

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING ELLEN CRAIN OF BUTTE

#### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellen Crain of Butte for her 29 years of service as the Director of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives and for transforming the public archives into a renowned source of research and community pride.

Ellen, a native of Butte, began her work as director of the archives in 1990. She immediately set out to acquire additional collections of historical documents, maps, books, and articles. Outgrowing their current location, the old Butte Fire Station No. 1, Ellen led an expansion project in 2007. Butte-Silver Bow voters overwhelmingly supported her efforts and passed a \$7.5 million bond for the archives.

The project included the renovation of the historic fire department station that had been home to the archives since 1981, and an expansion of two archival vaults and a community meeting space.

Under Ellen's leadership, the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives has become a recognized source for research. Approximately 5,000 academic and family historians visit each year from all over the world. The community room is a busy place with bi-weekly brown bag lunches attracting large audiences and well-known speakers. Outreach efforts include workshops on preserving family archives and connecting with various ethnic populations in the community.

"Butte has had such a historic impact" said Ellen. "Much of the copper that electrified the country came from Butte. Hand-in-hand with that is the historic contributions to organized labor from a diverse ethnic population. It is such an honor for me and my staff to represent Butte. We are always uncovering new ways to look at old stories."

Madam Speaker, for her leadership and dedication to preserving Montana's historic impact on the country and the world, I recognize Ellen Crain for her spirit of Montana.

### IN HONOR OF NATIONAL SUNGLASSES DAY

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Sunglasses Day and the importance of eye protection in the summer and throughout the year.

Unprotected exposure to UV rays may lead to serious vision problems including short-term issues such as sensitivity to light, trouble seeing, sunburn of the eyes or eyelids, irritated eyes, and red or swollen eyes—in addition to

serious long-term issues. Thankfully, this damage can be prevented. Manufacturers and suppliers in Texas and around the country that provide sunglasses with UVA/UVB protective lenses are helping to equip Americans to protect their eyes.

In the case of eye care, prevention through protection is critical. As a physician, I commend the Vision Council for its work to educate Americans on the importance of healthy vision. On National Sunglasses Day, we are reminded that everyone can take easy steps to protect our eyes.

### INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION (IMSA)

#### HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, since the 1940s, Daytona Beach has been the premiere destination for auto racing.

Fifty years ago, Bill France, Sr. and John and Peggy Bishop laid a foundation that today supports one of the most prominent auto racing organizations in the world—the International Motor Sports Association. What began as a sanctioning body for a Formula Ford and Formula Vee race at Pocono Raceway has grown to become an international powerhouse specializing in world-class sports car competition.

This year, IMSA, based in Daytona Beach, turns 50. It comes from humble beginnings. The IMSA started as a race with fewer than 330 attendees has expanded by leaps and bounds over the last 50 years now boasts some of the largest attendance numbers in its history.

Here in my district, we understand the excitement and the benefits of our car racing. IMSA has been an important piece of our community, debuting its Grand-Am road racing circuit in 2000 at Daytona.

This year, the IMSA will lead seven motorsports platforms and deliver live coverage to racing fans all over the world.

It's an honor to recognize the IMSA and their contributions to our district and the racing community. I'd like to congratulate them on 50 years worth being proud of. Here's to many more.

### IN SUPPORT OF THE SHERRILL AMENDMENT NO. 191 TO H.R. 3055

#### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, today I rise today in support of the en-bloc amendment, and to thank the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee Chair-

woman, Ms. McCOLLUM, for including the Sherrill Amendment No. 191 in the en-bloc package.

My amendment ensures that the EPA will continue to provide adequate funding, \$8 million, for the Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research Centers.

The Children's Centers have made profound contributions to our scientific understanding of how exposures to chemicals and pollutants uniquely impact children and pregnant women. Researchers working in the Children's Centers study how environmental exposures are linked to adverse health outcomes such as poor birth outcomes, behavioral and learning deficits, respiratory issues, and childhood cancers.

All children deserve a healthy environment where they can grow and thrive. It is imperative that we support the research necessary to understand how our environment impacts children and families' health and wellbeing.

I am concerned that the grants that currently fund thirteen Children's Centers are set to expire in July and that no announcement has been made to indicate renewed funding. To ensure that these valuable programs can continue, I am offering an amendment and asking the House of Representative to vote in strong support of the Children's Centers and their important work.

I thank Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee Chairwoman McCOLLUM and Ranking Member JOYCE for their leadership in adopting this important provision.

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

SPEECH OF

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

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

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Chair, as many of bridges across the nation are reaching the end of their useful lives, it is important for the Department to prioritize funding for the design of new structures needed to replace these out of date and outmoded bridges. This is most critical for bridges that constitute essential components of evacuation routes, such as our two Cape Cod bridges. When these structures are owned by the United States Government, we have both a legal and a moral responsibility to ensure that they are adequate to the demands put upon them.

In my district, nearly 250,000 of my constituents live on the peninsula of Cape Cod and the Islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. In the event of an emergency, these citizens' only available evacuation route is

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over the Cape Cod Canal bridges. The Canal bridges were completed in 1935 and 1938. They were constructed for the age of the Model T, and not the age of the SUV.

The Canal bridges are now insufficient for the needs of the Cape and Islands community. The lanes on the bridges are too narrow, and do not reflect current federal highway standards. They lack a breakdown lane that could be used for additional road space in an emergency. With the Canal bridges in their current state on a busy summer weekend, the traffic can back up for miles. During an evacuation scenario, this congestion would be far worse and pose a real risk to public safety.

