create the Ritz Company Players, a tight-knit group of community theater performers who forged an unbreakable bond through their love of the arts. Even after her retirement from the board, Peggy remains a board member emeritus for her continued dedication to the company and for the wisdom she entrusts to the next generation of leaders in the theater community.

Outside of the world of theater, Peggy has also served her community in several other capacities. For the past 43 years, for example, Peggy has been a board member of the Wayne County Redevelopment Authority, and for three decades she has served on the board of the Wayne County Housing Authority. In those roles, Peggy has been instrumental in bringing federal funds to the county for housing and community development projects.

Peggy has also been very active in public policy issues and politics, working on the local level in that regard in Hawley for 40 years. She was also the National Vice-Chair of Commissioners of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, and she co-authored the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' Handbook for Commissioners.

Through her service both in and outside the theater, Peggy has been an illustrious and impactful resident of Wayne County. Her life of service is one to be recognized and celebrated.

It is an honor to recognize Peggy Murphy at the time of her retirement for her many community accomplishments. Her dedication to Wayne County is admirable and will help ensure a smooth succession to the next generation of leaders. May her journey continue to inspire our community, not just through artistic expression but also through Peggy's continuous, selfless service to others.

RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE
WORK OF OUR VA CENTERS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the incredible work our VA centers are doing. Joseph Faranda is a U.S. Navy veteran who served for almost nine years. During his service, he was diagnosed with cancer. Joe was able to beat cancer the first time, but 17 years later he was diagnosed with cancer again.

When Joe reached out to schedule an appointment at the VA, the team urgently placed an order for an ultrasound and for him to be seen by the end of the week. When Joe went for his ultrasound, his doctor immediately recommended he check himself into the VA's

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Emergency Room—advice that would ultimately save his life.

Joe received treatment and support from his care team and is now recovering quickly. Joe said, “I can confidently say that if I need to return to the Phoenix VA, I will be in good hands.”

I want to recognize Doctor Ronald Jacoby and Nurse Shauna Fox for their exceptional care and dedication to Joe and all of our Arizona veterans. Thankfully, Joe’s prognosis is very good, and I have full faith he will beat cancer once again.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
KILLEA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kevin J. Killea on the event of his retirement.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to service. Born in Rockville Centre, New York, he graduated from St. Johns University, the Naval War College, the Industrial College of Armed Forces, and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

In March 1988, he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He is a career F/A-18 fighter pilot that included multiple combat tours and key billets, which are highlighted by his command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 in the Western Pacific from 2004 to 2006, and the Marine Aircraft Group 11 from 2009 and 2011. He also served as the Chief of Staff to the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, and as Assistant Director, Land Domain, for Homeland Defense Policy for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In July 2016, Brigadier General Killea assumed command of Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and it has been my recent honor to work with him. He has had a profound impact on Camp Pendleton and the surrounding residents providing service support to more than 50,000 Marines, Sailors, families and civilian employees. He has been continually focused on ensuring our warfighters have all of the vital base support necessary to be operationally ready, and all the issues that impact of the quality of life for families. He has been a leader in environmental issues and has been dedicated to finding solutions to a range of complex problems to ensure all of the five Marine Corps West Coast installations remain tremendous neighbors to our local communities.

Brigadier General Killea has dedicated his life to serving his country. We cannot thank him enough for his service to Camp Pendleton, the Marine Corps, and the United States of America.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on the Amendment offered by Mr. BABIN.

Mr. BABIN’s amendment concerns the organization of space activities within the Department of Commerce and its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOAA is organized at the Department of Commerce to include the Office of Space Commerce and the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office.

Commercial space is a growing and vibrant sector of our economy. Federal government responsibilities on commercial space, including those of the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, should be evaluated and considered to determine if any changes are needed to support the Office’s ability to meet the pace and innovation of the commercial remote sensing industry.

Mr. BABIN’s amendment would move the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office and the Office of Space Commerce into a single organizational entity within the Department of Commerce.

Is this a good idea? What would be the implications?

I don’t know, but I do know that these are questions that need answers. And I, as Chair of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology plan to address them as the Committee and its Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics turn to commercial space activities and issues.

These matters should be considered within the Committee of jurisdiction, not within a multi-agency spending bill where they cannot be debated or reviewed in the light of day.

Short-circuiting regular legislative order denies opportunities for Members of the Committee of Jurisdiction to legislate on policy issues they came to Congress to address. I trust that this amendment will be removed before this appropriations bill heads to the President.

HONORING DR. ROBERT
VARTABEDIAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Robert Vartabedian. Dr. Vartabedian is retiring as the President of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri, after an exceptional career and distinguished tenure at Missouri Western State University.

