

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.