The Cape Cod Canal bridges have reached the end of their useful lives, and modern replacements for them will be needed within the next several years. Replacement bridges must be designed soon so that the United States Government can live up to its responsibility to provide transit for Cape Cod residents and visitors over the Cape Cod Canal—especially in the event of an emergency.

The Canal bridges, and projects like them across the nation, need funding to support them through the costly design phase. Without designs in hand, it is impossible for transportation planners to precisely estimate the scope of work and costs of replacing this aging infrastructure so they can move forward towards construction. That is why my amendment is so important not only for our community, but communities like ours around the country.

HONORING JOHN JOSEPH  
MANFREDI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember John Joseph Manfredi for his lifelong belief in and staunch commitment to exceptional public service.

Born in Washington, DC, Mr. Manfredi received his undergraduate degree in business finance and economics from the University of Maryland. He earned his law degree from the American University School of Law in 1970 and earned a master's degree in tax law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1974. Mr. Manfredi began his almost 50-year career in public service at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Counsel Office and its Internal Revenue Service predecessor. From 1999 to 2003, he served as Chief Counsel for ATF. Mr. Manfredi was integral to the founding of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). He served TTB as the Deputy Administrator before being appointed to the Administrator of the Bureau in 2005.

Mr. Manfredi was widely respected for his knowledge, fairness, and honesty by his colleagues and those he worked with in the industry he regulated. He helped write many alcohol laws when he served as Counsel for ATF and retained the information about those laws. He was a fair man and was always willing to listen. Mr. Manfredi was an honorable man of character who valued honesty and demonstrated that value. Mr. Manfredi was recognized for his important work with the Meritorious and Distinguished Presidential

Rank Awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Madam Speaker, John Joseph Manfredi was a dedicated public servant who held the sincere belief in the good of public service. He inspired his coworkers and was a friend and mentor to all who knew him and a devoted family man to his wife, children, and grandchildren. It is therefore fitting and proper that we remember the life and honor the service of John Joseph Manfredi here today.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USCGC "MACKINAW" IN CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 75th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw*, based out of Cheboygan, Michigan.

The original Icebreaker *Mackinaw* (WAGB-83) was constructed during World War II to facilitate winter shipping over the Great Lakes and maintain year-round war-time production of steel. Cheboygan served as her home port as she played this critical role. After more than 62 years of outstanding service facilitating commerce in support of the economy and security of the entire nation, the original *Mackinaw* was decommissioned in 2006 and replaced with the USCGC *Mackinaw* (WLBB-30). Performing the same critical icebreaking role as her namesake, the *Mackinaw* also serves year-round as an Aids to Navigation ship and conducts law enforcement, search and rescue, and environmental emergency response missions. Its unique design makes it exceptionally maneuverable and capable of breaking smooth ice up to 42 inches thick. Since the first ship was launched 75 years ago, the impact of the *Mackinaw* on economy and security of Michigan and the entire country cannot be overstated.

The anniversary celebration for the *Mackinaw* will take place as a part of the 8th Annual Michigan Waterways festival, a 4-day community celebration of the Michigan Inland Waterway and Northern Michigan, running from June 27th to the 30th.

Madam Speaker, the celebration of the 8th Annual Waterways Festival is the perfect opportunity for us to appreciate the history and service of the USCGC *Mackinaw* and her crew. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important vessel. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the *Mackinaw*, her crew, and the city of Cheboygan all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday June 26, 2019, I wasn't able to vote due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 415; NAY on Roll Call No. 416; YEA on Roll Call No. 417; YEA on Roll Call No. 418; and YEA on Roll Call No. 419.

COMMANDER JAMES B. MILLS

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, this week, I welcomed to my office a family of constituents in town to celebrate the life and legacy of a fallen war hero at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Geiger family traveled here to honor the life of their relative Commander James B. Mills, who died more than 50 years ago while serving in the Navy.

Commander Mills' plane disappeared from radar just past midnight on September 21, 1966. No distress call was heard, no one saw the plane go down, and extensive aerial searches yielded no clues as to what happened to Commander Mills and his copilot James Bauder.

For more than 50 years, Commander Mills' family had no closure on his loss, until about a year ago when his remains were found off the coast of Vietnam.

This week, Commander Mills was honored with a burial at the Arlington National Cemetery attended by more than 300 people who came to celebrate his life and finally put Commander Mills to rest in his home country as the hero he is. Commander Mills and his loved ones have found peace at last.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

HON. STACEY E. PLASKETT

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, as Americans begin many of the pastimes of summer that are quintessentially American—baseball, backyard barbecues, family road trips—Caribbean Americans spend the month of June reflecting on their contributions and melded cultures in the United States.

Congress adopted H. Con. Res. 71 which established the Caribbean American Heritage month, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2006. "Whereas people of Caribbean heritage are found in every State of the Union . . ." is the first line of the U.S. House of Representatives' resolution to establish a Caribbean American Heritage month. While the Act establishing Caribbean American Heritage month emphasized the present influence of Caribbean Americans, American history would not be complete without the integration and support of Caribbean people. From America's founding to the present, Caribbean people have supported and assisted in the creation of a collective American identity—the articulation of the nation's rightful place in the world, its traditions, its language and cultural style.

Despite being ostracized and alienated by many of his contemporaries for his Caribbean

roots—but for Alexander Hamilton's contribution to our military, creation of our banking system and assistance in drafting the Constitution—our country would not be as strong today as it is. From American Revolution Haitian gens de couleur libre (free men of color) fighting troops, slave revolt leader Denmark Vessey to Colin Powell's shock and awe doctrine, the Caribbean emphasis on revolutionary and righteous principles enforced through martial force.