Dr. Vartabedian has taught at universities across the country. While each was a very different institution, there was one common thread to each of them—Dr. Vartabedian has made each of them better. If you set foot on the Missouri Western campus during his time there, even if you somehow managed to not see it, you could not have helped but felt it. That unspoken ‘thing’ where a new level is being achieved, a new standard is being set, a new normal is being cemented into place. Of course, you can point to Craig Field at Spratt Stadium, the Craig School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship, the Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator, the Walter Cronkite Museum, or the sea of red that comes with the Kansas City Chiefs training camp. While he deserves credit for those things and they will remain as reminders of his time here, they are not his true legacy. His true legacy is in his students. The next generation of entrepreneurs and thinkers. The new leaders for northern Missouri, the new educators who will carry along his legacy even further. Those students, those lives he has touched directly or indirectly are his true and lasting legacy.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Vartabedian upon a well-earned retirement. I wish him the very best and a well-deserved rest. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 368 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 369 (Passing H. AMDT. 389 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOHN RUTHERFORD): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 370 (Passing H. AMDT. 398 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 371 (Passing H. AMDT. 402 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 372 (Passing H. AMDT. 411 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JARED GOLDEN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 373 (Passing H. AMDT. 423 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. HALEY STEVENS): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 374 (Passing H. AMDT. 424 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. LAUREN UNDERWOOD): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 375 (Passing H. AMDT. 426 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 376 (Passing H. AMDT. 428 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. GREG PENCE): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 377 (Passing H. AMDT. 429 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. ABIGAIL SPANBERGER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 378 (Passing H. AMDT. 432 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 379 (Passing H. AMDT. 434 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. FRANK PALLONE): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 380 (Passing H. AMDT. 435 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. VERN BUCHANAN): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 381 (Passing H. AMDT. 436 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JEFF DUNCAN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 382 (Passing H. AMDT. 438 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 383 (Passing H. AMDT. 439 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. PAUL GOSAR): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 384 (Passing H. AMDT. 441 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JEFF DUNCAN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 385 (Passing H. AMDT. 442 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. MARKWAYNE MULLIN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 386 (Passing H. AMDT. 443 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. MARKWAYNE MULLIN): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 387 (Passing H. AMDT. 446 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. GARRET GRAVES): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 388 (Passing H. AMDT. 447 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JODY HICE): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 389 (Passing H. AMDT. 448 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JIM BANKS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 390 (Passing H. AMDT. 449 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. ANDY BIGGS): NO;

Roll Call Vote Number 391 (Passing H. AMDT. 450 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOE CUNNINGHAM): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 392 (Passing H. AMDT. 451 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JOE CUNNINGHAM): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 393 (Passing H. AMDT. 452 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. SALUD CARBAJAL): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 394 (Passing H. AMDT. 453 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. KATIE HILL): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 395 (Passing H. AMDT. 454 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. KIM SCHRIER): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 396 (Passing H. AMDT. 459 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. MIKE BOST): YES;

Roll Call Vote Number 397 (Passing H. AMDT. 461 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. JARED GOLDEN): YES; and

Roll Call Vote Number 398 (Passing H. AMDT. 462 to H.R. 3055 offered by Rep. BEN MCADAMS): YES.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
LINSEY PORTER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linsey Porter, a former mayor of the city of Highland Park, Michigan. His advocacy and leadership will be missed.

Born in Detroit in 1954, Linsey Porter grew up in Highland Park, where the Porter Family

moved to in 1955. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1972 and continued his education at LeMoyne Owen College in Tennessee where he completed four years. During that time, Porter founded and was first President of the Out Of Town Students Association to make the school, which was not equipped to support out-of-state students, a more welcoming place. This marked the beginning of his career in advocacy.

After college, Porter returned to Highland Park. Though a diligent worker, Porter found his work in insurance to be unfulfilling. He gave up his position to return to advocacy and run for Mayor of Highland Park because he wanted to help people grow and have his city be a better place for people to live. Porter was elected the 30th Mayor of Highland Park in November of 1991. He was the first Mayor in Highland Park to be elected to three consecutive four-year terms. Prior to being elected and re-elected Mayor, he also served two terms on the City Council, with his last term as Council President.

Linsey Porter was most proud of the economic revitalization that occurred during his tenure as Chief Executive Officer for the City of Highland Park. With his vision and energy, he secured millions to fund new development, including single-family and multi-family housing, two shopping centers, new police cars, fire engines, and the creation of Oakland Industrial Park, which location once was the world headquarters of the Chrysler Corporation. Two of his greatest accomplishments were encouraging the Budco Company to build their World Headquarters in Highland Park (1000 jobs) and the expansion, renovation of the Davison Freeway, America's first freeway.

Please join me in tribute to Linsey Porter as we pay our respects and honor to his family.

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020 (H.R. 2740)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2740, the first Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations package that includes funding for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, and Energy.

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill includes \$189.9 billion, \$11.8 billion over FY19 levels, in critical investments in medical research, public health, workforce training, and education for the next generation of Americans. Among the important provisions in this bill are \$41.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for lifesaving medical and disease research, and \$760 million for Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) that will go directly to Community Action Agencies to help low-income families rise out of poverty. The bill also contains a provision that will enable

states to develop best practices to identify and treat newborns with a Congenital Heart Defect. This is an issue that I have worked on since I served in the Minnesota State House, and I am pleased to see its inclusion.

