

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

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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

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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

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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

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