

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF HON.  
TILMAN "TILLIE" BISHOP

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the great Colorado statesman and devoted community member, University of Colorado Regent Emeritus Tilman "Tillie" Bishop, who passed away at the age of 86 on Sunday, June 16th.

Born and raised in Colorado, Tillie dedicated his long and influential life to service for the people of our state. In 1970, he was elected to the Colorado General Assembly and served for four years in the Colorado House of Representatives and an additional 24 years in the Colorado Senate, during the last six years of which he was president pro tem. Tillie's 28 years of service in the General Assembly place him fourth in Colorado history for years of continuous service, and he is the longest-serving state senator from the Western Slope. His tenure of public service also includes four years as a Mesa County Commissioner. Finally, Tillie represented our state's 3rd Congressional District on the University Board of Regents from 2007 to 2013.

Nationally, Tillie served as Colorado's representative on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He also sat on the Executive Committee of the Energy Council.

Tillie's passion for education and commitment to promoting a school system that diligently serves each and every student that passes through it was tangible, and no doubt came from the seven years he taught in public schools and the 31 years he served as a Mesa State College administrator.

It was my honor to serve on the Board of Regents alongside Regent Bishop. Together, we consistently found ways to work across the aisle in order to ensure that the students at the University of Colorado were given a top-tier education which would prepare them for a successful future. I'll never forget Tillie's determination and devotion to the University and the people of Colorado.

I send my deepest condolences to Regent Bishop's wife Pat, and to all of his family.

RECOGNIZING JAN ISRAEL  
CHARMAN ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jan Israel Charman, a constituent of Illinois's Tenth District, who celebrated his 95th birthday on March 10th.

Mr. Charman was born in Wodzislaw, Poland. In 1947, he wedded his wife Estelle, the beginning of a loving marriage that would span more than half a century. Shortly after their marriage, the family immigrated to New York with their new daughter in 1949. He continued to move around the country, learning English and repairing clothes to make a living.

Mr. Charman eventually settled in the Chicago suburbs. He found a deep interest in business and worked many years at Manny Berger Shoes where he became a General Manager and Buyer. Eventually, the Charmans and their three children, moved to Buffalo Grove. In Buffalo Grove, Mr. Charman has become a leader at his synagogue, Congregation Beth Judea, where his zest for life, love of family and friends, and dedication to his Jewish faith is an inspiration for all that surround him.

Mr. Charman still enjoys pursuing his many interests including travelling and spending time with his eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

As he celebrates his 95th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize the inspiring life of Jan Israel Charman and celebrate his continued contributions to the Tenth District community.

RECOGNIZING THE INDIAN  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Indian Business Association (IBA) for its achievements representing Indian-American businesses and its assistance to numerous Indian-Americans across the country.

The IBA was conceived in Edison, New Jersey by a group of concerned citizens who felt the need to act when they witnessed injustices within their community. This experience was a catalyst for the IBA's founding principles of fairness, solidarity, and social activism. The IBA has played an important role nationwide to encourage the Indian-American community to embrace entrepreneurship.

As their members use their voice to build a better America, the IBA has worked to become a leader in reinforcing civic participation in Indian-American community. Members of the IBA have worked tirelessly to generate greater voter engagement by organizing non-partisan voter registration drives. These efforts by members of the IBA have garnered significant attention and helped make the IBA a pillar of the community.

As the IBA has expanded its footprint, the organization continues to uphold and share Indian culture and tradition with Americans of all walks of life. In its 39th year of existence, the

IBA will host and celebrate its annual New Jersey India Day Parade, our nation's largest such parade honoring India's independence and the creation of the world's largest democracy. Attended by nearly 40,000 people and includes more than 100 organizations, giving the parade and opportunity to celebrate the rich and cultural heritage of Indian-Americans and their contributions to our country.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the great achievements of the IBA and acknowledge its continuing actions to support Indian-American entrepreneurs and the jobs they create, its dedication to civic engagement, and its steadfast efforts to advance civil rights protections for all Americans.

REMEMBERING FRANK LAMERE

**HON. DEBRA A. HAALAND**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I recognize my dear friend and lifelong Native American activist, Frank LaMere. I want to join his family, the Nebraska community, and the national tribal community in celebrating him and his decades-long dedication to civil rights for all, particularly for Native Americans.

An activist from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Mr. LaMere was a prominent grassroots leader always ready for action. He was the longest serving Native American member of the Democratic National Committee, serving from 1996 to 2006. He founded both the Nebraska Native American Caucus and the Native American Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. In Nebraska, he also served as the state's Democratic Party First Associate Chair. I am proud to have served alongside him in the Democratic National Committee, and I will always have fond memories of his leadership, his stories, perspective and empathetic spirit.

Frank served as a tireless advocate for Native American rights, leaving behind a legacy of tremendous and significant change for the state of Nebraska. He had the gift of truly connecting with any individual and used his voice to lift and empower others. Mr. LaMere fought against the loss of Native children to the child welfare system and against the violence they faced in their foster homes. He was instrumental in ending border town beer sales in Whiteclay, Nebraska, eliminating decades of predatory sales that fueled alcohol-related issues on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Mr. LaMere advocated to ensure that Native Americans were always involved in the political process and were guaranteed a seat at every table. He will be greatly missed.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF THE HONORABLE JAMES TORMEY III

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and career of the Honorable James Tormey III, a beloved father and husband, distinguished judge, and honorable public servant, who passed away on June 22, 2019.

A 1972 graduate of SUNY Cortland, and 1976 graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, Judge Tormey committed much of his life to public service. Serving on the Onondaga County Legislature for ten years, and later, as a Syracuse City Court Judge, Supreme Court Justice and District Administrative Judge for the 5th Judicial District of New York, Jim Tormey earned the respect, praise and trust of many in our community.

Over the course of his esteemed judicial career, Judge Tormey took a measured approach in upholding the law and applying it fairly. He firmly believed in the justice system and worked to ensure everyone had access to it.

As District Administrative Judge, Judge Tormey supervised the operations and schedules of more than 300 judges serving in the Fifth Judicial District — many of whom, since his passing this week, have shared stories of his strong leadership, his commitment to ensuring justice, and his respect for all. They have spoken of his commitment to continued legal education and pro bono work, and, importantly, of his friendship, mentorship and distinguished leadership.

Judge Tormey was committed to making Central New York a better place, and the impact of his work went far beyond the courtroom. He used his role to address some of the most pressing issues plaguing our community—overseeing the establishment of local Drug Courts, Opioid Courts, Human Trafficking Court, Youthful Offender Court, and Community Court for lower level offenders. His dedication to Central New York was visible in all of his actions and he will be truly missed.

Above all, Judge Tormey was a family man, and deeply loved his wife, Sue, their children Andrew and Colleen, and his grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to keep them in mind, as we honor and remember the life of this devoted civil servant.

OATH CEREMONY ON JULY 4, 2019

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the fifty-one individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on July 4, 2019. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation's celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony will take place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the League of Women Voters

of the Calumet Area and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The oath ceremony is a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mounir Oumansour, Taimoor Syed, Johnson Y. Gah, Joseph Han, Alex Nguyen, Mubarak Bakht Haroun, Naga Sudhakar Chodavarapu, Daniel Jaewon Kim, Elena Ugwoke, Brendan Chidobe Ugwoke, Rani Saxena, Sumesh Saxena, Zaira Nashley Velazquez, Giuseppe Mazzone, Nargis Natasha Yasir, Erika Anabel Saldivar, Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Maya Hamwi, Ibrahim Miss Lissane, Farouk Al Kurdi, Amparo Isabel Alban Montalvo, Ma Teresa Leon, Sikholisile Nyoni, Isabella Njeri Muturi, Lal Lian Mawi, Belinda Radiceska, Ljupco Radiceski, Milka Cocovska, Ananivi Apamba Komla, Blanca Estela Monsivais, Gianella Feoli Soto, Mauricio Leal, Mphasa Maria Mwanza, Sreelatha Chodavarapu, Rajko Vukobrat, Denise Alejandra Godinez, Antonio Manzo Gonzalez, Sirak Kifle Negash, Ahmed E. Khalil, Vidal Torres Alvarado, Eder Jahir Nunez Benitez, David Guillermo Barba, Ai Ong, Jagoda Petroska, Maria Julia Garcilazo, Gustavo Adolfo Osorio, Sergey Borisovich Leonov, Gisela Johanna Kreczmer, Marc Tuyizere, Muhammad Yasir Hanif Khan, and Francisco Javier Contreras Torres.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these fifty-one individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2019, the anniversary of our Nation's independence. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING RACINE POLICE OFFICER JOHN HETLAND

### HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today, our Racine community honors the life and service of Racine Police Officer John Hetland.

On June 17, Officer Hetland was killed while trying to stop an armed robbery in Racine. Even when off-duty, Officer Hetland did not waver to act.

Officer Hetland served the Racine community for 24 years as a police officer. Born in Racine, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to study criminal justice.

Those who knew Officer Hetland described him as a compassionate, brave man. A great baseball player. A loving father of two and devoted husband. A protector of our community.

But to our Racine community, Officer Hetland will always be regarded as a hero.

This tragedy is a solemn reminder of the sacrifices members of law enforcement make every day to protect us.

My prayers are with the Hetland family, friends, and the entire law enforcement community grieving this loss.

We will never forget Officer Hetland.

RENDITION & TORTURE: AN ACCOUNTING

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the Record the executive summary of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture's (NCCIT) seminal report, *Torture Flights: North Carolina's Role in the CIA's Rendition and Torture Program*. I do so today in recognition of the United Nation's "International Day in Support of Victims of Torture," and to emphasize the continuing role of Congress as well as informed and engaged citizens in bringing to light the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) program.

I am reminded of this important duty by an exceptional group of North Carolinians who established NCCIT—a non-governmental and non-partisan commission—to investigate North Carolina's participation in the CIA's RDI program following the September 11 attacks, which is described in its September 2018 report.