The Defense bill includes \$690.2 billion in funding, \$15.8 billion above FY19 levels, improves our national security, and ensures that our servicemen and women will have the equipment and training necessary to complete their missions and come home safe. The bill includes a 3.1 percent military pay raise and funds the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs for the services at \$297 million, a significant increase over FY19 levels. As the Vice Chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am particularly pleased that the bill includes \$1.26 billion for defense environmental remediation activities, \$14.8 million above FY19 levels. This funding will continue Department of Defense efforts to remediate contaminated soil, ground and drinking water at formerly used and current defense installations. This includes \$13 million to study and assess the levels of PFOS/PFOA contamination at domestic military facilities. The bill also makes a \$33.4 billion investment in Defense Health Programs, including increased funding for medical research that will help save the lives of our service members and veterans.

The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs bill includes \$56.4 billion in funding, \$2.2 billion above FY19 levels, and is a robust investment in global health and nutrition programs, national security, and diplomacy. Important provisions in this bill include \$2.6 billion for maternal child health and infectious disease programs, \$750 million for family planning services, and \$5.9 billion for PEPFAR to combat HIV/AIDS. I am also pleased to see strong levels of funding for the Global Food Security Act, a critical piece of U.S. foreign assistance in reducing global hunger, improving child nutrition, and finally achieving food security around the world.

The Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies bill includes \$46.4 billion, an increase of \$1.8 billion over FY19, and makes needed investments in water infrastructure projects that impact every state in our nation. That is why robust funding for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the water resources projects in this legislation are so important. My district is home to the St. Croix River and the Mississippi River. My constituents know that the Mississippi River is a working river, and failures in our infrastructure can significantly impact the overall economy by hurting our transportation, agriculture, and recreation industries.

Madam Speaker, as the appropriations process moves forward on the floor, it is clear that Democrats are making critical investments for the people. Democrats will continue to be loud and clear about the importance of quality healthcare for all, education for our children and grandchildren, investments in infrastructure, and ensuring our national security. H.R. 2740 is a down payment on all of these important priorities for our constituents.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE LATE DR. LAMUEL A.
STANISLAUS

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the life and legacy of the late Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus. Dr. Stanislaus was born on the beautiful island of Grenada and came to the United States in 1945 where he received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees from Howard University.

Dr. Stanislaus practiced dentistry in upstate New York briefly before moving to Brooklyn Heights, where he would service the Brooklyn Heights community for 32 years. In 1985, Dr. Stanislaus was appointed Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations for five years and served as Ambassador-at-Large and Deputy Permanent Representative for two years. He was later re-appointed as the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations until 2004. There he became a seasoned, substantive and eloquent voice on behalf of his country Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. On occasion, he was also delegated to speak on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean Countries (GRULAC).

To add to his tremendous achievements, Dr. Stanislaus was also an activist in his community. As a visionary leader, Dr. Stanislaus founded the West Indian Day Carnival Parade—a national day of celebration and valor for Caribbean tradition and culture. He left behind a movement that began in Harlem and was relocated to my district where Central Brooklynites still partake in celebrating our beautiful heritage. Dr. Stanislaus was well-versed in the rich history of the Caribbean. It goes without saying that Dr. Stanislaus' commitment to public service represents leadership, scholarship, integrity and inspiration in our community.

Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus was the recipient of numerous professional, civic and political awards. It is my distinct honor to announce that on Saturday, June 15, 2019, Rutland Road between Flatbush and Bedford Avenues in Brooklyn, New York was renamed after his namesake, the Dr. Lamuel A. Stanislaus Way. Sir Lamuel A. Stanislaus' life demonstrated a love of God, humankind, love of country, love of Grenada and its people as well as the Caribbean community at large. Dr. Stanislaus was and will remain a motivation to all.

RECOGNIZING MR. RONALD E.
FEILE FOR HIS SERVICE AND
DEDICATION TO AMERICA'S
SPACE PROGRAM

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Mr. Ronald E. Feile of Titusville, FL, a constituent who recently retired after thirty-six years of working at the Kennedy

Space Center as an air traffic controller, and, most recently as a lead contractor for the Washington Consulting Group.

Ronald Feile began his aviation career in the U.S. Army where he served as part of a mobile VFR tower crew in Vietnam from April 1970 through November 1971. In 1971, he became control chief of combined tower and radar facility and was placed in charge of training personnel and scheduling logistical supply which was vital to our operation in Vietnam. He also served as flight operations liaison to the South Vietnamese army and earned the Army Commendation Medal.

Following his military service and service as an air traffic controller with the FAA, Ron was recruited to work on our space program at the Cape serving as the lead Air Traffic Controller for the Shuttle Landing Facility and the Military Radar Unit. In that role, Ron was intimately involved with our Shuttle program, coordinating air and ground support for Shuttle launch and landing events. He also provided his expertise for major satellite and launch payload deliveries.

Throughout his career, Ron has been awarded NASA's Silver Snoopy Award and NASA's Space Flight Awareness Award. He was also interviewed by NASA as part of its oral history of the Shuttle program. In addition to these honors, he will receive the highest tribute for those in aviation history. Ronald Freile's name will be inscribed in the wall of the Air and Space Museum. Ron's name will join the names of Buzz Aldrin, the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, John Glenn, Amelia Earhart, and countless other pioneers of our aviation history.

