

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TREATMENT OF DETAINEES AT ICE DETENTION FACILITIES

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, today, I include in the RECORD two agency letters my office received in response to two inquiries I sent in February.

The first is a June 25, 2019 letter in response to a February 28, 2019 letter I wrote with 19 of my colleagues to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) regarding public health risks and treatment of detainees at ICE detention facilities and contract facilities.

The second is a June 28, 2019 letter in response to a February 20, 2019 letter I wrote to the Department of Homeland Security regarding medical concerns at the ICE contract facility in Aurora, Colorado.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT,

June 18, 2019.

Hon. JASON CROW,
*U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE CROW: Thank you for your February 28, 2019 letter regarding public health risks and treatment of detainees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities and contract facilities. Enclosed, please find answers to the questions posed in your letter. The co-signers of your letter will receive a separate, identical response.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important matter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND KOVACIC,
*Assistant Director, Office of
Congressional Relations.*

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) RESPONSE TO THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019 LETTER REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS AND TREATMENT OF DETAINEES AT DETENTION FACILITIES

1. How many and what kind of outbreaks have occurred at ICE and contract detention facilities nationwide in the past 12 months and how many of those did the ICE Health Service Corps oversee?

Response: In the past 12 months, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC) was notified of an estimated 308 public health investigations in 51 detention facilities housing ICE detainees; those investigations affected 308 housing units. IHSC oversaw 112 of these investigations in 15 facilities where IHSC is the facility medical authority that operates the medical clinic.

2. What is the ICE Health Service Corps protocol for treating these diseases, including the protocol to quarantine detainees?

Response: IHSC protocols and official guidance for treating infectious diseases apply in 22 detention and staging facilities where IHSC is the facility medical authority and

operates the medical clinic. ICE staff in these 22 facilities conduct intake medical screening for detainees inclusive of infectious diseases and coordinate with local ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) personnel to implement a medical hold for detainees diagnosed with infectious diseases that pose a public health threat to detainees, staff, visitors, and the community until the detainee is rendered non-contagious. ICE policies for these 22 facilities are designed to control or limit the spread of infectious diseases and minimize the impact on ICE operations. This action allows ICE staff sufficient time to facilitate the necessary arrangements for continuity of care prior to the alien’s transfer, release, or removal.

Additionally, in these 22 facilities, an IHSC medical provider or designee orders medical isolation of detainees diagnosed with infectious diseases in accordance with guidelines on transmission-based precautions for the duration of the infectious period to prevent transmission. ICE staff are responsible for providing a recommendation on cohorting with restricted movement in adult detention facilities and/or social distancing in family residential facilities to help reduce the spread of significant infectious diseases, if appropriate.

IHSC does not have medical authority in facilities where it does not operate the medical clinic—each medical authority is responsible for developing its own facility policies and protocols for managing infectious and communicable diseases in compliance with governing detention standards. IHSC’s assigned Field Medical Coordinators (FMCs) in each area of responsibility conduct site visits at locations housing detainees for over 72 hours to ensure that appropriate medical services are being provided according to national detention standards and contractual requirements.

3. How is the ICE Health Services Corps ensuring that detainees are treated properly, humanely and with dignity while in quarantine?

Response: ICE ERO oversees the civil immigration detention of one of the most highly transient and diverse populations of any detention or correctional system in the world. ICE takes very seriously the health, safety, and welfare of those in our custody, and comprehensive medical care is provided from the moment detainees arrive and throughout the entirety of their stay.

As stated in Question 2, while IHSC does not have direct operational oversight over medical care in facilities where it does not provide that care, its FMCs in each area of responsibility work to ensure proper medical services are being provided and that national detention standards and contractual requirements are met.

In those facilities that are staffed by IHSC, daily assessments are provided of those individuals that are cohorted due to exposure to an infectious disease. IHSC monitors for signs and symptoms associated with the condition and also provides open access to sick call and urgent care services that are usually provided within the cohorted unit. During these interventions, detainees have the opportunity to report any complaints related to their medical and housing conditions.