The Caribbean is a melting pot of different races, cultures, ethnicities, and languages; it is the southern reflection of the American experience. Caribbean Americans like all who come to this country desire to make themselves and this country better.

DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW  
MORENO

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of a fallen Deputy Sheriff, Matthew Moreno.

A resident of Trinidad, Colorado, Matthew proudly served his community as a full-time Deputy Sheriff in Las Animas County. He also worked part-time as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the Trinidad Ambulance District. In Matthew's free time, he volunteered as a firefighter—quickly rising to the rank of Fire Captain.

On December 12, 2018, Matthew was struck by an impaired driver while responding to a domestic disturbance call. Tragically, he did not survive the accident.

Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our police, fire fighters, and first responders, especially our fallen heroes. Matthew's commitment to serving others exceeded expectations, and his willingness to put his life on the line to protect others will never be forgotten. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my deepest gratitude for Matthew's service and deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire community that undoubtedly feels his loss.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the life of Deputy Sheriff Matthew Moreno for his commitment to family, community, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE CUMBERLAND  
CONTAINER CORPORATION'S 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cumberland Container Corporation in honor of its 50th anniversary.

A time-honored mainstay of Putnam County, Cumberland Container Corporation was granted its corporate charter by the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1968. Nine months later, this company planted its roots in a 6,000-square-foot building in Monterey, Ten-

nessee. At its commencement, this company served the area by providing manufacturing containers and packaging materials to local businesses with nothing more than four pieces of used equipment and six employees.

Cumberland Container Corporation was dedicated to its belief in efficiently supplying local companies. Although times proved to be tough at the beginning, this company persevered and demonstrated the brilliance of this concept through consistent customer growth over the last five decades.

Fast forward to this year, Cumberland Container Corporation is currently operating in a 260,000-square-foot building on over 18 acres of land. By current count, Cumberland Container Corporation now employs 85 associates and owns a vast assortment of machinery for its production and logistical needs.

To my House colleagues here today, I hope that you will join me in recognizing the Cumberland Container Corporation for their longstanding service to the community. It is the hardworking nature of this company and its employees that truly reflect exactly what it means to be a Tennessean.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
DR. EDWARD J. LUKOMSKI AT  
PATHWAYS, INC.

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Dr. Edward J. Lukomski to Pathways, Inc. and congratulate him on his retirement.

For the last sixteen years, Dr. Ed Lukomski has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pathways, Inc. which provides services to two thousand people in fifteen counties. Pathways, Inc. is a not-for-profit human service organization offering in-home, community, and foster care services to youth with serious emotional disturbances, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and chronic medical conditions. Under Ed's leadership, Pathways has grown exponentially, not only in services and programs offered, but also geographically in their area of service coverage. Ed's dedication and hard work has ensured the expansion of opportunities for youths in need of aid, and for that we must commend him.

To recognize his outstanding service, Pathways will be dedicating their Broad Street facility in Horseheads, New York, in his honor. The newly renamed "Lukomski Center" will stand as a fitting tribute to Ed's legacy as Pathways continues his work to expand services to youths in need.

As Ed moves forward with the next chapter of his life, we applaud his tireless efforts to help youth in our communities and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Ed Lukomski and his extraordinary career.

COLONEL SETH KRUMMRICH RE-  
LINQUISHES COMMAND OF THE  
FORT IRWIN GARRISON

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of U.S. Army Colonel Seth Krummrich, who will relinquish command of the Fort Irwin Garrison on June 27, 2019. Colonel Krummrich is leaving for his next duty assignment as the Chief of Staff, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT) at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

Since Colonel Krummrich assumed command of the Fort Irwin Garrison, I have been impressed by his hard work on behalf of the Army. During his command, Colonel Krummrich oversaw the completion of Weed Army Community Hospital, a \$211 million improvement designed to bring medical facilities at the garrison into the 21st century. In addition to the successful completion of the hospital, Colonel Krummrich has worked closely with my staff and I on several proposed projects to further improve Fort Irwin and better support the Army's critical training mission. While these projects were not completed during his tenure, his hard work has laid the foundation for their future success.

In addition to thanking Colonel Krummrich for his service at Fort Irwin, I would also like to recognize his outstanding military career. Colonel Krummrich is a combat veteran with numerous deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, including participating in the initial invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 as a member of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His service on the battlefield is complimented by his impressive educational background, where he was most recently a senior Military Fellow at Stanford University. While I wish him the best at SOCCENT, I will miss the passion, energy, and determination that he brought to the Fort Irwin Garrison.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, I was unable to be in Washington and missed roll call votes No. 403 "Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 460—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2722—Securing America's Federal Elections Act and of the bill H.R. 3351—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020," No. 404 "Adoption of H. Res. 460—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2722—Securing America's Federal Elections Act and of the bill H.R. 3351—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020," No. 405 "Banks (R-IN)—Amendment No. 251—Reduces amounts made available in Division E, Other than amounts made available to the Department of Defense by 14 percent," and No. 406 "Jayapal (D-WA)—Amendment No. 268—Reallocates \$1,000,000

to fund transitional housing and homelessness services.” Had I been present, I would have voted “NO, NO, YES, NO” on these bills, respectively.

IN HONOR OF W.S. EVERETT

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Wilson Spencer “W.S.” Everett of Glasgow, Kentucky. Mr. Everett was a proud patriot throughout his life, serving in the Kentucky National Guard and the United States Army during the Korean War.