The report found that in the first stage of the RDI program, a private company based in North Carolina used publicly-funded infrastructure to conduct over 80 percent of identified CIA rendition flights from September 2001 to March 2004. North Carolina public infrastructure was therefore involved in the detention and rendition of at least 49 individuals, without regard for the rule of law or due process. According to the report, some of these individuals turned out not to be involved in terrorism and have yet to receive official acknowledgment or redress, and some of these individuals continue to suffer from their mistreatment.

This report complements the Senate Intelligence Committee's 2014 report on the RDI program, which found that the CIA's "enhanced interrogation techniques" were not effective, that the program was poorly managed, and that the CIA misled Congress and the public. I commend Senator Dianne Feinstein and the other Committee members and staff who worked on this report, and I applaud NCCIT for their steadfast commitment to bringing transparency and accountability to the State of North Carolina's involvement in these activities.

Even in our darkest moments, we must always uphold core American values, including respect for the rule of law and human rights. I encourage my colleagues to read NCCIT's report, including its recommendations for local, state, and federal officials, so that we may learn from the mistakes of the past and chart a more promising course for the future.

**TORTURE FLIGHTS: NORTH CAROLINA'S ROLE IN THE CIA RENDITION AND TORTURE PROGRAM—EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture

In the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the U.S. government ushered in a large-scale program of secret detention and torture that relied significantly on the State of North Carolina. Six days after the attacks, President George W. Bush signed a covert memorandum that authorized the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to seize, detain, and interrogate suspected terrorists around the world. This report investigates North Carolina's role in that illegal program.

The program made use of Department of Defense facilities, a network of ten CIA-controlled secret prisons or black sites in six countries, and the facilities of foreign governments. In what was called the Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) program, the CIA abducted and imprisoned at least 119 individuals before the practice was officially ended and repudiated by Executive Order in 2009. Given that detainees were also handed over to foreign governments, and the secrecy surrounding the program, the number of affected individuals is likely far higher.

Within weeks of the RDI program's authorization, Aero Contractors, Ltd. (Aero), based in Smithfield, NC, began operating the first of two aircraft for extraordinary, or violent and secret, renditions. Between September 2001 and March 2004, Aero-operated aircraft—a Gulfstream V turbojet and Boeing 737 business jet—were used in more than 80% of identified RDI renditions. Over the full length of the program, Aero transported 34 of the known 119 CIA prisoners, plus at least 15 of those sent by the CIA to foreign custody, on 69 identified rendition circuits. These flights, using North Carolina's public infrastructure and flown by its citizens, implicate North Carolina directly in abduction, forced disappearance, and torture.

Since 2005, North Carolina anti-torture activists from across the political spectrum have protested these actions. Motivated by diverse ethical and religious beliefs as well as a firm commitment to the rule of law, activists from North Carolina Stop Torture Now have joined with the North Carolina Council of Churches and many other allies. Citizens have pressured public officials at all levels of government to investigate the state's complicity in the CIA's illegal and immoral program.

Citizen-led activism culminated in 2015 in the creation of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT), a non-governmental organization dedicated to transparency and accountability regarding

the state's participation in U.S. torture. The NCCIT launched officially in 2017 with a blue-ribbon panel of Commissioners who have expertise in domestic and international law, military operations, human rights, interfaith religious dialogue, psychology, and public health.

The Commission initiated a large-scale investigation into North Carolina's involvement in torture and rendition. Torture Flights: North Carolina's role in the CIA rendition and torture program details the results of that investigation and makes recommendations for future action. The report draws on original research and expert testimony provided at public hearings as well as the extensive data compiled by The Rendition Project, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, and the Human Rights Policy Lab of the University of North Carolina School of Law, among other sources.

Torture Flights provides the most comprehensive research to date on North Carolina's complicity in the rendition phase of the RDI program. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence "Torture Report," a redacted Executive Summary of which was released in 2014 while the full report remains classified, focused on the detention and interrogation of detainees who were held in CIA custody. Torture Flights demonstrates that that program depended upon both North Carolina's private citizens and public infrastructure.

Further, Torture Flights builds on the Senate's work by addressing renditions themselves as an integral component of a system to break individuals down through violent interrogations. As the report details, Aero transported at least 49 individuals, who were forcibly seized without any due process, in a manner that itself amounted to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. Preparation for "rendition" involved physical and sometimes sexual assault, drugging, and sensory deprivation. Rendition flights were experiences of prolonged pain, dread, and terror. The whereabouts of the individuals flown by Aero, who were citizens of 16 countries and included a 16-year-old student and a pregnant woman, were not disclosed, not even to their families. They were "disappeared" for months if not years, causing agony to them and their loved ones. Even today, the fates of eight of those rendered by Aero remain unknown.

Many of the prisoners were taken to CIA "black sites," where they experienced beatings, prolonged stress positions, temperature extremes, long-term isolation, various water tortures, mock execution, and sexual abuse. In violation of international law, the CIA transported some prisoners to foreign custody where they were subject to torture and abuse. Kidnapping, torture, and secret detention occurred without respect for victims' innocence or guilt and absent any legal process for them to contest their abductions.

Survivors of the RDI program and their families continue to suffer from these experiences. Torture and prolonged detention have left lasting physical, emotional, and social injuries. This in turn harms relationships and livelihoods, which then amplifies the psychological damage. To resume meaningful and secure lives, survivors need medical, psychological and social support, guaranteed legal status, and economic opportunity.

This report also carefully considers the moral and legal responsibility of North Carolina for its involvement in CIA-sponsored activities. The federal government has international law obligations under both the Convention Against Torture and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights not only to prevent torture, but also to provide accountability and redress for torture. It did none of these and therefore has

failed to meet its international obligations. Given that the federal government has abdicated responsibility, North Carolina can and should fill the gap. Its role as home to Aero obligates it to do so. State and federal laws against conspiracy and corruption are among those instruments that apply to Aero's activities.

As this report documents, Aero's central role in the CIA rendition and torture program is beyond dispute. But instead of holding Aero accountable, the State of North Carolina and Johnston County until now have effectively endorsed its activities. This support has taken the form of hosting the company's headquarters at the Johnston County Airport and providing it with various airport and other county services. Since Aero's participation in criminal abduction and assault was publicly revealed, the State of North Carolina has made several grants to the county airport, at least one of which was specifically used to fortify the perimeter of only Aero's corner of the facility.

Torture Flights concludes with specific recommendations directed at federal and state officials as well as toward North Carolina citizens, whose engagement has kept the spotlight on Aero's activities and whose continued attention is needed to ensure accountability. The recommendations seek to increase transparency about the program and accountability for the illegal actions; provide acknowledgment, redress and reparations to its victims; and prevent the future use of torture. As the report notes, additional research is also needed on the involvement of other North Carolina private corporations and public airports in extraordinary renditions in order to complete the record of the RDI program. At the broadest level, the goal is to ensure that neither the federal government nor the state of North Carolina engage in or support torture again.

**HONORING GERALD FISCHMAN OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE**

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Gerald Fischman, a writer for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

GERALD FISCHMAN, CAPITAL GAZETTE VICTIM  
EDITORIAL WRITER, WAS KNOWN AND RESPECTED FOR HIS SHARP WIT AND COMMAND OF FACTS

(By Frederick Rasmussen)

If veteran Capital Gazette editorial writer Gerald Fischman could have chosen what he would be doing on the last day of his life, this was it:

He was a newspaperman.

Mr. Fischman, longtime editorial page editor for The Capital, was killed June 28 in the attack on the newspaper's Annapolis office. He was 61.

"You know the cliché, still waters run deep? That was Gerald," said Rick Hutzell, editor of the Capital Gazette newspapers. "He was thoughtful, witty, dedicated to his craft—all the things you hear other people say. But he also had a strong sense of what was moral and what was right."

"He was a wonderful person and really quiet, but if you took the time to get to know him you discovered how brilliant he was and his extraordinary dry wit," said Teri Winslow, a former Capital Gazette writer,

editor and State House correspondent who sat next to him for 20 years.

"He was a walking encyclopedia of Maryland history and just plain facts. His desk was overrun with books," said Ms. Winslow, a Hanover resident who is now digital news manager for the state Department of Transportation.

"At night, Gerald wrote his editorials and when he was finished, would help me proof the paper. . . . He never missed anything, and if we found something funny we'd crack up and double over laughing," she said.

"When he finished an editorial he'd read it out loud to check its cadence, and had a clicker he used to count the words," she recalled. "He was incredibly thorough."

Gerald Fischman was born in Washington, the son of Morton and Charlotte Fischman. He was a year old when the family moved to Silver Spring.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Fischman attended the University of Maryland, College Park, and received a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1979. During his college days he was an editor for The Diamondback, the university's student newspaper.

He began his career in 1980 as a reporter at The Carroll County Times and later was promoted to copy editor. Edward J. "Mac" McDonough, public information officer for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, was sports editor of The Times during Mr. Fischman's tenure there.

"Fisch, we always called him that, was very meticulous, quiet and gifted, with a wry sense of humor," said Mr. McDonough, a Towson resident who was later an editor on The Baltimore Sun's old Carroll County edition.

"As the chaos of deadline approached, he'd come up with some wry observation, and then he'd go back to work. This happened fairly frequently," he said. "He was a great copy editor; the paper would never have gotten out on time without him."

He recalled Mr. Fischman as being "not gregarious . . . but very engaging when talking to you. [He] was not the kind of guy who'd go out for a drink with the staff after the paper was put to bed."

In 1990 he joined the staff of The Montgomery Journal in Rockville. He did a two-year stint as a copy editor, then was promoted to assistant city editor.

Ron Jones was a friend of Mr. Fischman's for more than 30 years. They had worked together at The Carroll County Times and later The Montgomery Journal.

"As an editor, Gerald was incredibly thorough and always had tons of questions for reporters unless their pieces were incredibly well-written, which was not often," said Mr. Jones, a Gaithersburg resident who is a night copy editor for The Washington Post. "He rarely got upset or raised his voice and was always calm, collected and very detailed-oriented."

