

years. He later held a position at Solvay Process for 11 years. He built a home in Camillus where he and his wife raised four daughters. To this day, Mr. Bordonaro still lives in the home he built.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life of Angelo Bordonaro. As a member of America's greatest generation, Mr. Bordonaro has bravely defended our nation and helped shape the country we live in today. He is a cherished member of the Central New York community and I wish him all the best on his 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF CPL. JOSE
LUIS "SPEEDY" ESPERICUETA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Cpl. Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta.

Cpl. Espericueta was an 18-year law enforcement veteran, most of which was spent with the City of Mission Police Department. He began his career with the San Benito Police Department where he received several accolades including, Police Officer of the Year. He then joined the Mission Police Department as a patrol officer before he was promoted to patrol corporal.

During his career, he was noted for saving two young children who were trapped in a car and for apprehending multiple armed suspects during a home invasion. He also received a Meritorious Service Award after he saved an elderly individual from a burning house. In addition, he was featured on A&E's Live PD and National Geographic's Border Wars.

Cpl. Espericueta is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 21 years, Roberta "Bobbie" De Leon Espericueta, and their two children, Brianna and Joaquin.

It is important to remember that law enforcement officials risk their lives every day for our safety. Cpl. Espericueta's heroic life and career embodies the integrity and servitude of a truly influential community leader and law enforcement official. I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the life of this remarkable and exemplary officer. His legacy will live on through the lives of the many people he helped to protect.

Madam Speaker, I again, recognize Cpl. Espericueta and his heroic service to his community.

COMMENTS ON YOHO AMENDMENT
25 TO H.R. 3055

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. YOHO. Madam Speaker, last week I had amendment number 25 accepted as part of the Commerce Justice Science appropriations package. This amendment increased and decreased the NASA science and research fund by \$1,000,000 in order to highlight the importance of funding research to better understand human development in space in

order to promote future space colonies. However, I would like to clarify that while I think these embryology experiments are of the utmost importance, I do not believe they should be done using human embryos or babies. The intent of this amendment was strictly to highlight the importance of non-human embryology experiments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY
CHIEF DEAN L. MELANSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Deputy Chief Dean L. Melanson, after over three decades of service with the Hyannis Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Melanson's 44 years in the line of duty began in 1975 at the Acton Fire's Auxiliary Department. Later, he joined the Hyannis Fire Department in 1985 as a Fire Prevention Officer and quickly came to assume positions of leadership.

Deputy Chief Melanson is widely recognized as an expert on fire prevention, and over the course of his career, Hyannis transitioned from a small vacation community to a much larger, more urbanized municipality. It was with his knowledge and expertise that greater public work projects were undertaken and completed to accommodate the town's growing population.

Further, as an instructor at the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Barnstable County Fire Academy and in the Fire Sciences Division at Cape Cod Community College, Deputy Chief Melanson helped to shape the training and readiness of the next generation of public servants.

Deputy Chief Melanson has dedicated his life to serving his community, and I wish him many years of well-deserved happiness and more with his family in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dean L. Melanson, Deputy Chief of the Hyannis Fire Department, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his years of dedication to his community.

HONORING ANDRES PONCE
"ANDY" RUIZ, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andres Ponce "Andy" Ruiz, Jr., the first Mexican-American boxer to win the heavyweight title.

Andy Ruiz, Jr. was born and raised in Imperial, California, a city roughly 18 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. Andy began boxing at the age of six with the support of his father, Andres Ruiz, Sr. Despite his skill and resilience, Andy was often judged based on his appearance. He did not let this deter him and quickly became an early standout, achieving a remarkable amateur boxing record of 105–5.

Andy started his professional career at 19 years of age on March 28, 2009, at the Plaza

de Toros in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. Andy had his first opportunity to become the world boxing heavyweight champion in 2016, against Joseph Parker. Unfortunately, he lost the fight by decision, but the loss only furthered his ambitions to continue striving in the world of boxing. On June 1, 2019, Andy learned he could compete for the world heavyweight champion for a second time.

Andy stunned the world by upsetting the previously undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, Anthony Joshua, by technical knockout (TKO) after seven rounds at Madison Square Garden in New York City, New York. This victory made history, declaring Andy to be the first heavyweight champion of Mexican descent and winning the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO heavyweight titles. As of June 6, 2019, Andy Ruiz, Jr., has won a staggering 33 fights with only one loss.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Andy Ruiz, Jr. has worked tirelessly to prove that with hard work, determination, and dedication, we can accomplish anything we set ourselves to do. He has reminded the world that one should not judge a person by their appearance nor judge a book by its cover. It is an honor to recognize a dedicated, ambitious individual who has greatly impacted the world of boxing. Andy has made history, giving young people across our country the hope to achieve anything they set their mind to and for that I stand here today to recognize him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKI
SANCHEZ MEYER

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Nicki Sanchez Meyer, who went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2019.

Although Nicki had only called the City of Hartwell home for eight years, she was a pillar in the Hart County community. As Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Nicki spent five years working tirelessly to promote the businesses and amenities that make Hart County so attractive. Even after retiring from her position as director, Nicki continued to serve her community by working as an economic development specialist for the chamber.

Nicki's attitude of service impacted her community well beyond her economic development work. She devoted her time to volunteering with countless groups, including the Hartwell Service League, Hart Habitat, Hartwell Downtown Development Authority, Northeast Georgia Council for Domestic Violence, and Have a Hope Ministries, just to name a few.

What those around her recall the most was Nicki's love and passion for her community and improving it for future generations. She leaves behind a remarkable legacy of service, and her passing is felt deeply by the people of Hartwell, in addition to her beloved family and friends. On behalf of the Ninth District of Georgia, I want to thank Nicki for showing us all how to live—in service towards others.