For the last 30 years, Mr. Everett dedicated his time to honor the legacies of his fellow soldiers, whether through his involvement with the Glasgow chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, or his regular participation with the Chapter 20 Color Guard. Mr. Everett also designed two memorials in my district: the Hiseville Veterans Memorial and the Glasgow-Barren County Veterans Wall of Honor. His dedication to this endeavor was so great that even in his final days, Mr. Everett went to the Wall of Honor to install the final veteran’s title.

Today, I join with Mr. Everett’s family in remembering the legacy that he left behind. He is truly an American patriot that strived to live his life in honor of each fold of the flag and I am grateful for his service not only to the country, but also to his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to celebrate Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church’s 100th Anniversary and recognize it for its numerous contributions to the greater Kansas City area. I am truly honored to have this house of worship and pillar of faith in my Congressional District.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is in Kansas City’s historic 18th and Vine District, a neighborhood critical to the life and development of the African American community. In the 1920s, 18th and Vine began to grow, becoming a creative hub of African American culture and shaping the future of Kansas City for the better. Founded in 1919, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church was crucial to this cultural renaissance. Churches throughout this period were centers of community and support. They provided members hope and encouragement in the face of seemingly hopeless challenges like inequality, discrimination, and segregation. For a century, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church has been a vehicle for social justice and change within Kansas City’s African American community.

Today, churches continue to be a keeper of cultural tradition, a center of storytelling, and the core of African American community. As writer Shauntae Brown White wrote, “Story-

telling that connects is an act of resonance that fulfills the second tenant of Afrocentric discourse, creating harmony in the midst of chaos.” For the past 100 years, the congregation of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church has produced some of the brightest leaders, innovators, thinkers, and artists in Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District.

Today, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church serves as a spiritual anchor within the Kansas City community. The church transforms the lives of its members for the better, unites people of all ages and supports them as they seek to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. For the past thirty-three years, Pastor L. Henderson Bell has led the church to be a house of hope for those facing adversity in the community. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church not only is a center of spiritual development but a hub of service in its community, embodying James 2:17’s assertion that, “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” The church serves the poor and marginalized members of the community by reaching out to them and providing educational opportunities, Bible study classes, health and scholarship trainings, and programs for music and dance.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist has been and continues to be an advocate for the underserved and a champion of the faithful in Kansas City. Its century worth of contributions to the soul of Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District are worthy of praise and recognition. Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating and honoring Pastor L. Henderson Bell and the congregation of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, both past and present, for achieving this milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday June 26, 2019, I wasn’t able to vote due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on rollcall No. 420; Yea on rollcall No. 421; Yea on rollcall No. 422; Yea on rollcall No. 423, and Nay on rollcall No. 424.

HONORING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS OF TIFFIN

### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding work of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Tiffin, Ohio, who are marking 150 years of selfless service to others.

The Tiffin Franciscans were founded by Father Joseph L. Bihn and Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer (Sister Mary Francis) in the wake of the Civil War to care for the needs of orphans and the elderly. The work of the sisters continues to be rooted in the words of Matthew’s Gospel: “Whatever you did to one of the least of these My brethren, you did to Me.”

Throughout the years, the sisters have devoted themselves to the Franciscan values of

caring for the poor and for all of God’s creation. Dedicated to spreading the message of the Gospel, they have served countless people through their evangelization, education, child care, foster care, and other vital ministries designed to meet the needs of the Tiffin community and far beyond.

Madam Speaker, the Sisters of Saint Francis are marking their sesquicentennial with events and commemorations throughout the year. On behalf of the people of Ohio’s Fourth Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades to them as they celebrate this milestone. They have my best wishes and my thanks for their tireless service to others.

HONORING JAMES SCORDO FOR OVER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CREDO COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTIONS

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James “Jim” Scordo for over three decades of service to the North Country as Executive Director of Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions.

Jim Scordo has shepherded the community center through good and bad times since 1988 when he helped the center recover from a devastating fire. Jim sought help from his community and graciously raised over \$175,000 dollars to rebuild. When the community center opened its substance abuse outpatient clinic, he was named its first Executive Director. Since then, countless North Country residents have found help overcoming addiction and there are many families in Jefferson County and beyond that are grateful to Jim, his staff, and volunteers for their loved one’s health and wellbeing.

The hands on, local efforts of Credo Community Center and similar centers throughout the country is crucial in the broader fight against the opioid epidemic. Communities need dedicated leadership to ensure that those services remain consistently available for those who need them most. On behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District, I want to thank Jim for his leadership and service to the North Country and wish him the best in the next chapter.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND HOTEL’S DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Grand Hotel upon the occasion of its 30th anniversary as a National Historic Landmark. Through its extraordinary history, cultural significance, and commitment to excellence, the Grand Hotel has become an indispensable part of Michigan’s First District.

The National Historic Landmark system was created in 1935 to recognize structures that are of outstanding historical significance, icons of ideals that shaped the nation, and pristine examples of design or construction. There is no other landmark more deserving of this designation than the Grand Hotel. First opened in 1887, the hotel was created to serve as a retreat for vacationers looking to enjoy summer on Lake Huron. Over the next 132 years, the Grand Hotel would grow to become not only a beloved part of Michigan, but a prominent feature in popular culture and premier destination for visitors from around the world. Its unique design has been widely acclaimed, and its world's-largest 660-foot porch has been enjoyed by everyone from John F. Kennedy and Gerald Ford to Thomas Edison and Mark Twain. The National Park Service designated the hotel as a National Historic Landmark in 1989, citing its historic architecture and representation of the American dream of a "summer place." Today, its role as a summer place remains stronger than ever for thousands of guests to Mackinac Island every year.