Having worked on our nation's space program as a young man, I have come to know many of the great Americans like Ron who have dedicated their lives to serving our nation and making our space program so successful. I ask members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and Ron's family, friends, and colleagues at the Washington Consulting Group in recognizing his work and contribution to America's mission in space.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KEVIN
BOSHEARS, DIRECTOR OF THE
OFFICE OF SMALL AND DIS-
ADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILI-
ZATION AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Kevin Boshears, the Director of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) upon his retirement from Federal service. Over the past sixteen years, Mr. Boshears has forged a reputation as a trusted resource to small businesses that seek to provide goods and services to DHS. From the Department's earliest days, Mr. Boshears helped create a culture within DHS that prioritizes engagement with small businesses in furtherance of its diverse missions.

In my work on the Committee on Homeland Security, I have come to appreciate his stead-

fast commitment to opening doors of opportunity to small, disadvantaged and minority-owned business that face barriers to entering the Federal marketplace. Under Mr. Boshears' leadership, DHS has the distinction of being the largest agency to earn a "A" grade on the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Small Business Procurement Scorecard and it has retained that score for nine years in a row. Remarkably, in fiscal year 2017, DHS earned its third "A+" rating, awarding nearly 35 percent of total contracting dollars to small businesses, exceeding the government-wide goal of 23 percent.

Mr. Boshears' dedication to the small business community has resulted in many other accolades throughout his impactful career. In 2005, Mr. Boshears received the SBA's Federal Gold Star Award of Excellence in recognition of his efforts to carry out the aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure a role for small businesses in the federal marketplace. And, in July 2018, Mr. Boshears received the prestigious DHS Management's Award for Technical Excellence, followed by the DHS Secretary's Award for Leadership Excellence in November 2018.

As Mr. Boshears closes out his time at DHS and as a civil servant, I rise to honor his contributions and wish him well.

HONORING THE AUBURN HIGH
SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of the Auburn High School baseball team, which won the Virginia High School League 1A baseball championship at Radford University on June 14, 2019. The Eagles won a victory over Lancaster to reclaim the title, which they had previously won in 2017.

Auburn's victory brought their season to 25–3. Excellent pitching held Lancaster to three hits, while Auburn scored nine runs to achieve a 9–0 victory. Congratulations are in order for the team and Coach Eric Altizer, as well as the student body, teachers, administrators, and fans at Auburn. I was particularly pleased to be able to congratulate them in person after the game. It is another trophy in Auburn's impressive collection of championships this year. In fact, it came on the same day the Auburn softball team won their title. It is truly remarkable when a high school wins two state championships not only in the same year, but on the same day.

REMEMBERING BENNY WONG

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Benny Wong, a community member, local leader, media visionary and fearless immigrant from Hong Kong, China. For decades, Benny gave a voice to New York's Chinese-American community through

his broadcasting company, Chung Wah Chinese Broadcasting (CWCB).

Benny founded CWCB in 1968 as a non-profit media platform spanning three states and 50 square miles. Ever since, CWCB's airwaves have offered a sanctuary space for thousands of Chinese speaking immigrants and reigns the oldest Chinese language radio station in the NYC area.

CWCB was also a catalyst for information accessibility and public engagement. Frequently featuring representatives from the Social Services Administration, as well as members from the City Council and State Senate, CWCB provided our communities with the opportunity for dialogue concerning social services, health and government.

At this time, I would like to express my profound appreciation to Benny Wong for his contributions to our New York community. As long as CWCB continues serving our community, Benny's legacy will continue.

Our city would not be the same without him.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I wish to comment in support of the amendment to H.R. 3055 offered by Representative LIZZIE FLETCHER, Chair of the Environment Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. This amendment would require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to undertake an inaugural decadal study of the U.S. weather enterprise.

Most Americans utilize weather forecasts on a daily basis. Increasingly, businesses across the country are relying on specialized weather forecasts to make business decisions. With climate change causing severe weather events to become more frequent and intense, like the hurricanes that impact my state, accurate and timely weather forecasts can be the difference between whether or not people need to evacuate their homes.

However, while the U.S. is a global leader in atmospheric and weather research, the nation is falling behind in weather modeling and forecast accuracy. These forecasts are essential for the protection of human lives and property. There is a need to understand how the members of the U.S. weather enterprise, which is comprised of public, private, and academic partners, can better define their roles to increase the overall efficiency of the enterprise, leverage and prioritize investments, and improve weather models and forecast accuracy.

A decadal survey would provide policymakers with the relevant information to prioritize investments in weather forecasting, modeling, and data assimilation over the next ten years; assess the current U.S. weather enterprise; and evaluate future potential federal investments in research, weather satellites, radars, and other observation technologies to ensure that all domestic users of weather information receive it in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The decadal survey would also evaluate the implementation of the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 by NOAA, which is the most recent and comprehensive federal mandate aimed at improving weather forecasts.