4. Please provide a list of ICE-owned and operated and contracted detention facilities that ICE Health Services Corps has treated for a disease outbreak and/or quarantine.

Response: The following indicates where public health investigations occurred in the past twelve months. Each facility’s medical authority is responsible for overseeing public health investigations in collaboration with their local health department.

Facilities where IHSC is the medical authority: Alexandria Staging Facility, Buffalo (Batavia) Service Processing Center, Caroline Detention Facility, El Paso Service Processing Center, Elizabeth Detention Center, Eloy Federal Contract Facility, Florence Service Processing Center, Houston Contract Detention Facility.

LaSalle ICE Processing Center (Jena), Montgomery Processing Center (Houston), Otay Mesa Detention Center (San Diego CDF), Port Isabel, South Texas Family Residential Center (Dilley), South Texas ICE Processing Center (Pearsall), T. Don Hutto Residential Center.

Facilities where IHSC is not the medical authority: Adelanto ICE Processing Center, Albany County Jail, Broward Transitional Center, Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex East, Cibola County Correctional Center, Coastal Bend Detention Facility, Denver Contract Detention Facility, East Hidalgo Detention Center, El Valle Detention Facility, Folkston ICE Processing Center (D. Ray James), Geauga County Jail (OH).

IAH Polk Adult Detention Facility, Imperial Regional Detention Facility, James A. Musick Facility, Jerome Combs Detention Center, Joe Corley Detention Center, Johnson County Law Enforcement, La Palma Correctional Center, Laredo Processing Center, LaSalle County Regional Detention Center (TX), McHenry County Jail (IL).

Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center, Northeast Ohio Correctional Ctr (Youngstown CDF), Otay Mesa Detention Center (San Diego CDF), Otero County Processing Center, Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center, Prairieland Detention Facility, Pulaski County Detention Center, Rio Grande Detention Center, San Luis Detention Facility, Stewart Detention Center.

Tallahatchie County Correctional Center, Theo Lacey, Webb County Detention Center (CCA), West Texas Detention Center, York County Prison.

5. How many inter-facility detainee transfers have occurred in the last 12 months nationwide and how many of the detainees has ICE Health Services Corps determined to have had a viral disease?

Response: ICE cannot statistically report this information in the manner in which it was requested.

6. What is the ICE Health Service Corps protocol for ensuring that newly-transferred detainees do not pose a health risk to themselves or other detainees?

Response: At IHSC-staffed facilities, all detainees are screened upon arriving at a facility and a prescreen is conducted to identify those detainees who have acute or urgent medical concerns so that further evaluation can be prioritized. All facilities, including those at which ICE houses its detainees pursuant to Intergovernmental Service Agreements, conduct intake screenings to identify individuals with time-sensitive health concerns.

7. What is the ICE Health Service Corps guidance in place to prevent communicable diseases from spreading among detainee populations?

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Response: Please see response to Question 2.

8. Which agency is responsible for oversight of the ICE Health Service Corps protocols?

Response: IHSC is responsible for oversight of IHSC protocols, which are only applicable in the 22 facilities for which IHSC is the medical authority and where IHSC operates the medical clinic. These protocols comply with state and local requirements, as well as applicable detention standards.

9. What role does the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) play in responding to public health risks at ICE and contract detention facilities?

Response: ICE defers questions on CDC authorities and responsibilities to the CDC. However, ICE notes that in general, public health interventions fall under the authority of local and state health departments, although state health departments do occasionally request assistance from the CDC. In ICE's case, IHSC routinely collaborates with the CDC on public health interventions involving multiple jurisdictions.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT,

June 28, 2019.

Hon. JASON CROW,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE CROW: Thank you for your February 20, 2019 letter to the Department of Homeland Security.

I appreciate your concerns regarding the recent expansion of the Denver Contract Detention Facility and welcome the opportunity to address them more fully. Please see the attached enclosure with responses to the specific questions posed in your letter.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important matter. Please contact the ICE Office of Congressional Relations for additional assistance.