Madam Speaker, the celebration of the Grand Hotel's 30th anniversary as a National Historic Landmark is the perfect opportunity for us to appreciate its unique history, cultural impact, and significance to Mackinac Island, Michigan, and the United States. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such an important landmark. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Grand Hotel all the best in its future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADITION OF THE DOOR COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of the Door County Dairy Breakfast, held in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

The Dairy Breakfast is an iconic Door County tradition that provides the community an opportunity to learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, learn about the dairy industry, and enjoy delicious Door County coffee and pancakes.

I am grateful to the Sevastopol Future Farmers of America Alumni Association for organizing the 38th Annual Dairy Breakfast in Door County. Their work to recruit sponsors and volunteers is integral to the success of this terrific event. Throughout the year, the Sevastopol FFA Alumni Association provides educational opportunities to the community to increase awareness of Wisconsin's dairy industry and the products produced by area dairy farmers. All proceeds from the Door County Dairy Breakfast go toward scholarships for current FFA high school seniors.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of the Door County Dairy Breakfast to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Sevastopol FFA Alumni Association and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE

#### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Stephen's Community House.

Located in the heart of my district, St. Stephen's Community House is a sanctuary of education, development, and faith serving the Linden Community for 100 years.

Today, under the leadership of CEO, Marilyn Mehaffie; LaTisha Addo, Director of Family Services; and Kristin Giger, Director of Youth Services, St. Stephen's provides services for residents of all ages, ranging from infant mortality initiatives and early childcare programs to vital family and senior services including sustainability efforts and eliminating food deserts.

Even after a century, St. Stephen's Community House's mission of dedicated service to the families of the Linden community continues to thrive, and for that the entire Third Congressional District of Ohio is forever grateful.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT HOME RULE ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board), except when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to a chancery. The Board issues special exceptions, or variances, to the regulations issued by the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). This bill does not alter the authority of the Board.

Like every other jurisdiction in the United States, the District should be free to set its own local land-use policies. As the District continues to contend with rapid population growth and economic development, it is more important than ever that the members of the Board are accountable to District residents and local elected officials.

Under current law, in general, the Board consists of a representative each from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission, each of whom may be a federal official, and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The Board has no authority over federal property.

Under current law, when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to the location, expansion or replacement of a chancery, the Board consists of the Executive Director of NCPC; the Director of the National Park Service, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of General Services, as designated by the President; and

the three mayoral appointees. This bill does not change this composition.

This is an important step to recognize and increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MS. SADIE NELSON

#### HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sadie Pike Nelson from Virginia's 10th Congressional District for her 70th birthday on June 24, 2019. Ms. Nelson is an active member within the 10th Congressional District which includes her accomplishments within the Frederick County School system, United Methodist Women, and Winchester Lioness Lions Club.

I commend Ms. Nelson on her lifetime pursuit of community activism. After moving to Winchester, VA in 1980, Ms. Nelson became a teacher with the special education program at the Robert E. Aylor Middle School, where she taught for 25 years. She then became the Assistant Principal for Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School for seven years before retiring with 32 years in education all together. Ms. Nelson was the first African American Administrator in the history of Frederick County Public Schools.

Ms. Nelson joined the John Mann United Methodist Church in 1985. She is presently the Administrative Chairman of the church council, President of the United Methodist Women, and President of the Usher Board. She has also served as the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Winchester District of United Methodist Women for a total of five years. Outside of the church, Ms. Nelson was the first African American to be invited to join the Winchester Lioness Club where she served as president in 2005, 2006, 2011, 2018, and 2019. Through this organization she strives to make a difference in women's lives with philanthropies that include ownership of a two-year woman's college and five programs that provide higher educational assistance through scholarships and loans for women to continue their education.

Ms. Nelson is also the proud mother of one daughter, proud grandmother of four granddaughters, and proud great-grandmother of a set of twin great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and applauding Ms. Sadie Pike Nelson on her accomplishments and wish her the best for her 70th birthday celebration.

#### RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT STANLEY NANCE

#### HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Stanley Nance.

In May 1944, 1,100 U.S. military men joined ranks to form what would be called "the Ghost Army."

Composed largely of artists, this unit had unusual orders: not to avoid detection by enemy forces, but to actively attract attention through an ingenious optical illusion.

One of them was Staff Sergeant Stanley Nance, signal Company Special of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops.

The Ghost Army's tactics were to impersonate other Allied units, using inflatable tanks and jeeps made of sticks and burlap, to make the enemy believe that large factions of soldiers were on Omaha Beach and surrounding areas, after D-Day.

Massive speakers were mounted to the back of military vehicles, blasting the ambient noises of a much larger unit. They sounded like they were coming from the battlefield, but in fact had been recorded months before in fort Knox, Kentucky.

Kept a secret until 1985, the story of the Ghost Army and those in its ranks serves as a heroic tale of young Americans' bold actions to defend freedom.

Decades later, Staff Sergeant Nance's great-granddaughter, Madeline Christianson, told his story through a history project, which recently won the World War II History Award at the National History Competition. Her project is an amazing re-creation of a story of skill, courage and triumph—unique in the annals of history.

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day 2019, we honor two extraordinary generations of Utahns—the soldier who helped defeat tyranny during World War II, and his great-granddaughter who is keeping the story of heroism alive.

#### SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT NO. 35 TO H.R. 3055

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment numbered 35 to Division A of H.R. 3055 to direct the National Institutes of Standards and Technologies to establish standards for pyrrhotite in concrete aggregate. Pyrrhotite is a mineral that unfortunately has been mixed into concrete aggregate and is widespread in concrete foundations and residential commercial municipal buildings in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and parts of Quebec, Canada, that after exposure to moisture, causes the material to premature crumbling and collapse because of rusting.

Estimates are as high as thousands of structures in the New England region are affected with crumbling foundations, causing catastrophic losses to homeowners and municipalities. By establishing standards for pyrrhotite content, NIST could mitigate the problem from occurring in other areas, or at least reduce the costs of mitigation.

Right now, any level of pyrrhotite is considered a cancer on a property and makes it unmarketable. This amendment would allocate \$4 million from the NIST general operations funds towards pyrrhotite research, which my office and others have been discussing over

the last year. The amendment would require NIST to research the best testing methods for pyrrhotite detection, as well as to develop a pyrrhotite risk rating scale. This amendment would utilize the world's leading researchers to mitigate the cost of this problem. In addition, my amendment requests that NIST work with leading academic institutions in this area to expedite this research process—including expediting the procurement process for obtaining concrete samples, should NIST need to utilize core samples containing pyrrhotite to conduct this research.

I urge adoption of this en-bloc package, and I want to thank Mr. ADERHOLT and Mr. SERRANO for their kind support for this measure.

#### HONORING SPECIAL AGENT MICHAEL WILLIAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Special Agent Michael Williams for his 32 years of dedicated service to Alabama as a member of the United States Secret Service. He concludes his distinguished career as the Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service Birmingham Field Office, where he has had executive oversight over operations in Alabama and Mississippi since 2016.

Special Agent Williams is a native of Birmingham and a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He joined the Secret Service in 1985 and over the span of his career has been recognized for investigative excellence, including receiving the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

In 1996, he was assigned to the Presidential Protective Division in Washington, D.C. where he protected President William J. Clinton and President George W. Bush. He was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Protective Intelligence Division in 2001.

Special Agent Williams was able to come home in 2003, when he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Field Office.

He returned to Washington, D.C. in 2005 where he served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division. In October 2008, he was promoted to the Special Agent in Charge of the Columbia, South Carolina Field Office.

In January 2013, he once again found his way to D.C. when he was promoted into the Senior Executive Service where he served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Protective Intelligence and Assessment Division. In this capacity, he had executive oversight for protective intelligence, threat assessments and the Secret Service behavioral analysis program. In 2015, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant Director in the Secret Service Office of Protective Operations. He ensured that the President, the First Lady and all protected persons, places and events received the highest level of security based on threats and vulnerabilities.

Throughout his career, Special Agent Williams has also served the community volunteering for a number of organizations, includ-

ing the Big Brother program, Boys/Girls Club and Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity and received UAB's Outstanding Alumni Award. He is married to Angela Bryant-Williams and they have a son, Bryant Michael Williams.

I am grateful to Special Agent Williams for his 32 years of service to this country and wish him well in retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 24, 2019 I unfortunately missed evening votes due to a flight delay. I also missed a vote on June 25th. 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; YEA on Roll Call No. 402; and YEA on Roll Call No. 411.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN WEEKS

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of longtime Kentuckian Mr. John Weeks and to wish him well in his retirement.

For over 40 years, John has provided legal counsel in the commonwealth of Kentucky be it to the Courier Journal daily newspaper, WHAS TV and radio, Standard Gravure, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky, and—since 1992—Delta Dental of Kentucky. In 2000, he became Vice President and General Counsel and in that capacity has been responsible for legal affairs and legal compliance including insurance regulation, HIPAA, employment law, federal requirements, and government relations for the company at both the state and federal level.

Prior to his successful legal career, John served this great county in the United States Navy submarine and intelligence branches. And continued to help other veterans—serving on the board of the Kentucky chapter of USA Cares, a veterans support organization.

I was able to work directly with John from time to time and enjoyed getting to know him and his family well. I'm sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Lynda, and their children and grandchildren. I would like to formally congratulate John on his retirement and wish him luck in this next chapter.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL DOUGLAS B. GUTTORMSEN

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Colonel Douglas B. Guttormsen is retiring as the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers Kansas City District Commander. He has diligently served in this role for three years.

After earning degrees from The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the University of Missouri at Rolla, the National Defense University and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Colonel Guttormsen went on to lead engineering battalions across the United States and around the world. In addition to these assignments, he served in combat operations in Iraq and the Republic of Korea.

As Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District, Colonel Guttormsen oversaw many military and civil works projects throughout the District. From overseeing construction projects at the region's many military installations to ensuring our levees and dams are structurally sound, Colonel Guttormsen ably led an office with diverse mandates and responsibilities. Although his resume boasts many accomplishments, Colonel Guttormsen's work to maintain the superiority of the Emergency Operations Center, which plays a vital role in responding to natural disasters whenever and wherever they may occur, is most impressive.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Guttormsen is a true professional and has exhibited remarkable leadership during his time as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District Commander. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing him well in the days to come.

#### KEEP MAIL SAFE ACT

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention the growing mail theft crime in the United States that is known as mail fishing. Mail fishing is the process in which thieves "fish" mail out of blue collection boxes. Specifically, criminals use a contraption as simple as a string connected to a sticky substance to "fish" out envelopes from these mailboxes, then open the letters to steal people's personal information such as bank, credit card, and Social Security numbers. Tragically, this has resulted in many incidents of identity theft and bank fraud.