"He wanted stories to be as objective and accurate as possible," he said. "He wanted to know their core themes and that everything made sense, and it was the same with his editorials."

Mr. Fischman went to work for The Capital in 1992, and quickly developed a reputation for his trenchant, hard-hitting and fact-laden editorials that reflected the newspaper's community temperament and roots. Mr. McDonough said his colleague "found his niche" at The Capital.

"When he had an idea for an editorial, he'd parse every word and check every fact," he said. "That he was a survivor for more than 30 years in the business is a testament to who he was."

Mr. Fischman was fascinated by the bizarre absurdities of government and wrote often about them. He also wrote about mass shootings, gun violence and gun ownership.

"He loved the odd things from history, and was skeptical of any New Age stuff and religion," Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Fischman's work earned him numerous awards from the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association—including two recent honors for editorials related to the case involving a noose found at a Crofton school, and a piece about censorship at County Council meetings. He also received awards from the Chesapeake Associated Press, as well as Mark Twain Awards for Outstanding Editorial, Best Editorial and Best of Show Editorial.

Mr. Fischman brought an unflappable nature and strong work ethic to the newsroom. Long hours and days were not uncommon, and he steered clear of debates over long hours, low pay and where newspapers will be in 10 years—or in 10 minutes.

"When deadlines approached and things were going on, Gerald never panicked," recalled Mr. Jones. "He was the kind of person who always kept his cool. He was level-headed."

"He was a human search engine and did he know Maryland politics," Ms. Winslow said. "He was so loved by his colleagues."

"I've have the difficult task of trying to write in Gerald's place," Mr. Hutzell said. "I've written four editorials so far, and before I start every one I ask myself: What would Gerald say? I wish I had half the insight into our community and human nature that he brought to the job every day."

Mr. Fischman had lived most of his life as a confirmed newspaper bachelor, and surprised his colleagues when he announced some years ago that he had fallen in love and was marrying the former Saran Erdenebat, a noted opera singer from Mongolia.

He had met the lyric soprano at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts while attending a performance of Richard Wagner's "Die Walkure." They were married shortly thereafter.

The Pasadena resident who enjoyed collecting books and reading was also a classical music, opera and ballet fan.

Services scheduled for Sunday are private. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a stepdaughter, Uka Saran of Miami, Fla.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE REDEDICATION OF THE SLOCUM STREET PARK IN HONOR OF ANDREW BARILLA, JR.

##### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Barilla, Jr. and Swoyersville Borough, Pennsylvania as Swoyersville rededicates its Slocum Street Park as the Andrew Barilla, Jr. Park.

Andrew Barilla, Jr. has been a force for positive change in Swoyersville Borough and an outstanding member of his community in every way. He was born in Swoyersville and was the borough's first All-Scholastic athlete in three sports. Driven to athletic and academic excellence, he attended Michigan State University on a football scholarship. After a severe knee injury ended his athletic career, Andrew finished his degree at Lock Haven State Teachers College.

As a ten-year member of Swoyersville Borough Council, Andrew made it his mission to share his love of sports and remain active with the children in his community. He founded

Slocum Street Park, which will now bear his name. He is also a charter member of the Swoyersville Baseball Club for Boys and was a driving force behind building Roosevelt Stadium. Andrew also generously sponsors Barilla's team in the Wyoming Valley Girls' Travel Softball League. For his athletic prowess and commitment to sports, he was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

Andrew's dedication to his community does not end with athletics. He is a past president of the Crime Clinic of Greater Wyoming Valley and the Special Court Judges Association, and he recently retired as the Magisterial District Judge for Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne, Courtdale, and Pringle.

It is a privilege to recognize Andrew during the rededication of the Slocum Street Park in his honor. I thank him for his lifetime of service to the people of Swoyersville Borough and beyond. May the park continue to be a place for residents and visitors to gather and enjoy for generations to come.

#### HONORING OPERA MAINE

##### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate Opera Maine on its 25th anniversary season.

Since its inception, opera has mirrored and challenged culture, politics, and power. And now, in our fast-paced world, opera invites us to slow down. It is bold and extravagant, and it evokes emotion unlike other art forms. Both passionate and beautiful, opera is an antidote to our busy lives, showcasing voices both powerful and exquisite, honed by years of training.

I am grateful to Opera Maine for bringing acclaimed, nationally and internationally known vocal artists to the state. They have developed a reputation for creativity, sophistication, and artistic excellence, and they have played a key role in educating the next generation of aspiring theater performers.

As Maine's creative culture continues to grow and receive well-deserved recognition, I want to thank Opera Maine for 25 years of enhancing the quality of life in our beloved state.

I commend them—the little opera company that could—for their outstanding leadership and success, and for many years of entertainment and inspiration.

Bravo.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of June 25th, I was delayed in returning to the Capitol due to a meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY Roll Call No. 403; NAY on Roll Call No. 404; YEA on Roll Call No. 405; and NAY on Roll Call No. 406.

# HONORING ROB HIAASEN OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

## HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Rob Hiaasen, an editor of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

CAPITAL GAZETTE VICTIM ROB HIAASEN REMEMBERED AS A WRITER WITH A DEFT AND GENTLE TOUCH

(By Jacques Kelly)

Rob Hiaasen, a feature writer and editor recalled for the deft and understanding touch he applied to his off-center stories, will be remembered Monday at a private memorial service. He was one of the five staff members killed Thursday at the Annapolis Capital Gazette.

The Timonium man was 59.

"Rob was a terrific reporter because he had an innate curiosity," said the former Baltimore Sun columnist Kevin Cowherd, a close friend. "He was a master of asking questions of the people he wrote about. It was one of his strengths. He was also drawn to quirky characters. In all his writing he tried to bring out the humanity."

Mr. Hiaasen was born in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Kermit Odel Hiaasen, an attorney, and Patricia Moran, a homemaker. He graduated from Plantation High School and earned a bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Florida.

He initially worked as an AM radio reporter and landed a job in Raleigh, N.C. There he met a competitor, Maria Mills.

"It was a small town and small radio market and everybody knew each other," she said. "We got married and moved around and landed in San Antonio."

"We both hated our jobs there."

Mr. Hiaasen reconsidered his radio work and decided instead to pursue newspaper writing and reporting. He got a reporting job at an afternoon paper, the Petersburg, Va., Progress Index. But first, he had to pass the paper's oral spelling test.

"He remembered to put the P in raspberry," Maria Hiaasen said. "He was always a good speller."

Within 18 months, he and his wife moved on to the Palm Beach Post. He worked in its downtown newsroom; she covered police in Palm Beach County.

Tom O'Hara, the retired managing editor of the Palm Beach Post, recognized the last name on Mr. Hiaasen's job application. He knew Mr. Hiaasen's brother, the novelist and longtime Miami Herald columnist Carl Hiaasen.

"Rob was just charming," Mr. O'Hara said. "It was a like a no-brainer to hire him. He was a Florida boy and that was a great attraction to me."

Mr. O'Hara assigned Mr. Hiaasen to cover county government, a beat overseen by a meticulous editor. Mr. Hiaasen often began his stories with colorful anecdotes, while his editor required numbers.

"For Rob, it was a baptism by fire," Mr. O'Hara said. "His editor would lop off the first three paragraphs. It was clear Rob belonged in features."

"He thrived there and was a delight. He was enthusiastic about his stories. Everybody loved him. I liked sitting by him and listening to his little asides."

In 1991, Mr. Hiaasen wrote a feature about five people who contracted AIDS from a

Palm Beach dentist. "Dr. Acer's Deadly Secret: How AIDS joined the lives of a dentist and his patients," won a national journalism writing award, and Mr. Hiaasen was hired by The Baltimore Sun as a features writer.

Colleagues recalled his daily routine. He took long walks, and became enamored of Baltimore's neighborhoods and their characters. He ambled through Bolton Hill, Mount Vernon and Fells Point in search of offbeat tales to tell.

Friends said Mr. Hiaasen steered clear of newsroom factions and social circles. One described him affectionately as "a tall, brooding Norwegian."

"Only two words in that phrase are true," Mr. Cowherd said. "Rob was never brooding. He needed to laugh the way he needed oxygen. He was the best colleague you could ever have. In a roomful of towering egos, he was the first guy to come up and say, 'You did a great job.'"

Mr. Hiaasen wrote about Mel Sherr, a veteran of D-Day familiar to Baltimoreans as a strolling violin player.

"Mr. Sherr knows what your favorite song is," Mr. Hiaasen wrote. "While he's asking guests where they're from, he'll be guessing their age and era. He'll then pluck a song from his play list and play. Guests nod their heads and smile. Some blush. They now remember what they had forgotten. . . . Mr. Sherr will not be stumped by requests."

He also wrote about Kirk Bloodworth, the ex-Marine and Eastern Shore waterman who was the first person to be sentenced to death and then exonerated by DNA evidence.

Mr. Hiaasen spent a year from 2003 to 2004 as a John Knight Fellow in Journalism at Stanford University. While there, he acted in a play and studied singing.

Mr. Hiaasen accepted a newsroom buyout offer in 2008 and left The Sun. By 2010 he joined the Annapolis Capital. He mentored reporters as an editor and wrote a Sunday column.

"He did an amazing pivot to become an editor," Mr. Cowherd said. "He became everything you want of a good editor—gently pushing them to do their best work and to not accept mediocrity."

He also taught a news writing class at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism.

And he kept telling his stories in his gentle tone.