The National Academies of Sciences, Medicine, and Engineering have previously conducted a number of important decadal surveys for various areas of science, including space and Earth sciences, which have been widely viewed as providing successful roadmaps for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and NOAA in prioritizing future research, observations, and missions. Similarly, a weather decadal survey would create a shared vision for the next generation of the U.S. weather enterprise. The need for a terrestrial weather decadal survey was a topic of discussion at the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology's Environment Subcommittee hearing on the U.S. weather enterprise in May.

Momentum and support for a weather decadal survey have been growing over the last couple of years, and I include in the Record a letter from the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) in support of this amendment. UCAR represents over 100 of the leading U.S. colleges and universities providing training in atmospheric sciences.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,

June 20, 2019.

Hon. JOSÉ SERRANO,
*Chair, Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. ROBERT ADERHOLT,
*Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SERRANO AND RANKING MEMBER ADERHOLT: As president of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) and on behalf of our 117 member universities, I am writing to express our support for Representative Fletcher's Amendment #110 for H.R. 3055, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which would create an inaugural decadal survey of the U.S. weather enterprise.

A decadal survey for the U.S. weather enterprise would help policymakers and relevant agencies prioritize investments and coordinate efforts more effectively in the near- and long-term, as well as help industry and academia understand how to best assist agencies in working towards common goals. This decadal survey will assist the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in achieving its initiatives outlined in the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, which include developing a formal plan for weather research, developing an annual report on the state of its weather models, improving its watch-and-

warning system based on recommendations from social and behavioral scientists, and other provisions.

Between 1989 and 2000, the nation invested an estimated \$4.5 billion to modernize and restructure the National Weather Service (NWS), and to improve severe weather warning times and forecast accuracy. While the NWS has made significant strides since that time and further bolstered its supercomputing assets and modeling capabilities, it stands at a critical juncture. It must decide how to replace numerous weather satellite and groundbased radar stations, which are rapidly aging and becoming obsolete, with new technologies and capabilities. Advancements in digital radar technologies from academia and other federal agencies, as well as numerous industry and non-federally provided surface, boundary layer, and satellite observations, need to be integrated into an overall strategy, an effort whose value extends beyond its direct benefit to the NWS.

The National Academies Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (BASC) has already announced plans to "outline a vision for the U.S. weather enterprise over the next 10-25 years" but need funding to execute the study. The study would aim to identify a community vision and framework for coordination as well as critical investments, institutions, and mechanisms needed to achieve them. Over the past year and a half, BASC has worked to garner support from the U.S. weather enterprise's three primary sectors: the federal government, academia, and industry. The study would address many of the challenges the weather community has grappled with over the last decade, including the appropriate balance and coordination of efforts between the three sectors.

The current study proposal describes the weather enterprise as having entered "a time of rapid change," with technological advances in artificial intelligence, computing, and sensors bringing new challenges and opportunities. It also notes the community is "on the brink of unprecedented improvements" in areas such as hyper-local, subseasonal-to-seasonal, and impact-based weather forecasting. Meanwhile, the growing and evolving role of the private sector continues to generate opportunities for exciting innovations, but also could create a more complicated landscape for the weather enterprise. A decadal survey would create a process for regular assessment of the weather enterprise, ensuring the latest innovation, technology, and information are used to design and operationalize weather data and forecast systems.

The boundaries of the weather enterprise operations have been driven by the science into new forecast areas, and the weather, water and climate enterprise needs to consider doing what we have done in the area of earth observations, and start planning over ten year periods. Given the implications of water and weather, I urge this Committee to strongly consider supporting Amendment #110 of H.R. 3055 for the weather community. There is widespread recognition that with limited resources our community must present Congress and the Administration with priorities. A decadal process will allow us to prioritize what has to be done and do so in recognition of the current fiscal realities.

Sincerely,
ANTONIO J. BUSALACCHI,
*President, University Corporation
for Atmospheric Research.*

DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK
ADVANCED RESPONSE TEAM
(DHART)

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Response Team (DHART) based in Lebanon, New Hampshire at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, the Granite State's only Level 1 Trauma Center.

Since DHART began operations 25 years ago this month, the program has experienced growth in both requests and completed flights, providing a vital lifesaving service to our region. With operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, DHART transports adult, pediatric and neonatal patients to appropriate medical facilities throughout New England. The DHART team consists of personnel from both Dartmouth-Hitchcock and aviation professionals from Metro Aviation, providing ground and air medical transportation services in Northern New England. The dedicated DHART team includes communication specialists, flight nurses, flight paramedics, respiratory care practitioners, emergency medical technicians, as well as Metro aviation pilots and mechanics.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team on its 25 years of operations—I wish the DHART team all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained because of weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 399; NAY on Roll Call No. 400; NAY on Roll Call No. 401; and NAY on Roll Call No. 402.