In the last year alone, there were 3,000 incidents of mail fishing in New York City. These criminals also engage in check washing to rewrite the name of the payee and/or the amount. Many of my constituents became victims of bank fraud, some losing thousands of dollars, as a result of having their mail fished. That is why, in 2017, I made the push to have the United States Postal Service retrofit all standard mail collection boxes in Queens, NY. Currently, 77 percent of these mailboxes in Queens have been retrofitted. As a result, mail fishing crimes have significantly decreased in Queens. However, as only some mail collection boxes are retrofitted, mail fishing crime shifts to regions without this security feature.

Madam Speaker, it is unacceptable that our constituents cannot safely leave their mail in the United States Postal Service mail collection boxes.

This is why I am introducing the "Keep Mail Safe Act". This bill would require the Post-

master General to conduct a study on retrofitting all standard mail collection boxes in the United States with narrow mail slots. Retrofitting all mail boxes would deter and prevent incidents of mail fishing, ensure the security of our constituents' mail, and restore their trust in utilizing the United States Postal Service.

As mail fishing incidents are on the rise, our diligence in protecting our constituent's mail is more important than ever. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in the fight against mail fishing.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, I was unable to be in Washington and missed roll call votes No. 411 "King, Steve (R-IA)—Amendment No. 3—Strikes the section 126 of the underlying bill which prohibits the use of funds from the Department of the Treasury's Forfeiture Fund to plan, design, construct or carry out a project to construct a southern Border Wall or barrier along the southern border of the US," No. 412 "Norton (D-DC) Amendment No. 4—Prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to relocate the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or the Economic Research Service outside the National Capital Region," No. 413 "Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 3401," No. 414 "Passage of H.R. 3401—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019." Had I been present, I would have voted "YES, NO, YES, NO" on these bills, respectively.

#### NATIONAL LOGISTICS DAY—JUNE 28TH

#### HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge you to designate June 28th as National Logistics Day. For centuries, the logistics industry has connected our world and our nation one shipment at a time. The logistics industry is a prime example of success not only in the United States, but also globally. The field of logistics employs over 50 million people around the world, 5 million of those being proud American citizens.

This year, Logistics Plus, a flourishing company proudly founded and based in Erie, Pennsylvania, requests that June 28th be proclaimed National Logistics Day. Along with being routinely regarded as a thriving contributor in the logistics industry, Logistics Plus, a global logistics company, has generated hundreds of valuable careers in Pennsylvania's 16th district. Since its establishment in 1996, Logistics Plus and its founder, Jim Berlin, have spread award-winning business solutions to their numerous locations worldwide.

The logistics industry is a prominent model of the success, achievement, and prosperity that American businesses and corporations

strive for daily. Often, the current administration speaks on the importance of business and commercial activity in the United States and global community. Logistics Plus and the Logistics industry overall is an outstanding representation of the continuous economic growth, with approximately eight percent of products made and sold in the U.S. being attributed to logistics. The third-party logistics industry (3PL), which aids in business management of supply chains, represents an \$800 billion industry on its own. The national logistics industry connects and unites the country by aiding in the transportation of more than 13 billion tons of freight domestically by means of roads, sea, air, and rail.

It is vital that we recognize the dedicated professionals in the logistics industry who unify and strengthen our world community through safe, reliable, and affordable transportation and storage services. National Logistics Day on June 28th serves as an annual show of appreciation and recognition to the industry, which has contributed to our national and global economies. I urge this committee to ensure that this sign of commendation to an industry that has demonstrated the value of hard work time and again be granted the national acknowledgement of achievement by declaring June 28th National Logistics Day.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 I inadvertently switched my recorded vote for Roll call No. 345. The vote was on Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 2740 offered by Reps. AMASH and LOFGREN. My intended vote should be noted as a "yea" on roll call 345.

#### HONORING PRIDE MONTH

#### HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss an issue that is rooted in my deeply held religious belief that we are all God's children.

This June, in honor of Pride month, I rise not only to recognize the many contributions of the LGBTQ community, but also to remind my colleagues of the discrimination faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer people.

House Democrats worked together last month to make history by passing the Equality Act and passed the Defense Appropriations bill with a provision to block this Administration's attempts to discriminate against the transgender community and will continue the fight until there is true equality. I know this House will continue to fight and stand up for equality.

This Pride Month, I also want to pay special tribute to LGBTQ people living in fear of deportation.

This Administration's policies of fear and cruelty especially impact already vulnerable



populations. Rest assured, you have someone in Congress working to make our immigration system fair for all, including LGBTQ New Americans.

Happy Pride Month.

### GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as Gun Violence Awareness Month.

So far this year, nearly seven thousand Americans have been killed and almost twice as many injured at the hands of gun violence.

Even more shocking, there have been 190 mass shootings across the country—in Shreveport, Philadelphia, Louisville, and Des Moines just within the last week.

Gun violence is a uniquely American epidemic, but unfortunately, failure to act has also been uniquely American.

Congress failed to act twenty years ago after Columbine, again twelve years ago after Virginia Tech, or after Sandy Hook, the Pulse Nightclub, Las Vegas, or Parkland.

Thankfully, the new Democratic majority has passed the first gun violence prevention bills in a generation.

Whether it's those bills or my SAFER Now Act (H.R. 282), Congress must continue our work "For the People" and act to prevent one more American from falling victim to gun violence.

### HONORING AMERICA'S DAIRY FARMERS DURING NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

#### HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our nation's dairy farmers. Since 1937, the month of June has been set aside to celebrate National Dairy Month.