Sincerely,

MARK A. MORGAN,
Acting Director.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S
RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIVE JASON
CROW'S FEBRUARY 20, 2019 LETTER

Please explain the number and types of disease outbreaks (i.e., chicken pox) in the past year at the Denver Contract Detention Facility in Aurora, including the number of outbreaks requiring quarantines. What are the reporting criteria and requirements for outbreaks and which entities receive the reports?

The Denver Contract Detention Center (CDF) has had seven cases of varicella and 15 probable or confirmed cases of mumps over the past year.

In such cases, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC) Public Health, Safety, and Preparedness Unit (PHSP) and the Colorado State Health Department are notified. Per the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards 2011 (PBND 2011), facilities shall comply with current and future plans implemented by federal, state, or local authorities addressing specific public health issues including communicable disease reporting requirements (specific requirements are codified in state regulations). Designated medical staff shall notify the IHSC PHSP of any ICE detainee with a significant communicable disease and of any contact or outbreak investigations involving ICE detainees exposed to a significant communicable disease without known immunity.

Significant communicable diseases include, but are not limited to, varicella (chicken pox), measles, mumps, pertussis

(whooping cough), and typhoid. Additionally, IHSC provides a weekly cohort report to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) leadership in those situations where cohorting of exposed detainees is required.

2. What active have ICE and GEO taken to respond to the recent varicella outbreaks and what measures are being put in place to prevent future outbreaks?

When active varicella is suspected or confirmed, the patient is isolated, placed under airborne precautions, and the dorm in which the patient was housed is placed under cohort status. In addition, dorm members and susceptible contacts are then tested for their immune status if documentation of immunity is not available. Contacts with a positive titer, which is suggestive of immunity, can be released from cohort status. Health care staff monitor the dorms placed under cohort status daily to identify any new patients with signs and symptoms of varicella. The GEO Group Inc. (GEO) followed these precautions in the seven cases identified.

Because medical staff from ICE and our vendor, GEO, often do not know which detainees have been in contact with or exposed to disease prior to being detained, observation of early symptoms and prompt isolation are used to prevent the spread of varicella. IHSC and GEO have also consulted with the state and local health departments regarding their recommendations.

Additionally, ICE notes that six of the seven varicella cases were at the facility for less than three weeks prior to diagnosis. The incubation period for varicella is 10 to 21 days, so it is not known whether they were exposed to varicella before or after entering the facility. All seven individuals came from a facility in California where they were housed for only a few days after crossing the border.

3. Will ICE direct GEO to hire more properly-trained medical staff to accommodate the increase in detainee admissions? Please also describe what contract requirements and oversight are in place to ensure that detainees receive proper medical attention.

ICE continually evaluates medical services nationwide to ensure the highest level of care for its detained population. In accordance with the terms and conditions related to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) medical staff positions in ICE's Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)-based contract with GEO, the service provider conducted a staffing analysis and created a staffing plan for the delivery of health care services. FAR-based medical staffing plans, which typically include additional FTEs for overtime, shift rotations, and facility-specific circumstances, are reviewed by IHSC as part of the initial acquisition process and, thereafter, as deemed necessary by ICE. IHSC also has a Field Medical Coordinator (FMC) assigned to the Denver Area of Responsibility who is responsible for monitoring medical concerns at the Denver CDF. The FMC works with local GEO medical staff to ensure detainee healthcare services are being provided appropriately and timely to detainees irrespective of the day-to-day changes in the Denver CDF's admissions and releases. In addition, the FMC receives reports regarding medical cases on a routine basis.