IN HONOR OF NORTH AMERICAN
MATURE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION,
INC'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas, the North American Mature Publishers Association, Inc (NAMPA) is celebrating its 25th anniversary on October 13, 2019; and

Whereas, this prestigious association is holding its annual international convention and

anniversary celebration in Memphis, Tennessee, where publishers, editors, staff, and guests of senior/boomer publications from across the United States and Canada will gather for educational and networking sessions; and

Whereas, NAMPA is a non-profit association of 96 member publications in 36 U.S. States, and two Provinces in Canada with more than 4 million mature readers per month with its international headquarters located in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

Whereas, NAMPA's purpose and mission is to help magazines and newspapers that focus on the mature market to improve their quality in terms of design and content, while also increasing revenue; and

Whereas, I wish to officially recognize and honor this outstanding association, its members, officers, and its current Executive Director, Gary L. Calligas, for their ongoing commitment to education and service to mature readers;

Now, therefore, I urge all citizens to support this milestone anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADI-
TION OF BREAKFAST ON THE
FARM IN MARINETTE COUNTY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Marinette County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Marinette County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates and learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared on the farm.

I am grateful to Van De Walle Farm for hosting the 2019 Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm. Van De Walle Farm is a multigenerational dairy farm that milks 140 cows daily. In addition, the Van De Walles raise all their young stock and farm about 450 of feed for their cattle. Because of their love of animals and the dairy industry, the Van De Walle Family maintains exceptional cow comfort and health to produce high quality milk. The Van De Walle Family takes great pride in their work and plans on teaching future generations about the industry.

Marinette County Dairy Promotions organizes Breakfast on the Farm by recruiting host farms, sponsors and volunteers to support this popular event. In addition, the organization has a mission to promote agriculture and dairy products at various community events throughout the year across Marinette County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of Breakfast on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Van De Walle Family, Marinette County Dairy Promotions, and all the sponsors

and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. KENDRA S. HORN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on the Amendment offered by Mr. BABIN.

I thank the gentleman for his interest in commercial space and for the opportunity to work with him on the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, which I chair and on which he serves as Ranking Member.

The gentleman's amendment concerns the organization of space activities within the Department of Commerce and its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

My concern with this amendment is that it should be considered in the authorizing committee of jurisdiction through its work on commercial space.

Reorganizing space activities in the Federal government shouldn't be something slipped into an appropriations bill. Those decisions should be evaluated and considered by the Committee of jurisdiction—the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

There are multiple stakeholders involved in commercial space activities, including Federal government agencies, commercial providers, users of commercial space activities, and partnerships among the various stakeholders.

Their views on the current state of commercial space activities and regulations should inform policy going forward as should the perspectives of the Federal government agencies involved working on commercial space-related activities.

How Federal agencies are organized to carry out their roles and responsibilities related to commercial space is the work of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee and I plan to engage the Subcommittee on these and other important commercial space matters.

The Members of the Subcommittee and the full Science Committee expect to be involved in matters regarding the future of space activities within the Federal government. Changing important policy affecting many stakeholders in a multi-agency spending bill may have unintended consequences. Such changes should be addressed through the committee of jurisdiction where they can be debated and reviewed in the light of day. I hope that this provision will be removed from the appropriations bill before it goes to the President.

COMMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOLS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Palm Beach County schools for promoting music educational excellence in Florida. Palm Beach County received a 2019 Best Communities for Music Education Award from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

This award celebrates school districts for their commitment to music education and efforts to promote music for all students as part of a well-rounded education.

In achieving this national award, Palm Beach County teachers and faculty have demonstrated an exceptionally high commitment to enriching students' lives through music.

Madam Speaker, I hope these music programs will continue to expand and give even more students the opportunity to thrive in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMMANDER ZEITA MERCHANT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the achievements of Commander Zeita Merchant, a proud native of Chicago, Illinois; Commander Merchant has served this great nation as an officer of the United States Coast Guard for over 22 years;

Commander Merchant served as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago, where she was responsible for executing the Coast Guard's Port Safety and Security, Marine Environmental Protection, and Commercial Vessel Safety missions under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security on the Southern Lake Michigan shorelines of Illinois and Indiana, as well as the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Illinois River System; and;

Commander Merchant made history, in position, as the unit's first female Commanding Officer of her unit and the first African American female to command a Marine Safety Unit in Coast Guard history;

Commander Merchant's visionary leadership and operational expertise ensured the safety and security of the Nation's third largest metropolitan area through maximizing federal, state and local partnerships with her galvanizing initiatives and influence, and overseeing prevention and marine environmental responses, which sustained commerce in the busiest port complex in the Great Lakes Region.

In addition, Commander Merchant showed notable commitment to making an impact in the Austin Community in which she was raised as a board member for BUILD (Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development) Chicago, while also serving as a member of the

Executive Committee for the Chicago Federal Executive Board, and Community Partner with Chicago State University.

Finally, Commander Merchant served as an instrumental champion for the Midwest Boys and Girls Club, Chicago and Northern Illinois American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, and many other non-profit organizations where the lives of more than 4000 youth, veterans, and community volunteers were positively impacted.