"When there's no hiding from news, it's time for a haircut," he advised in a column late last year. "Getting a haircut—once a horrific, spirit-crushing event during the teenage years—is a safe haven for the news beleaguered. There, in the wrapped confines of your barber's or stylist's chair, you can sink away to a news-free zone. There, on your temporary throne, you are clipped and pampered by intimate hands." In addition to his wife of 33 years, an English teacher at Dulaney High School, he leaves a son, Ben Hiaasen, a Towson attorney; two daughters, Samantha Hiaasen, an assistant manager of the Pratt Street Barnes & Noble store in Baltimore, and Hannah Hiaasen, a craft associate at Apparatus in New York who lives in Brooklyn, NY; his brother, Carl, in Vero Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Judy Hiaasen of Plantation, Fla., and Barb Hiaasen of Davie, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

## HONORING ALYCE GRIFFIN CLARKE

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable

public servant from the Backwoods of Deovelente (a few miles northeast of Belzoni), to the Mississippi State Capital—Alyce Griffin Clarke, 1st African American female elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1985.

In the backwoods of Deovelente, in the last house near the Yazoo River, a beautiful baby girl was born to the late Mr. Henry Griffin and Mrs. Fannie Alice Merriweather Griffin. They named this beautiful precious baby girl, Alyce Myrtle Griffin.

This young lady walked the dusty roads of Deovelente to Deovelente Elementary School, to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where she was baptized, to Mt. Arratt Methodist Church, and to the one store in the community. As a matter of fact, she walked everywhere she went. The family did not own a car as they were sharecroppers. She chopped and picked cotton as so many of us did. She still boasts about being able to pick 300 pounds before quitting time and teasing others still in the field.

As the years passed, Ms. Griffin graduated from McNair High School, Belzoni, Mississippi in 1957. She went on to graduate from Alcorn College and other universities. She later became Mrs. Alyce Griffin Clarke when she married the late Mr. L.W. Clarke. They became the proud parents of one son, Demarquis Clarke.

In 1985, Mrs. Alyce Griffin Clarke became the first African American female elected to the Mississippi Legislature.

Currently, Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke is still active in the same post where she first made history, and we are all very proud of her accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke.

## SALUTING COLONEL DAVID R. GIBSON

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I proudly salute Colonel David R. Gibson as he retires after 33 years of honorable service. Throughout his extraordinary military career, COL Gibson embodied the duty, honor, and loyalty that makes the U.S. Army the world's premier fighting force.

COL Gibson's commitment to investing his gifts, talents, and abilities in service of his nation is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of a true and devoted patriot. Throughout his career, he earned numerous academic and military accolades that garnered the respect and admiration of his peers. His resume tells the story of a man unafraid to embrace the challenges that forge the leaders our nation needs.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. I thank Colonel David R. Gibson for his service and dedication to our great nation. I proudly join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him nothing but the best for his richly-deserved retirement.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2019*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3351) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I can tell my colleagues with great confidence that USDA's proposal to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) outside the National Capital Region is a bad idea.

We held a hearing on the issue last March, at which four former senior USDA officials with 70 years of combined experience at the two agencies, from both parties, expressed their deep opposition to this proposal.

Numerous stakeholders have expressed strong opposition, including the National Farmers Union, the Association of American Veterinary Colleges and nearly 1700 other organizations, university officials, and individuals from 47 states.

We have not received a single letter in support of this proposal.

USDA violated the Appropriations Committee's statutorily required 30-day waiting period for such proposals when it took action to implement the proposal six days after notifying the Committee.

It failed utterly to comply with the requirements of the conferees in the 2019 omnibus appropriations report to submit all cost benefits for the move and a detailed analysis of any research benefits of a relocation when it submitted the 2020 budget.

USDA has also refused numerous requests from Members of the House and Senate that it provide the original cost-benefit analysis developed before the proposal was announced.

It finally gave us a so-called "cost-benefit analysis" after the final site was selected.

But an independent analysis of this supposed analysis found that "USDA leadership failed to follow federal guidelines for the benefit cost analysis" and that "the move to Kansas City will cost taxpayers between \$83 and \$182 million dollars, rather than saving them \$300 million dollars."

Large numbers of ERS and NIFA employees have left as a result of this proposal.

I fear that ultimately, these agencies will become mere shadows of their former selves, with the loss of hundreds of years of expertise.

These agencies' mission is to achieve the best science through research that advances U.S. agriculture and our understanding of the agricultural economy.

I believe that the Department's proposal puts that mission at great risk.

I urge a yes vote on the Norton amendment.

## HONORING JOHN MCNAMARA OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of John McNamara, a reporter for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

JOHN MCNAMARA, CAPITAL GAZETTE SPORTS REPORTER, RECALLED FOR HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF THE TERPS

(By Jacques Kelly)

John McNamara, an editor and sports reporter for The Capital Gazette who covered the University of Maryland Terrapins and was a high school basketball history specialist, died June 28 at the attack at the Annapolis newspaper's office.

The Silver Spring resident was 56.

"Basketball was a love of his and he had a great feel for the game," said former Maryland men's basketball coach Gary Williams. "He could have made a lot more money elsewhere, but he had the job he wanted and it was what he wanted to be. I gave him a lot of credit for that."

Born in Washington and raised in Bethesda, he was the son of Thomas McNamara Sr., a federal Department of Education financial analyst, and his wife, Elizabeth Lynch.

He was a 1979 graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington and obtained a journalism degree from the University of Maryland College Park, where he had reported sports for campus newspaper, The Diamondback.

"John was one of the most honest and fairest reporters I have ever met," said Johnny Holliday, sportscaster and longtime radio personality. "I enjoyed being around him."

"He was of the mindset that he was going to pick out the positive aspects of an individual player. He told me he understood the greatest thrill for a 9- or 10-year-old was seeing their name in print."

Mr. McNamara played softball and basketball informally in school and had delivered newspapers for the old Washington Evening Star. He retained childhood memories of watching the old Washington Senators play at RFK Stadium. He was also a Bullets basketball fan. While at Maryland, he covered high school sports for The Washington Post.

"He had two job offers right out of college," said his wife, Andrea Chamblee, whom he met while both were Maryland students. "One was for \$15,000 a year as an agate-type clerk doing box scores for USA Today. The other was writing sports for \$13,000 at the Hagerstown Herald-Mail. He took [the Herald-Mail] because it allowed him to do what he wanted to do—and in that first year [1983] he covered the Orioles, who were in the World Series."

"He felt he made the right choice. His first year out of the college and he was covering a World Series. He was exhilarated."

She said they married in 1985 because by then he was making \$15,000—they had agreed to delay their wedding until he had passed that financial milestone.

"He could talk sports to someone who knew plenty and he could talk to someone who knew almost nothing," his wife said. "And both parties would leave feeling they understood the game better."

"Coaches were always impressed by his insight and knowledge of the game, but John was a good enough storyteller that he could

give a casual fan great insight," said Doug Dull, a friend and colleague at the Hagerstown paper.

"He'd hang out at the local grocery store when the Street & Smith's college basketball yearbook came out and he would pull out a highlighter as if he were doing homework. He knew more about Pepperdine and Fresno State than anyone in Maryland."

In 1987 Mr. McNamara joined The Capital as a copy editor, then worked as sports editor for the old Prince George's Journal from 1989 to 1994. He then rejoined the Annapolis paper.

"John never changed," said David Elfin, a freelance journalist and friend who lives in Bethesda. "He always loved sports and he was very passionate about the University of Maryland. I can't tell you how many games he had covered at Maryland for all the papers where he'd worked."

He was particularly fond of the university's Cole Field House.

"No matter if I met him at a Nationals game or at the Capitals or Redskins, Maryland was his comfort level," Mr. Elfin said. "It was almost as if he were walking into Cheers."

In 2001 Mr. McNamara and Mr. Elfin wrote "Cole Classics: Maryland Basketball's Greatest Men and Moments."

Eric Prisbell, who previously covered college sports for The Washington Post and is now a Dallas sports freelance writer, said: "John's basketball knowledge was second to none. He had a sharp eye and everyone respected him."

"He was an old-school journalist. He valued the relationships he'd established with coaches. John could be very funny. With just a look he could make a whole table roar with laughter."

In 2014 his editors at The Capital Gazette changed his assignment and named him editor and reporter of the Bowie Blade-News and Crofton-West County Gazette.

"He took the job change as gracefully as any sportswriter can," said his wife.

He had been completing research and conducting interviews for a book on the history and roots of high school basketball in the District of Columbia and its suburbs. As part of the project he had visited former NBA and college players who grew up in the area.

A memorial service for Mr. McNamara will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the chapel at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In addition to his wife of 33 years, a Food and Drug Administration attorney, survivors include two brothers, Charles McNamara of Bethesda and Danny McNamara of Amsterdam, N.Y.; and three sisters, Jane McNamara of Mercer Island, Wash., Mary McNamara of Washington and Peggy Pyles of Bethesda.

## TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA D. EVANS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to someone who has made a significant impact here in this proud institution for the past four decades. For the past twelve years, my office and I have been extremely fortunate to have Patricia "Tricia" Evans on our staff.

Tricia is from Westchester, New York, and to say she is a proud New Yorker is putting it mildly. She's also an Irish Catholic through and through—all the way down to being a devout meat and potatoes eater—except, of



course, on Fridays during Lent. After graduating from Iona College, Tricia taught first grade at Good Shepherd School for a few years before shifting to politics. In the summer of 1979, Tricia launched her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for conservative stalwart and fellow New Yorker Jack Kemp. Prior to joining my office, Tricia served a number of House Members, including dedicated tenures serving my former California colleague Elton Gallegly and Arizonan J.D. Hayworth.

In 2007, I was incredibly fortunate to have a seasoned staff member like Tricia join my office. When she first came on board, Tricia wasn't exactly a big fan of flying, especially cross country to our district in California. But after we introduced her to In-N-Out Burger she became more open to flying out West—it's amazing how a Double-Double can ease anxieties. We never quite converted her from a New Yorker to a Californian, but I'd like to think she will always carry within her a little piece of the Golden State.