The dairy industry, and the products it produces, is extremely important to the agricultural sector and hundreds of millions of Americans and consumers around the world. It generates \$38 billion of direct wages for 3 million jobs on 37,000 family-owned dairy farms and related industries.

But times have been tough in recent years with narrow margins and low to no profitability. In fact, this is the fifth consecutive year that we've had low prices, pushing 2,700 dairy farmers out of business in 2018.

That's why USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage Program is so important to the American dairy industry. The Dairy Margin Coverage program will provide farmers with better coverage for lower premiums, including a retro-active start which means our dairy farmers will be able to get help with over 5 months of tough losses.

As we honor the dairy producers in our communities this month, I encourage all of our Hoosier dairy farmers to sign up for their program in order to secure much needed protec-

tion during times of uncertainty. I thank them for their tireless work for the American people.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, community colleges play a critical role in American higher education. There are over 1,000 community colleges across the United States. Nearly 40 percent of undergraduates are enrolled in community colleges. Of these students a large portion are first-generation, low-income college students, and half are students of color. Community colleges indeed play a crucial role in closing our nation's skills gap through education and workforce training. Unfortunately, many of these institutions are often under-resourced. This leaves students without the necessary support to complete their degrees.

Access to college means little without degree completion. Studies show that only 20 percent of full-time community college students graduate after three years and just 35 percent graduate after five years. Research is also clear that students who do not complete a degree are at greater risk of defaulting on their loans.

That is why, today, I am introducing the Community College Student Success Act of 2019, a bill that will help community colleges around the country by giving under-resourced colleges with high percentages of low-income and minority students the necessary funding to develop and implement comprehensive student support services.

First, the Community College Student Success Act would provide academic advising, wherein, advisors will provide ongoing, academic, and personal advising to students including helping to clearly lay out a three-year graduation plan and creating strong transfer pathways for students interested in continuing their education.

Second, this bill would provide academic and career support, wherein, students on academic probation or who have been referred to developmental courses will be required to meet weekly with a tutor. These students will also meet with an on-campus career counselor or participate in career services events at least once a semester to promote career planning and success.

Third, this bill would provide financial support, wherein, students will receive a tuition waiver to cover the gap between the tuition and fees and financial aid. Additionally, students satisfying all the meeting requirements will receive a financial incentive, such as a transportation pass or gas card, at least once per month.

Additionally, the goal of this legislation is to replicate the remarkable and proven success of the Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP)—a program that was created and instituted by the City University of New York (CUNY) in 2007. This program has been found to consistently double the graduation rates of participating students.

Madam Speaker, the Community College Student Success Act of 2019 ultimately seeks to help achieve student success through holistic and student-centered services.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in helping community college students across the nation by providing pathways to upward economic mobility and more opportunities. If Congress truly values the importance of educating our next generation, we must increase our investment in these institutions and the students they serve. Each person deserves a quality education—no matter their background—because education is a civil right.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, I was unable to be in Washington and missed roll call votes No. 407 "Republican Motion to Recommit on H.R. 3055," No. 408 "Passage of H.R. 3055—Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020," No. 409 "Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 462—The rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3401—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019," No. 410 "Adoption of H. Res. 462—The rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3401—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019." Had I been present, I would have voted "YES, NO, NO, NO" on these bills, respectively.

### TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MICHAEL ERIC ENGH, S.J.

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2019*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Michael Eric Engh, S.J., on the occasion of his retirement as President of Santa Clara University, after a decade of extraordinary leadership.

Father Engh was born to Marie and Donald Engh in Los Angeles on December 14, 1949. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1972, and earned his M.A. at Gonzaga University in 1976. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology, in Berkeley, California in 1982 and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in 1987.

Father Engh taught at Loyola Marymount University from 1988 to 2008, became Santa Clara University's 28th President on January 5, 2009, and retires from the Presidency after a most distinguished decade on June 30, 2019.

Father Engh serves on a number of boards, including the Board of Trustees of Boston College; the Board of Directors of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group; the Board of Directors of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities; the Council of Presidents of the



Graduate Theological Union; and the Board of Trustees of Bellarmine College Preparatory.

Since arriving at Santa Clara, Father Engh has led the University in defining its vision and setting the course for the future with a bold plan, Santa Clara 2020. Under his decade of leadership the University's endowment grew to \$926 million in 2019, from \$515 million in 2009. The University also recorded significant student accomplishments and accolades including Rhodes and Fulbright Scholars.

Ten new undergraduate majors were instituted, several Masters programs were launched, and the REAL program for summer research in the College of Arts & Sciences began, among many others, and the Law

School's Intellectual Property Program was ranked fourth by US News in 2019. During Father Engh's tenure the campus was beautified and improved, and many new buildings were opened and facilities modernized, with many more in the process of development.

The era of Father Engh bears the imprimatur of diversity and inclusion. He established the Office for Diversity and Inclusion in 2013 and created the Blue Ribbon Commission on Diversity and Inclusion in 2016, increasing significantly the number of students of color from 45 percent to 51 percent.

Sustainability has been a hallmark of the Engh presidency. He signed the Climate Neutrality Action Plan and established the Office

of Sustainability which grew into the Center for Sustainability with additional staff and programming. His efforts resulted in a deep-seated culture of sustainability across the entire University and ingrained in the community the importance of justice and sustainability.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Father Michael Engh for his superb leadership of Santa Clara University which is not only a jewel in the crown of Jesuit universities but also one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the United States. His remarkable decade as President has strengthened our region, our state of California and he is a great blessing to our nation.