Commander Merchant and her life experiences are a testament to what young African American women from Chicago can achieve. The Chicagoland community has been truly blessed to have such a brilliant mind and committed public servant and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING SUSAN LLOYD YOLEN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my heartfelt congratulations, deepest thanks, and sincere appreciation to Susan Lloyd Yolen as she marks her retirement after thirty-two years of dedicated service to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

Susan has dedicated her professional life to ensuring that those served by PPSNE have had access to the health care and services that they need. As Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy, Susan has also been a strong voice on both the local and national stages for Planned Parenthood and the families they serve.

Throughout her thirty-two-year career, she spent countless hours leading the organization's efforts to fight for quality, affordable healthcare, as well as reducing teen birth rates and reducing racial and ethnic health disparities by removing barriers to services and information. Susan's steadfast commitment has earned her the respect and admiration not only of her colleagues at PPSNE, but that of the legislators and community activists who had the opportunity to work with her.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a special note of thanks to Susan for her friendship and support over the years. She has been an invaluable resource to both myself and my staff. Susan has only ever been a phone call away and I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to call her my friend. I am confident that I speak for everyone who has had the opportunity to work with Susan over the years when I say her passion, compassion, tenacity, and commitment will be deeply missed.

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England stands as a model for affiliates across the country and that is in large part because of Susan Yolen. Advocate, mentor, and friend, she has left an indelible mark on this outstanding organization and a legacy that will continue to inspire others to ensure that everyone has access to the affordable, quality re-

productive health care they need and deserve. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Susan, for her outstanding leadership and good work, as well as my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

COMMENDING THE AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend the Auburn High School softball team, which captured the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 1 state title on June 14, 2019. The Eagles put on a dominant performance, handily defeating a quality team from Rappahannock County High School by a score of 18 to 1.

This victory carries particular meaning, as it is Auburn High School's first Class 1 VHSL girls softball state championship in its history. Their championship caps a 25-3 season. I applaud the hard work and dedication of all members of this year's Auburn High School girls softball 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 David Hurd. Congratulations on a great end to the season. It is another trophy in Auburn's impressive collection of championships this year. In fact, it came on the same day the Auburn baseball team won their title. It is truly remarkable when a high school wins two state championships not only in the same year, but on the same day.

CONGRATULATING THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) ACADEMIC TEAM OF WHITE STATION HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) academic team from White Station High School in Memphis for winning the JROTC Academic National Championship on Sunday. The team, one of 32 invited to compete for the national championship at Catholic University of America in Washington, consists of rising senior Catherine Hu and rising juniors Johnnie Walton, Michael Golden and Diran Tan. Their teacher-coach is Sergeant Major Karen Boldin.

The academic championship process began with a written test in October with questions from math, science, history and other academic areas. Previous levels of competition narrowed the field to 1,200 teams, then just 32 who began their rounds on Friday. Michael Golden had the final winning answer to a question about a monument in a British city and deserves a special shout-out.

JROTC is a great program that typically leads to academic success after high school and potentially to careers as officers in the military services. The White Station team returns to Memphis as National Champions and I look forward to meeting with the team and with students, faculty and staff at White Station in the weeks ahead. They have made us proud.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND

OF NEW MEXICO

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Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my two amendments to the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill for FY20, which were included in en bloc amendment No. 5.

I thank my friend Chairwoman BETTY MCCOLLUM for supporting these amendments, and for the work she and Ranking Member JOYCE have done to increase funding for programs that are vitally important to Indian Country. Despite their good efforts, due to budget constraints, there is still work to be done to meet the needs of our Tribal Nations.

The United States Constitution defines the unique government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Tribal Nations. The federal trust responsibility originates from the days when Native Americans were forced to surrender tribal land and suffered loss of life and the removal/resettlement of one-fifth of Tribes from their original homelands. The United States signed 375 treaties, passed laws, and instituted policies that promised to safeguard Native Americans' right to self-governance and to enable delivery of essential services in Indian Country.

One of these services is health care. During the latter part of the nineteenth century, the federal government expanded health care for Native Americans due to overcrowding at boarding schools and the spread of disease. It was only in 1968, when Indian health care lagged behind the rest of the country, was the Indian Health Service (IHS) designated in an effort to fulfill the trust responsibility. Over the last two centuries, the failure of the federal government to adequately address American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) wellbeing led to this population being ranked in the bottom of health, education, and employment.

Congress has continued to inadequately fund Indian Country at disproportionately lower levels than funding for services for any other population. IHS is currently only funded at 40 percent of the need, and the average per capita spending for an IHS patient is only about \$3,800 compared to the national average of \$9,523. During fiscal year 2019, IHS' budgetary need was \$30 billion, but the enacted level only amounted to \$5 billion, which is \$25 billion less than the amount needed to prop-

erly administer health care in Indian Country for 2.2 million AI/ANs across 573 federally recognized Tribes.

Urban Indian health care is an area of particular need. Approximately 70 percent of AI/ANs live in urban areas, but they lack access to adequate health care services because only 1 percent of the chronically underfunded IHS budget has been allocated to urban Indian health care. Currently urban Indian health is estimated to only meet 22 percent of the need of the roughly one million urban AI/ANs who live in urban Indian health care services areas.

My amendment seeks to draw attention to this area of serious need. While we are making strides with this bill, an additional \$35,000,000 would help provide resources for health care services needed by the urban Indian population.