As Tricia winds up her time in my office to take on a new opportunity, it's impossible to sum up her immense contributions. Of all my constituents whom she has helped, I think that the folks from the Monday Morning Group will miss her the most. I know Tricia rightfully takes great pride in her efforts to secure passage of the 9/11 Memorial Act into law. She was deeply and personally touched by the 9/11 attack as a native New Yorker and by the loss of her friend, Navy Captain Bob Dolan, who was killed at the Pentagon on that tragic day. Tricia took the "Never Forget" refrain and put it into action to honor her friend Bob and all who perished. Tricia has also been involved in helping the Capitol Concerts that take place on the Hill every year on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. All Americans who enjoy these patriotic events can thank Tricia for working overtime to ensure their success.

Tricia loves her country and everything Disney. There is also no bigger fan of Bruce Springsteen, Tom Selleck or Joe Namath. But nothing in her life comes close to her love for her two children: Shannon and Patrick. They are an incredibly close and loving family, which can be attested to by me and my Chief of Staff who can't help but overhear regular calls from each of the kids that always end with, "I love you." I won't say that these calls happen too frequently, but I have developed a nervous tick whenever I hear her cell phone ring tone. Seriously though, Tricia's love for and dedication to her children are a testament to her fine character. I will deeply miss her and her selflessness, loyalty and impassioned devotion to supporting me and my office. I look forward to my continued friendship with Tricia and wish her, Shannon, and Patrick, the very best in all their future endeavors. Godspeed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately delayed by weather and unable to vote on June 24, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 399; YEA on Roll Call No. 400; YEA on Roll Call No. 401; and YEA on Roll Call No. 402.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THROOP'S INCORPORATION AS A BOROUGH

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Throop, Pennsylvania for its quasiquicentennial year. Throop celebrated 125 years of being incorporated on April 16, 2019.

The borough was named after one of its most influential residents, Dr. Benjamin H. Throop, who settled in the county in the fall of 1840. He became an active figure in the community, buying real estate and advocating for the separation of Throop and Dickson City Borough. Dr. Throop also served in the military during the Civil War, and at the time he was one of the wealthiest figures in the area.

Throop originally applied to become independent of Dickson City Borough in 1888, but the subdivision failed. Refusing to back down, the community banded together to continue to circulate petitions. Among the many reasons driving the residents' motivation to become their own, independent borough was a dispute over schools and the desire to have their own schooling system. In 1893, the petition was granted, and the borough was officially incorporated on April 16, 1894.

The Throop family continued to be a driving force behind the borough's success. The Throop Hose Company 1 was organized in 1894 and named after Dr. Throop's son, Dr. George S. Throop. The borough building was completed in 1895 on land donated by Dr. Throop, Dr. Pancoast, and Eli K. Price. Once incorporated, Throop had a population of 1,639 with 266 dwellings, 9 hotels, a small number of businesses, two churches, a colliery, and a school.

Like many communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Throop's coal mining industry was the principal industry in the region for decades. Throop has the distinction of being the site of the first anthracite coal mined in Lackawanna County, which was taken from the Anderson farm by William Wurts in 1814.

Throughout its notable 125-year history, Throop has established an impressive public school system and has continued to celebrate its religious heritage. The borough has also shown its incredible resilience in the face of devastating floods from Hurricanes Diane, Agnes, and Gloria.

Today, Throop is a vibrant community with around 3,900 residents and many industries and businesses that have taken the place of coal mining. Annual traditions and celebrations for children like the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting make Throop an inviting and welcoming place to live and visit. Throop's rich history and a tight knit community make it the flourishing borough it is today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 381, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote AYE.

HONORING WENDI WINTERS OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

#### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Wendi Winters, a writer for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

WENDI WINTERS, A PROLIFIC WRITER FOR THE CAPITAL ENJOYED SHARING STORIES ABOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS

(By Jacques Kelly)

Wendi Winters, a feature writer for The Capital and The Maryland Gazette who earlier had been a public relations executive in Manhattan, died Thursday in the attack at the Annapolis newspapers' office.

She was 65 and lived in Edgewater.

Wendy Anne Winters—known throughout the community as "Wendi"—was born in Coronado, Calif., the daughter of Leigh Cosart Winters, a Navy commander and real estate agent, and his wife, Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby, who had worked as a Capitol Hill secretary and was in the visitors' gallery in December 1941 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war on Japan.

She attended Saint Rita's School in Alexandria, Va. and was a 1971 graduate of the old St. Mary's Academy, a high school also in Alexandria.

"She vividly recollected her semi-nomadic childhood as a Navy brat," said her daughter, Winters Leigh Geimer. "Her fondest childhood memories were of her family's time in Turkey when her father was a naval attache with the American Embassy in Istanbul. She spent most of her time getting in trouble with the local residents and exploring off-limits places."

"Our mother showed an aptitude for art and writing. At age 10, she wrote a poem for then-President John F. Kennedy and she received a personal response with photographs from his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln," said her son, Phoenix Winters Geimer. "She kept the photograph near her desk and it has been in the house as long I can remember. She had a couple of recollections of President Kennedy coming into her church."

She obtained a bachelor of fine arts degree with a specialty in fashion design from Virginia Commonwealth University and later went to New York City on a fellowship to the Tobé-Coburn School for Fashion Careers. She was class president at the school and graduated with honors.

She remained active in alumni circles at Virginia Commonwealth, and was invited there to sit on critic panels of student work at university fashion shows.

In a resume, Ms. Winters said most of her career was in public relations—backed by experience in fashion retailing, wholesaling, textiles, marketing, advertising, design and promotion. She created and directed campaigns for two "international public relations firms and had her own successful fashion public relations, advertising, special events [and] runway show production firm for seven years," her resume said.

She lived in the Gramercy Park section of New York City and later moved to Montclair, N.J.

"In her New York days her pay often included some of the clothing she was promoting," said her daughter, a Purdue University student who is a naval officer candidate. "She had a fairly large wardrobe because she didn't believe in throwing things

out. Her fashion aesthetic looked like the 1980s had never ended."

Her son said Ms. Winters routinely corresponded with figures of the era—including Patty Hearst, Robin Leach, Michael Douglas, the Trumps, Christian Lacroix, Oscar de la Renta, Donna Karan, Iman, Keith Haring, Neil Sedaka, Leroy Neiman, Regis Philbin, Cybill Shepherd, Lionel Hampton and Sally Jessy Raphael.

"She regularly ran into Andy Warhol and Salvador Dali on the street," said her son.

In 1990, she won the Golden Apple Award, presented by the New York City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, for a campaign she orchestrated for the Polyester Council of America.

In 1986 she married Tod Geimer, who built computer networks for banks.

He suggested a change of pace and less hectic life in the Annapolis area. They left New Jersey and moved to Arnold in 1999. They later lived in Cape St. Claire.

"My mother always needed to be doing something," her son said. "She started writing for small local publications.

"Her day's schedule was filled with so many events," he said. "You could plan for her showing up late, late—but with a great story to tell. Her daily routine was to wake up at 5:30 a.m. and work and work and work. At midnight she went to bed."

She wrote on a freelance basis for The Capital and later joined the publication full-time. She often took her own photographs.

Ms. Winters wrote three weekly columns: Around Broadneck, Teen of the Week and Home of the Week.

"My mother learned to type on a manual typewriter and she had a heavy touch. She could wear away the letters on a keyboard. She also typed very fast," said her daughter. "She also wrote fast."

She had written for many other publications, including Waterfront Living and Inside Annapolis Magazine, and wrote theater criticism for Theatre Spotlight and The Review and the DC Metro Theatre Arts website. She was a Helen Hayes Awards nominator for two terms.

She was named honorary vice president of her father's Naval Academy Class of 1940. Family members said she organized the class's 70th reunion.

Ms. Winters had also been a Girl Scout leader, a church youth adviser and ran an annual Red Cross Blood Drive. She was also a cat fancier and enjoyed roller skating sessions at Wheels Skating Center in Odenton.

"Wendi was always the same as the first day I met her in high school—we were both cast in 'Witness for the Prosecution,'" said Paul Donnelly, a friend who lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"She was tall, elegant, self-possessed and dynamic," Mr. Donnelly said. "She lived life to the fullest and was not one to sit around and watch television. Her writing was meticulous and reflected her personality. She was compassionate about the people she wrote about. It was never a chore for her to write The Teen of the Week column."

A celebration of life will held at noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase Street in Annapolis. A reception will follow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, where she was a member.

In addition to her son and daughter, survivors include two other daughters, Montana Winters Geimer, a Naval Academy graduate who is stationed in Pensacola, Fla., and Summerleigh Winters Geimer of Edgewater, a home remodeling manager; three sisters, Sandra Winters of Key Biscayne, Fla., Dana Rengers of Alexandria, Va., and Debra Winters of Yuma, Ariz. Her marriage ended in divorce.

## HONORING THE MOUNT UNION HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mount Union High School baseball team who recently won the PIAA Class 3A state championship with a 9–1 victory over Notre Dame-Green Pond.

The Trojans took an 8–0 lead through the first two innings and held that lead for the rest of the game. Ethan Carbaugh went 3–for–4 with three RBIs. Seth Smith, Kobe Hand, and Quinton Posey added six combined RBIs. This is Mount Union's fourth title and their first since 1995.

The Trojans had a strong regular season, winning the District 6 championship with a record of 25–3.

The team was led by Coaches Tim Hicks, Ryan McGanigle, Nick Imperoli, George Goodling, Ron Blair, Jeff Brown, and Kyle Atherton.

The team was comprised of seniors Steve Brumbaugh, Quinten Fultz, Dylan Gearhart, Matt Harshbarger, Quinton Posey, Seth Smith, and Bryce Stinson. Juniors Ethan Carbaugh, Kobe Hand, and Grayson McClain. Sophomores Clayton Arnold, Colten Benson, Ian Brodbeck, Vince Lear, Tyler Renniger, Casel Walter, Klayton Willaughby, Blake Woodward, and Brock Woodward. As well as freshman Dauvon Wilson and Equipment Managers Braylan Knable and Blaine Hunsinger.

