

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 Lindberg, 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.*