Tribes are also in desperate need of resources for tribal courts and law enforcement. AI/AN suffer from one of the highest rates of crime and victimization of any group of people in the United States. Although overall funding for public safety in Indian Country has increased, it does not come close to meeting the public safety needs in Indian Country or the needs to police and protect Indian Country, especially related to tribal courts and law enforcement. My amendment highlights that an additional \$63 million is needed for tribal courts and \$113 million for law enforcement to give AI/ANs living on tribal lands access to basic public safety services that are readily available for other Americans living outside of Indian Country.

I appreciate the good work done by Chairwoman MCCOLLUM and Ranking Member JOYCE to begin to address these pressing needs in Indian Country, and I thank them for their support of my amendments. I look forward to continuing to work with them and Chairwoman LOWEY and Ranking Member GRANGER to ensure that the federal government fulfills its trust obligation to Tribes and that Tribes have the resources they need to provide services and opportunity to their members.

PRESIDENT GEORGE P. "BUD"
PETERSON'S RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. George P. "Bud" Peterson, Ph.D. on his retirement.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Peterson served as the 11th president of the Georgia Institute of Technology, a world-renowned higher education institution that is located in my district. Under Dr. Peterson's leadership, the Institute has consistently ranked among our nation's best institutions of higher education, and he managed to exceed benchmarks outlined in Georgia Tech's strategic plan.

Madam Speaker, we are very fortunate to have an institution like Georgia Tech educating our young people in Atlanta. President Peterson worked tirelessly to open the doors of opportunity to young people from every corner of Georgia. During his tenure, undergraduate applications tripled, graduate applications doubled, and the student body increased

by 69 percent to more than 32,000 students. In 2014, the Georgia Tech guaranteed admission and financial support to valedictorians and salutatorians from Atlanta Public Schools. In 2017, it extended these offerings statewide through the Georgia Tech Scholars Program. Access to a quality education changes the very trajectory of these young people's lives.

For visitors to Metro Atlanta, Dr. Peterson's impact is arguably most visible in Tech Square in Midtown Atlanta. There is an important national conversation on how to create new livable-wage, manufacturing jobs and bolster United States' global competitiveness. In our region, Dr. Peterson ensured that Georgia Tech became the regional center for this discussion. For these reasons, former Department of Commerce Secretary Gary Locke appointed President Peterson to the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and President Barack Obama appointed him to the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP) steering committee and its 2.0 successor.

President Peterson excels in connecting young minds with great ideas to emerging industries and opportunity. Since 2013, 30 corporations have set up innovation centers in the area, engaging students' creativity, growing our economy, and ensuring that Atlanta remain a center for talent and technology. In fact, Madam Speaker, last week Dr. Peterson welcomed my staff and me to Georgia Tech's new Coda building. This incredible facility, along with the rest of Tech Square, shows how the Institute will continue to shape Atlanta's future. Dr. Peterson was instrumental in making this vision a reality.

Before coming to Georgia Tech, Dr. Peterson served as chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder and provost at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. Born in San Francisco, California, Dr. Peterson grew up in Kansas and earned degrees from Kansas State University and Texas A&M University. Throughout his career, Dr. Peterson focused on promoting research and scientific education and received national accolades for his work. For these reasons, President George W. Bush appointed him to serve on the National Science Board in 2008, and President Obama re-appointed President Peterson for a second six-year term in 2014.

Although Dr. Peterson is retiring this summer from the administration, he is staying in the Georgia Tech family and returning to the Institute's faculty. On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I thank President Peterson for his years of dedicated leadership to our community and to Georgia Tech. I wish him, his beloved wife Val, and their four children continued success and happiness in this next chapter of their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE,
LEADERSHIP, AND LEGACY OF
CHIEF ERIC DUNNING

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Eric Dunning of De Pere, Wisconsin on celebrating his retirement from the Ashwaubenon Department of Public

Safety. His leadership has been a benefit to Wisconsin law enforcement and is an excellent example of service to the community.

Chief Dunning is an exceptional public servant. A graduate of the FBI National Academy class 237, he has dedicated his entire professional life to upholding the law. Starting as an officer with the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety in 1994, Chief Dunning rose the ranks to lieutenant and then commander before he took the oath as chief in 2007. Through all these positions, he exemplified a steadfast commitment to providing superior service and protection to the community.

Chief Dunning's career is highlighted by endless community outreach and volunteerism. From the Santa Ride with the Fire Truck to Shop with a Cop, his involvement has gone above and beyond his required duties. He served as president of the Brown County Chiefs of Police Association and served on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Leadership Foundation. He will forever be remembered as a positive role model and friend to the community.

Chief Dunning served with diligence, selflessness, and bravery throughout his law enforcement career. The greater Green Bay

community is fortunate to have officers like him who exemplify their oath to serve and protect. I am proud to represent men and women with such commitment to their communities and our country.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Chief Dunning for his service and dedication to protecting our community. I congratulate him on an exceptional 25-year career with the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety and wish him well as he marks the conclusion of an accomplished career.