High school athletics is a great way for students to build character and form a lasting bond with teammates.

Please join me in congratulating the Trojans baseball team.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT DONCARLOS PAGAN

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant DonCarlos Pagan who served his country in the United States Army for 28 years. Master Sergeant Pagan's service in Afghanistan and his work for the State of Arizona and the United States Army exemplify his strong devotion to duty and country.

While in Afghanistan, Master Sergeant Pagan's experience as a construction engineer enabled the 158th Infantry Battalion to plan, and build, construction projects that included bridges and roads that enabled villagers in Najil, Afghanistan to bypass destroyed roads. In addition, he developed an artillery battery munitions storage bunker for the Afghan Army and he helped train Afghan Combat Engineer Soldiers in Force Protection Operations. His expertise in construction and developing force protection efforts was recognized by the 82nd Airborne, All American 6, General Rodriguez and earned him a Combat Action Badge. At times coming under direct enemy fire, Master Sergeant Pagan held firm and completed the mission.

Master Sergeant Pagan was also crucial in the development of planning for multiple construction projects valued at over \$2.5 million to support multiple counties, government agencies and the State of Arizona.

Madam Speaker, this is only a fraction of the numerous accomplishments that span the 28 years of Master Sergeant Pagan's service to our country. His leadership has left a profound legacy that will continue to positively impact the United States Army for years to come. His proudest accomplishment however is his wonderful family. He and his wife Shawna have 4 children and 8 beautiful grandchildren.

I thank Master Sergeant Pagan for his service and leadership to our country. May his leadership continue to inspire generations of men and women who serve in the United States Army.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF PAUL PIMENTEL

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Paul Pimentel, a resident of Edgartown, Massachusetts who leaves a legacy of service to his community. Paul was born and raised in Quincy and later Braintree, setting himself apart early as a star athlete and student body president at Braintree High School before enrolling at Harvard University.

After graduation, Paul fulfilled his childhood dream of enlisting as a Naval officer, serving two combat tours in Vietnam as Chief Engineer of the USS *Berkeley*. Upon leaving the service and taking time to reflect on his time in the service and his dreams for the country, he became an advocate for Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He went on to achieve notable success in public service, becoming the youngest Massachusetts Deputy Secretary of State in the history of the office.

Looking for ways to assist as a private citizen, Paul would end up at the forefront of climate science in the 1970s. He developed Energistics in 1978 and Pequod Associates in 1980, breaking new ground to make conservation technology accessible before it was a worldwide priority. Many of the energy saving models he developed are now seen as industry standard. The independent cooperative Vineyard Power, his proudest professional achievement, was supported by a thorough community outreach campaign and would go on to provide over 800 megawatts of offshore wind power to the people of New England.

Sadly, Paul passed away on February 5, 2019. His commitment to the common good will live on through a loving family and the myriad projects he shaped. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Paul Pimentel. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of dedication to his community and his country.



IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF BISHOP HARRY L. SEAWRIGHT

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 133rd Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Harry L. Seawright. Bishop Seawright has spent more than 37 years in ministry as presiding prelate of Alabama's 9th Episcopal District. On June 25, 2019, Bishop Seawright was invested and elevated, becoming President of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a tremendous and well-deserved honor within the church and the community.

Bishop Seawright has been preparing for this most recent and elevated recognition for most of his life. A fourth-generation A.M.E., Bishop Seawright's faith was nurtured from an early age, both at home with his family and within his first church, Prodigal A.M.E. in Swansea, South Carolina. Alongside his faith, Bishop Seawright ingrained an innate work ethic after seeing his mother widowed when he was only five years old. Born to a family of sharecroppers and lacking financial resources, Bishop Seawright's mother worked tirelessly to care for her seven young children. Like his mother's, Bishop Seawright's relentless work ethic, buoyed by his unflappable faith, was and still is, the driving force behind his many accomplishments.

Having witnessed first-hand the challenges that his mother faced in attempting to provide for seven children with only a ninth grade education, Bishop Seawright took his mother's insistence on education to heart, remaining in South Carolina to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Benedict College. He then continued on, earning his Master of Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. Bishop Seawright remains interested and invested in many businesses in addition to his work within the church.

It was not just education that Bishop Seawright's mother emphasized as a crucial guiding force for future success. Bishop Seawright's mother instilled in her son a deep and unwavering faith, which he, in turn, saw mirrored within her, even during the family's darkest struggles. "My mother was a praying woman," Bishop Seawright said. "She had a lot of faith and courage." That faith and courage remained evident over the course of many moves, many job changes and many days of wondering if and how she would be able to feed her children. Nevertheless, Bishop Seawright's mother never gave up her faith in God's will, nor did her son.

In 1976, Bishop Seawright accepted his call to ministry, and in 1977 was admitted to the South Carolina Central Annual Conference, by the late Bishop Frank M. Reid, II. He was later ordained as an Itinerant Deacon in the Washington Annual Conference in 1979 by the late Bishop Henry W. Murph and as an Itinerant Elder in 1981 by Bishop John Hurst Adams.

In 1978, Bishop Seawright served as Interim Pastor of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in St. Matthews, S.C., as well as staff minister at Reid Temple A.M.E. Church in Washington,

D.C. In 1981 he received his first pastoral appointment, to Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church in Jessup, MD, where he served until 1983. Between 1983 and 1986, Bishop Seawright served as pastor of Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church in Jessup, MD, before being assigned to Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brandywine, MD.

Bishop Seawright served Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years, longer than anyone else in the church's history. During his tenure, he led the church in a \$1.6 million construction project, building a gorgeous sanctuary that will serve as a reminder of his commitment to his faith and to Union Bethel for many generations to come.

Early in his ministerial journey, Bishop Seawright met his future wife, Sherita Moon Seawright. He was still a sophomore in college when they met, unaware that she would soon be his wife, partner, inspiration and support. The two married in 1982, and have been blessed with two beautiful children, Shari Nicole and Harry Matthew.

After 30 years of service, in 2016 Bishop Seawright left Union Bethel and prepared to transplant his life and family to Alabama, having accepted an appointment in Alabama's 9th Episcopal District. Moving to Birmingham, AL provided Bishop Seawright fresh opportunity to focus on engaging and mentoring other pastors throughout the region. Further, Bishop Seawright took advantage of the opportunity to develop several new programs, including the Life Center at Daniel Payne Plaza.

The Daniel Payne Plaza is an invaluable community resource, providing struggling community members with the opportunity to earn a GED and gain certifications in a multitude of vocational areas, including food preparation and construction. The program's goal is to transform how the 9th district serves not only the church, but the community. Thanks to the challenges he faced throughout his childhood, and the resilience he witnessed within his mother, Bishop Seawright is uniquely positioned to understand the value of quality education, and as such, is determined to provide educational opportunities to all those he serves.

Bishop Seawright's 37 years of tireless service have earned him a rightfully exalted position within the community. His most recent appointment, to President of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, further solidifies his impressive and well-deserved reputation as a leader, mentor and spiritual guide. He has given more than can ever be repaid, and both the church and community owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. On a personal note, I want to thank Bishop Seawright for his continued support and encouragement of my home church, the Historic Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, AL.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the many accomplishments of Bishop Harry L. Seawright. We pay tribute to his distinguished career for the betterment of the State of Alabama and extend deep appreciation for his exemplary service as the Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on June 12, 2019 during roll call no. 250, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.

IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF H.R. 2740

**HON. DAVID P. JOYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of those provisions of H.R. 2740 that reflect the President's proposals to continue funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants and State Opioid Response Grants, two programs under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Substance use disorders have ravaged large parts of this country, including parts of my home state of Ohio.

Madam Speaker, over the next 24 hours, about 130 Americans will die from an opioid-related overdose, close to 84 infants in Ohio will be born suffering from the horrific symptoms of drug withdrawal, and over 20 million people across the country will continue to battle with addiction.

In 2017, it is estimated that over 19.7 million Americans battled a substance use disorder. That's not to mention the approximately \$740 billion annually that drug abuse and addiction costs American society in lost workplace productivity, health care expenses, and crime-related costs.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution to this crisis. Both addiction and addiction treatment are extremely complex. However, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants and State Opioid Response Grants have helped countless communities across the country. To be sure that these funds are being used efficiently, they must be directed toward those programs which employ an evidenced-based approach to treatment and recovery. In particular, community-based recovery support programs, like SMART Recovery in my own district, have proven crucial in encouraging those suffering from addiction to stay on the proper path to recovery.

One of my top priorities has been ensuring the federal funding Congress has provided to combat the opioid epidemic effectively supports the life-saving work our local communities carry out on the front lines of this crisis. While there is still work to be done, it is encouraging to see that Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants and State Opioid Response Grants are helping organizations in Northeast Ohio and across the country save lives.

That is why I am proud to rise in support of these provisions.

HONORING FRED AND BETTY  
ROEDER

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring two outstanding Hoosiers—Fred and Betty Roeder—on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

Fred and Betty epitomize what it means to be a Hoosier—kind and gracious; with big, warm hearts; and a love for their state and country that is borne out by their commitment to bettering the lives of their neighbors and community.

Fred and Betty—high school sweethearts—were married seventy years ago this month, on June 30, 1949, at Evansville Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Fred Roeder served in the U.S. Army (1952–54) and concluded active service as a Corporal. He served 6 years in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1960. A Korean War veteran, Fred remains proud of his service to our nation, and that of the many friends he made while in the Army. He worked at Dale Sales warehouse and later at Niehaus Industrial Parts in Evansville.

Betty Roeder is a graduate of Benjamin Bosse High School in Evansville. She dedicated much of her time to leading music and Christian education programs at local Lutheran churches. Betty was beloved by her students and took great pride in her work.