All ICE-owned service processing centers, contract detention facilities, and dedicated inter-governmental service agreement facilities are inspected annually by an ICE inspections contractor. ICE inspectors typically spend three days auditing each facility. In addition to environmental health, safety, and corrections experts, each inspection team includes a Detainee Rights subject matter expert (SME) and a health professional (e.g., physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or a

medical professional SME). The health professional conducts a Quality of Medical Care (QMC) review as part of the inspection, which measures the quality of detainee health care across more than 20 areas of health care, including such measures as medication, grievances, suicide watch, hunger strikes, screening and health assessment, acute disease and chronic conditions, sick call, urgent care, treatment of disability, continuity of care, laboratory and diagnostics, staffing, credentialing, and medical recordkeeping practices. The results of the QMC are reviewed by the IHSC division.

In addition to the annual inspection, detention facilities are also subject to a number of special assessments conducted by ICE ERO, as well as audits, reviews, and site visits conducted by the Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) within the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility and by the OHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL). When deficiencies are found during any type of inspection or review, ICE works with the field offices and facilities and collaborates with ICE ODO and CRCL to ensure timely and appropriate corrective actions are implemented to address issues and concerns.

4. What requirements are in the GEO contract or other ICE guidance to ensure detainees are provided proper medical care?

ICE takes the health, safety, and welfare of those in our care very seriously. Comprehensive medical care is provided from the moment detainees arrive in ICE custody and continues throughout the entirety of their stay. This care includes an initial health screening, as well as subsequent medical visits, referrals to specialists, and 24-hour access to emergency care as necessary.

Section IV.A.1.5-Management Plan of ICE's contract with GEO states that GEO "[u]nderstands the importance of a fully qualified and trained professional staff in appropriate number to operate a safe, secure, and efficient medical department at the Aurora ICE Processing Center (the Center). Our proposed staffing plan reflects a well thought out and efficient strategy for staffing the Center in order to provide detainees with access to medical care 24 hours a day seven (7) days a week."

Also, at Section IV.A.II-Quality Control and Assurance, GEO is required to establish a Quality Control Plan governing health services at the Center to ensure that healthcare services are in compliance with the Performance Bases National Detention Standards, court orders, American Correctional Association (ACA) standards, standards established by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care (NCHC), and specific client policies.

In addition, ICE's PBND 2011 clearly lay out the expected outcomes and expected practices for detainee health care at dedicated facilities like the Denver CDF in detention standards 4.3-Medical Care and 4.4-Medical Care (Women). These two standards cover topics such as designation of authority, communicable disease and infection control, notifying detainees about health care services, translation and language access for detainees with limited English proficiency, pharmaceutical management, medications, medical personnel, medical and mental health screening of new arrivals, substance dependence and detoxification, comprehensive health assessment, mental health program, medical/psychiatric alerts and holds, annual health examinations, dental treatment, sick call, emergency medical services and first aid, delivery of medication, health education and wellness information, restraints, continuity of care, informed consent and involuntary treatment, medical records, and documentation.

The Denver CDF is accredited by the ACA and the NCCHC, and the facility is obligated to comply with the requirements of both the ICE PBNDS 2011 and the DHS Prison Rape Elimination Act regulations. On October 4, 2018, ICE's inspection contractor, The Nakamoto Group, completed an annual detention inspection. The Lead Compliance inspector recommended a final rating of "Meets Standards" and reported zero deficiencies in medical care.

5. Please describe the contract relationship between ICE and GEO and attach copies of the relevant contract documents (e.g. agreements, MOUs, guidance, etc.)

GEO was awarded an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract to provide detention services at the Denver CDF on September 15, 2011. The contract period of performance included a 2-year base period and four 2-year option periods. The contract Period of Performance expires on September 16, 2021.

GEO provides full-time detention and transportation services at the Denver CDF in Aurora, Colorado, for ICE detainees. Services are provided in compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011, ACA standards for adult local detention facilities, standards for health services in jails, NCCHC, and other applicable state and local requirements.

6. Since 2015, how many 911 calls were placed from the Facility to local and state emergency professionals?

ICE is unable to provide a response, as it does not track this data. However, as previously noted, detainees have access to 24-hour emergency care as necessary.