I came to know the Roeders at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville, where we have worshiped together for many years. Despite moving to the Indianapolis-area to be closer to family members, the Roeders remain devoted members at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Fred and Betty are the proud parents of their son Michael F. Roeder and daughter-in-law Lee Ann, and their grandchildren—John and granddaughter-in-law Taylor, Tim and Kurt Roeder. They celebrated their historic milestone a bit early this year with a small group of family and friends on June 22.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in extending to the Roeders the well-wishes and congratulations of the U.S. House of Representatives on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I inadvertently cast a “yea” vote on roll call No. 372, on an amendment during consideration of the Commerce, Justice, and Science division of H.R. 3055. I would like to change my vote on the amendment to “nay.”

The North Atlantic right whale is a critically endangered species iconic to the Eastern seaboard of the United States. We should be empowering the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to implement regulations to protect this species based on scientific, consensus

recommendations, not disarming the agency. The North Atlantic right whale Risk Reduction Decision Support Tool is a critical piece of NOAA and NMFS’ regulatory framework, and preventing its use undermines their decision-making process.

My record of fighting for the Chesapeake Bay, preventing off-shore drilling, funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund, protecting the Arctic, and being an ally to the environmental activists and wildlife conservationists in my district and around the country speaks for itself. My recorded vote is inconsistent with my lifetime record in both state and federal office on matters and policies pertaining to wildlife preservation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. OTTIE  
JACKSON MOORE, SR.

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize my constituent, Mr. Oattie Jackson Moore, Sr. Born in Gladys, Virginia on December 26, 1928, Mr. Moore has committed much of his life and career to service of the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation. Mr. Moore has protected our nation abroad, having served in the United States Army, both as an active and reserve member, in addition to protecting the United States at home, as a member of the Virginia State Police and a seven-term Sheriff of Caroline County, Virginia.

In 1951, during the Korean War, Mr. Moore was drafted into the United States Army, going on to serve three years of active duty. Mr. Moore completed basic training school, basic schools of enlisted training and the U.S. Army’s Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Bliss Texas in July 1952. After being commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Mr. Moore was assigned to an anti-aircraft unit as a commanding officer. After three years of active service, Mr. Moore joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

In the Reserves, Mr. Moore served as a commanding officer of a quartermaster unit and in several positions within the United States Army Reserves (USAR) School, including four years as Assistant Commandant. Over the course of his military service, Mr. Moore received the Meritorious Service Medal on two separate occasions. Mr. Moore would go on to serve a total of thirty years in the United States Army Reserves, completing his service having earned the rank of Colonel.

After graduating first in his class in 1955 from the Virginia State Police, Mr. Moore would go on to serve and protect the Commonwealth of Virginia for many years. After being elected Sheriff of Caroline County, Virginia in November 1963, Mr. Moore would serve seven terms until January 1992. In addition, Mr. Moore held several office level positions as a member of the Virginia Sheriff’s Association, including President in 1975. Mr. Moore has actively advised the Virginia General Assembly on the passage of several bills related to advancements in training of local law enforcement personnel and was a founding member of the board that led to the creation of the Rappahannock Regional Training Academy in 1977.

Mr. Moore exemplifies the best of the First District of Virginia, with a life committed to service to his country and our commonwealth. Mr. Moore’s life of patriotism, service, and selflessness should stand as an example to the ideals that make the First District, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America great.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PASSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS ACT OF 2019

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that will hopefully be the first step in ensuring that students from all backgrounds are able to take advantage of study abroad programs offered by their universities.

As we see a new class of students graduate, I’ve noticed that some of these students are lacking the global skills needed to excel in today’s workplace. Exposure to the world’s diverse cultures and traditions allows oneself to be more understanding and comfortable in a rapidly transforming world while also developing a greater appreciation for the United States and our shared culture.

Over 80 percent of incoming freshmen hope to study abroad as a part of the college experience; however, due to obligations such as coursework, employment and affordability, only 10 percent end up taking advantage of this incredible opportunity offered by many universities. Minority students are greatly underrepresented within this population.

The Passport Assistance for Disadvantaged Students Act of 2019 would establish a pilot program between the Department of Education, Department of State, and 3 public universities, including 1 HBCU and 1 Hispanic Serving Institution. Students at each of these schools who receive Pell Grants and are accepted for a study abroad program would have the opportunity to receive a United States Passport at no cost. The public university would cover the upfront cost and the Department of State would reimburse the institution after they’ve reported relevant information to the Department of Education.

With this bill, we take a step forward in breaking down systematic barriers that prevent certain students from studying abroad while in college. The opportunity to travel and learn in a foreign country offers students the chance to advance their studies in a globalized environment.

Madam Speaker, I believe that students should have equal access to opportunities like study abroad regardless of race or socioeconomic status, which is why I am proud to introduce this bill.

**MICHAEL BEDKE**

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless pro bono

work of Tampa attorney, Michael Bedke, who will receive the Florida Bar Foundation's 2019 Medal of Honor Award this week. The Medal of Honor is the Foundation's highest honor.

Michael Bedke works to ensure the wheels of justice turn for everyone. He has devoted a large portion of his distinguished legal career in service to his community and his country. He has provided extensive pro bono service and advocacy for AIDS patients, domestic violence survivors and individuals in need. He also has maintained an unfailing commitment to improve the lives of veterans. He spearheaded the "No Place Like Home" initiative which establishes permanent supportive housing for neighbors in need of mental health services or who are at risk of chronic homelessness.

Throughout his life, Mike always has recognized his duty to serve his neighbors and country in a wide variety of ways. He is constantly thinking of ways to meet unmet legal needs and has a unique ability to develop effective plans for meeting those needs.

As a young lawyer, Mike took on pro bono cases to represent persons with AIDS in the 1980s, a time when the general public was both fearful and uneducated about the disease. True to his style of leading by example, by taking on these cases and serving on the board of the Tampa AIDS Network he encouraged colleagues to take similar action.

After Category 5 Hurricane Andrew struck Florida in 1992, Mike worked to pass Good Samaritan legislation that removed an impediment to lawyers providing pro bono help to disaster survivors. He also led legal relief efforts in response to Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii, the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, and September 11. He founded the Greater Access and Assistance Project while chair of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division, modeling it after the Courthouse Assistance Project he created at home as a member of Bay Area Legal Services' board of directors.

Mike has worked to empower domestic violence survivors for more than 25 years. He was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women in 2002 and has served on numerous boards working to improve access and support for survivors. He worked with the Women's Caucus of the Peruvian Parliament to draft model domestic violence legislation.

Mike received his bachelor's degree with high honors from the University of Florida in Gainesville and served as student body president. He then completed his juris doctorate with honors from the University of Florida. He developed a program at his alma mater to recruit and retain minority law students. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Stetson College of Law.

Close to my heart and so many in the Tampa Bay area is Bay Area Legal Services that provides legal aid to people who need it. As president of the Board of Directors for Bay Area Legal Services, in 2015, Mike spearheaded a fundraising effort that created a \$400,000 endowment for a veterans program. He also led the development and implementation of Bay Area's "No Place Like Home Project" to provide pro bono help to low-income homeowners experiencing title issues.

He is a partner in the Tampa office of the distinguished international law firm, DLA Piper. While Mike is much sought after in his specific

area of practice, he was called to do more in service to his community and country—and we are better for it and grateful for his vision and commitment.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of America, the State of Florida and my neighbors across our hometown, I am proud to mark Mike Bedke's lifetime of leadership.

#### HONORING THE STAFF OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the notice of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Special Awards and Citations awarded to the Capital Gazette of Annapolis, Maryland.

#### THE PULITZER PRIZES

THE 2019 PULITZER PRIZE WINNER IN SPECIAL  
AWARDS AND CITATIONS

A special citation to honor the journalists, staff and editorial board of the Capital Gazette, Annapolis, Maryland, for their courageous response to the largest killing of journalists in U.S. history in their newsroom on June 28, 2018, and for demonstrating unflinching commitment to covering the news and serving their community at a time of unspeakable grief. The citation comes with a \$100,000 bequest by the Pulitzer Board to be used to further the newspaper's journalistic mission.

#### TRIBUTE TO MOLLY GRAHAM

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman whose bravery and perseverance exemplify a significant American story. It is fitting that during this July 4th, as we celebrate our nation's birthday, citizens of South Carolina and the descendants of Molly Graham will be dedicating a bridge over the Combahee River in Colleton County, South Carolina in her honor. Although seven generations removed, Molly Graham's story is inspiring and instructive for all of us.

Molly Graham was enslaved on the Cypress Plantation in Green Pond, South Carolina during the Civil War. Her husband and brother were killed during the final months of the war when Confederate soldiers executed male slaves to prevent them from enlisting in the Union Army. Ms. Graham and her daughters escaped after Confederate troops raided their plantation and threatened to burn it to the ground.

She and her daughters traveled 16 miles on foot to the safety of a Union camp in Beaufort. Along the treacherous journey, they had to crawl across a plank over the Combahee River because the bridge had been destroyed by fire. They hid from Confederate troops during the day and traveled under the cover of darkness at night. Ms. Graham let faith, "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen," guide her.

After spending several months in the refuge of the Union camp, Ms. Graham and her

daughters returned to Green Pond. The daughters eventually married, and they worked together, pooled their resources and bought several hundred acres of land. The family raised chickens, turkeys and vegetables on the farm and sold their goods at the Walterboro farmers market.

Ms. Graham also served as a naturopathic herb doctor who treated both former slaves and plantation owners without prejudice or malice. She added rooms to her home to treat patients overnight, that served as the only "hospital" to ever exist in Green Pond. Today, she and many of her progeny are buried at the historic Hickory Hill Cemetery close to the banks of the Combahee River.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life of Molly Graham and the contributions of seven generations of her offspring in the Bryant, Pinckney and Singleton families. Theirs is a true story of resilience and triumph that exemplifies the diversity of the American experience. I applaud the descendants' efforts to dedicate the Molly Graham Memorial Bridge that crosses her beloved Combahee River and to continue her legacy of giving back to the community through their family's non-profit foundation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK & DENISE GOGGINS' 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Patrick and Denise Goggins on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. This July 4th marks a special milestone for this couple and their family, and it is my pleasure to recognize it as such.