7. When privately contracted facilities fail to comply with their contractual obligations, ICE has the opportunity to issue compliance waivers forgiving contractors for the breach. Has ICE issued any compliance waivers for the Facility? If so, how many, and what were the justifications for those waivers?

ICE has issued no compliance waiver to or on behalf of the Denver CDF.

8. Since 2015, has ICE submitted a Contract Discrepancy Report for the Facility following the granting of any compliance waivers? If so, please attach and all such reports in your response.

ICE has not submitted a Contract Discrepancy Report for the facility.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 37TH ANNUAL METRO DETROIT YOUTH DAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participants and organizers of the 37th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. This event provides young people in Southeastern Michigan the opportunity to engage with local officials and role models.

The Metro Detroit Youth Day started in 1981 to promote stronger relations between Detroit residents and the business community. Since its inception, the event has expanded to offer approximately 35,000 children a day of recreation and education on Belle Isle in the Detroit River, becoming the largest youth event in the state of Michigan. Metro Detroit Youth Day hosts over 360 organizations and 260 businesses, allowing participants to build connections with civic leaders and nonprofit groups that offer local employment and educational

opportunities. The event also provides college scholarships to several graduating high school students each year.

Metro Detroit Youth Day has received numerous accolades for its work, including a Point of Light Award from President George H.W. Bush, and a Michigan Governor's Award on Physical Fitness for its promotion of physical activity and health. The event's continued success underscores its significant impact on our nation's youth by instilling the importance of education and health. It has also provided over 1,800 college scholarships since 1991, making it an important fixture of educational opportunity in the Detroit area. Metro Detroit Youth Day provides vital contributions to the vibrant and diverse community of Detroit through its engagement of youth in Southeastern Michigan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the efforts of the organizers and participants of the 37th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. It is my hope that Metro Detroit Youth Day continues to serve young people in Michigan and grow in the coming years.

IN RECOGNITION OF SFC JOHNATHAN D. HOGGATT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sergeant First Class Johnathan D. Hoggatt for his military service.

Sergeant First Class Hoggatt enlisted into military service as an Infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1998. He served in numerous infantry leadership positions from Fire Team Leader to Infantry Platoon Sergeant. His last assignment was as the Battalion S2/S3-Air and Ranger Instructor at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion. He is currently an Operations NCOIC with Easy Squadron, Asymmetric Warfare Group.

His assignments include A Co, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, Illinois National Guard (Mattoon, Illinois); HHC, 6th Ranger Training Battalion (Eglin AFB, FL); 1 Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division (Fort Carson, CO); and numerous Virginia National Guard Units. He has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, where he served diligently and with honor to uphold and protect the freedoms this nation provides.

SFC Hoggatt's military education includes Senior Leaders Course, Joint Fire Power Course, Joint Air Operations Command and Control Course, Military Free-Fall Basic Course, Battle Staff Course, Pathfinder Course, Tactical Certification Course, Jumpmaster Course, Basic Instructor Course, Emergency Medical Technician Course, Ranger School and Basic Airborne Course.

SFC Hoggatt has earned the Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Military Free-Fall Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and several other awards and decorations. SFC Hoggatt holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Virginia Commonwealth University and is currently working on a Masters of Arts in Biomedical Science from Liberty University.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the courage displayed and sacrifice

made by Sergeant First Class Hoggatt during his time in our nation's armed forces. Our gratitude to Sergeant First Class Hoggatt and all our other servicemen and women cannot be expressed enough.

HONORING COACH RON FIOCHETTA

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Fiochetta, who will be posthumously inducted into the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame later this summer.

Baseball was not his only love. He also coached football where I had the opportunity to play for him. As a former player, student, and someone who looked up to Coach Fio, I realize this award is truly deserved. His late wife, Joy, and his children continue to exemplify his commitment to community, coaching, and leadership.