Pat and Denise were married on July 4, 1969, but their story begins even four years earlier when they met as high school sweethearts. Their life of love, marriage and family is truly heartwarming and worthy of recognition. From the purchase of their first home through President Johnson's Housing and Urban Development program for first-time homebuyers, to the births of their three daughters (Bridget, Erin, and Molly), and then the gifts of grandchildren, the Goggins exemplify the spirit of hardworking American families across the country.

Marriage is an institution undeniably linked to the fabric of our society. It is a union celebrated not only by the two partners, but by their friends and family alike. The nuptial celebrations of Patrick and Denise were no exception and are certainly still not today. Their marriage will be celebrated by close to 200 people in Cape Cod, Massachusetts this July 4th and will certainly be filled with the same warmth of the original, humble wedding reception of five decades prior. I extend my personal greetings to all those that will gather together that day in celebration of Pat and Denise.

Madam Speaker, once again, it is my pleasure to recognize the milestone of Patrick and Denise Goggins' 50th wedding anniversary. Their commitment to each other and their family is truly uplifting. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors as they continue their wonderful life together for years to come.

HONORING LENORA LAPIDUS

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, as Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I would like to honor the legacy of the beloved Lenora Lapidus for her steadfast dedication to making this nation a better place than she found it. Lenora was a public servant and civil rights leader passionate about creating equal opportunity for marginalized groups. She was a leader in our community who used her voice to create fair opportunities for women and girls. Lenora began her career in service as an ACLU intern, and later became the legal director of the ACLU of New Jersey, leading the Women's Rights Project for almost two decades. From ensuring that our nation's military is open and accepting to all Americans to creating a means to combat gender-based violence, Lenora won cases on behalf of the ACLU that have elevated our society.

Lenora had a vital role in the Be HEARD Act, aimed at ending and creating consequences for workplace harassment. Her policies and initiatives were always inclusive and addressed the needs of communities that often times did not have a voice. Lenora's legacy will never be forgotten, and she will always be remembered as a trailblazer who fought for equality and justice. I thank her for her commitment to this nation and offer my prayers and condolences to the many experiencing the pain of this devastating loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF  
MATTHEW CLANCY**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement and many laudable accomplishments of Police Chief Matthew Clancy of the Duxbury Police Department.

A native of Massachusetts' South Shore, Matthew Clancy obtained his master's degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, as well as the Command Training Program of the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management. After several seasonal special appointments, he began his full-time career in law enforcement with the Mashpee Police Department, serving there until his appointment as Chief of Police in Plympton, Massachusetts in 2002. He served faithfully in that position until 2010, when he was named Police Chief of the Duxbury Police Department.

Chief Clancy has gone on to protect and serve his community in a variety of ways beyond his work as Chief of Police. He serves as the President of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and has been a Past President of both the Plymouth County Police Chief's Association and Old Colony

Special Operations Group. He was integral in the formation of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council Marine Unit, where he now serves as Control Chief.

Chief Clancy has dedicated his life to serving his community and championing the cause of better policing, and I wish him many years of happiness and relaxation with his family, including his wife Holly, and their four children, Eden, Matthew, Marissa and Alyssa.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Matthew Clancy and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his well-earned retirement.

HONORING REBECCA A. SMITH OF  
THE CAPITAL GAZETTE**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Rebecca A. Smith, an advertising assistant for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

REBECCA A. SMITH, CAPITAL GAZETTE ADVERTISING ASSISTANT WHO HELD FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT CENTER OF HER LIFE

(By Frederick N. Rasmussen)

Rebecca Ann Smith made sure family, friends and workplace colleagues were the center of her life. They brought her joy, and those who knew her say she returned it abundantly.

"Everyone loved her," said a cousin, Tammy Kaskel of Dundalk. "Becca was always patient, supportive and never jealous or envious. She'd do anything for anybody and didn't have a mean bone in her body."

"She had such promise in life," said an uncle, Thomas A. Malinowski. "She was a good kid and never got into trouble."

Ms. Smith, who worked as an advertising sales assistant for the Capital Gazette, lost her life in the June 28 attack on the newspaper's Annapolis office. She was 34 and lived in Dundalk.

Ms. Smith was born in Baltimore and raised in North Point Village and later Fort Howard.

The daughter of Richard Smith and Beth Ann Malinowski, she was raised by her maternal grandparents, William Malinowski, a driver for County Ride, and Catherine Malinowski, a homemaker.

"I was very young then. I don't know what I would have done without them," said her mother, now Beth Rittenour, of Warren, Ohio. "Rebecca was such a beautiful person, and she'll always be in my heart forever."

Ms. Smith attended Battle Grove Elementary School and graduated in 2001 from Sparrows Point High School, where she excelled in field hockey, ran cross country and was an avid duckpin bowler.

"She also loved community theater and played the character A Star to Be in 'Annie.' She was in middle school then," said Ms. Kaskel, who conducts a performing arts camp and works with special-needs children. "She had such a great voice, was very supportive, and wanted to see others succeed."

Mr. Malinowski, who also lives in Dundalk, recalled his niece being a Pink Floyd fan

when she was little. "I'd put on a Pink Floyd tape and she'd scoot her chair up to the TV."

He said she also enjoyed camping.

"She always wanted to go with me," he said. "I'd take the neighborhood kids and other nieces and nephews, and we had a lot of fun."

"Our grandparents were very proud of Becca because she was the first person in our family to go to college," Ms. Kaskel said. "She was a graduate of Villa Julie College, where she earned a degree in marketing."

Ms. Smith held marketing positions with Press Box and the old Maryland General Hospital—now the University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus—before joining the Capital Gazette last November as an advertising assistant.

"I found her to be a person of tremendous potential, and it is sad that we will never see her live up to that," said Marty Padden, the newspaper's advertising director. "We're just heart-broken."

Ms. Smith suffered from endometriosis, a tissue disorder, and referred to herself on Facebook as an "Endo Warrior."

"It was very debilitating, but she still came to the office and soldiered on through it," Mr. Padden said. "She had a great sense of humor and was so charming."

Ms. Smith met and fell in love with Dwayne Poling, and they were engaged to be married. On Facebook, she called him her "softball fiance" and attended Mr. Poling's games and traveled to team tournaments. She also wrote of Mr. Poling's daughter from an earlier relationship as being "the best kid ever."

"Becca wanted to get married and have her own family," Ms. Kaskel said. "When she met Dwayne, he was what she had been waiting for."

Kelli Peleska of Hanover, who played softball with Mr. Poling, told The Baltimore Sun in a June 28 interview that Ms. Smith had "the biggest heart."

"Not only was Rebecca our advertising assistant, she grew to become a close friend of mine," said Eleni Stylianou, a colleague who lives in Annapolis. "She was always so sweet and willing to help. She was a loving future stepmother to her fiance's daughter."

"She was always talking about her fiance's daughter, about moving and her medical issues. We talked every day," said close friend Selene San Felice of Baltimore, a Capital Gazette reporter who survived the shooting. "Rebecca was strong—that's the first word that comes to mind, and she was so kind."

Her grandmother died in 2004 and her grandfather in 2011. She was "devastated," Mr. Malinowski said. "It hit her real hard."

Ms. Kaskel said she continually returned to the center point of her life: her family.

"She was always there at family events, and always had been involved with my children, who are now grown," she said. "She was godmother to my two daughters."

"She'd go to their dance recitals; you would never expect her not to be there," Ms. Kaskel said. "She'd be there Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to watch my kids open their gifts."

A visitation for Ms. Smith will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Duda-Ruck Funeral Home, 7922 Wise Ave., Dundalk, and again from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a memorial service following.

In addition to her parents, uncle, cousin and fiance, Ms. Smith is survived by another uncle, William Malinowski of Essex; a brother, Steven Rittenour of Fredericksburg, Va.; two sisters, Jamie Rittenour of Warren, Ohio, and Cindy Rittenour, also of Fredericksburg; and numerous other cousins.

HONORING BARBARA KIM-HAGEMANN AS FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE AS STATE COMMANDER IN ANY MAJOR NEW JERSEY VETERANS ORGANIZATION

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Kim-Hagemann, who recently made history by being the first woman elected to the position of State Commander in any major New Jersey veterans organization.

Barbara has dedicated her career to serving her country and the veteran community in New Jersey. She served in the U.S. Army for eight years as an illustrator deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After being discharged from the Army, Barbara attended Georgian Court College, and later began her work serving New Jersey's veterans. Barbara first started out with the Ocean County Veterans Affairs in Toms River, where she worked with veterans and their families to help them secure health care and disability benefits.

After joining the Jackson, NJ VFW Post 4703, Barbara became the first female Post Commander in Ocean County, and later became the first female District Commander. She has also served on a number of VFW state committees, including the Legislative Committee, in an effort to advocate for veterans, military personnel and families. Barbara has remained a leader in the veterans com-

munity in our area, coordinating the Ocean County Veterans Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Toy Drive, working as an instructor at the Marine Corps ROTC Leadership and Character Development Academy at Fort Dix, and serving as the Grand Marshal for the Point Pleasant Memorial Day Parade and Toms River Veterans Day Parade.

For her years of service to the veterans community in New Jersey, Barbara was recognized twice by the New Jersey State Assembly, and was inducted into the Jackson Township Hall of Fame. On June 22, 2019, Barbara was installed as the State Commander of the New Jersey VFW, becoming the first female to ever hold that position.

The importance of the work that Barbara has done throughout her career to help the veterans community in New Jersey cannot be understated. After serving in the U.S. Army, Barbara returned home and went to work to make sure that other servicemembers returning home received quality care and resources to live a comfortable life.

I would like to thank Barbara for the incredible work she has done over the years, and I look forward to working with her as the first female State Commander of a major New Jersey veterans organization.

**SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint commit-

tees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**JULY 17**

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office.

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**JULY 23**

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcement of the antitrust laws.

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