Sadly, Ron passed away in 1997 at the age of 51, but his legacy lives on. He brought national recognition to Altoona in the AAABA Tournament. He was the manager of Altoona's L.S. Fiore from 1984 through 1997. During his tenure, L.S. Fiore won 10 Altoona AAABA League championships, four AAABA Regional championships, as well as a second place finish in the AAABA National Tournament in 1994. I take great pleasure in congratulating the Fiochetta family on this great honor for Coach Fio.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROGER AND RUTH BORR

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my longtime friends and fellow West Michigan residents, Mr. Roger Hale Borr and Mrs. Ruth Elaine Borr, who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this August.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. Throughout their marriage, Roger and Ruth have been blessed with two children and three grandchildren, who have seen firsthand the love a dedicated marriage can bring. I am happy to join their friends and loved ones in extending my best to them as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Over the years, I have personally witnessed the devotion, affection, and passion they share with not only each other, but the West Michigan community as well. Through marriage, Roger and Ruth have strived to serve others, brought joy to one another, and shared their wonderful example of kindness and love.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating my dear friends, Roger and Ruth, on this exciting occasion. Happy 60th wedding anniversary.

HONORING IAN WOOLDRIDGE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Wooldridge. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Ian is a member of the Order of the Arrow and holds the rank of Firebuilder in the tribe of Mic-O-Say. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. For his project, Ian constructed shelving units in the storage annex of the Second Baptist Church of Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE BREESE
AMERICAN LEGION**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the American Legion of Breese, IL, which is celebrating its 100th year anniversary this month.

The American Legion was commissioned by Congress as a patriotic veteran's organization. This not-for-profit organization became the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization. The American Legion is dedicated to mentoring our youth, advocating patriotism with honor and promoting strong national security to continue their dedication to their fellow veterans.

In recognition of a 100 years of faithful service, the Breese American Legion is hosting a picnic on July 20th at 3 p.m., to celebrate with their community. Guests will enjoy great music, delicious food, games for all ages, a petting zoo, and much more. All the proceeds will be put towards benefitting community scholarships, schools, youth programs, and veterans.

It is an honor to extend my well wishes and profound congratulations to the current officers—Commander Jeff Jung, Auxiliary Rep. Julie Tebd, Sons of the American Legion Rep. Mike Haag—and many others who have upheld and played major roles to continue the success of this organization.

Madam Speaker, over the past 100 years, the Breese American Legion have supported and uplifted their communities through their many charitable programs. It is an honor to recognize this organization as it celebrates 100 momentous years of service. I am excited to see how it will continue to grow and wish it all the best in the future.

MICHAEL WYNN RECEIVES THE
COLLIER COUNTY CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR FOR 2019**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Michael Wynn who was recently voted the Collier County Citizen of the Year for 2019.

Being chairman and president of Sunshine Ace Hardware in Naples, Mr. Wynn provides leadership to stores delivering friendly and helpful service with "Big City" quality in stores in Estero, Bonita Springs, Golden Gate, Marco Island, Naples, Port Charlotte, Largo and Port Charlotte. Since 1992, Mr. Wynn has held various positions increasing in responsibility with Sunshine Ace Hardware.

Michael is especially grateful for the opportunity to provide several basic hardware lines, such as tools, builders' hardware, paint and glass, housewares and household appliances, outdoor living and fishing products to the citizens of Florida. His good-natured service to the community has led to Michael being voted as the Collier County Citizen of the Year for 2019.

I am grateful for Michael and his commitment to his community. I look forward to seeing what the future holds from the positive effects of Mr. Wynn and Sunshine Ace Hardware.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY
HAMOOD FOR HER EXEMPLARY
SERVICE**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Hamood for her exemplary service with the Dearborn Police Department. Her years of dedicated work are worthy of commendation.

A lifelong resident of Dearborn, Nancy Hamood dedicated her life to serving her community. Ms. Hamood was hired by the Dearborn Police Department in 1979, initially working with the department's operations division. After a brief period in that position, Ms. Hamood became the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, where she served under Dearborn's past five police chiefs. In her role, she helped coordinate important community events as well as meetings with Heads of State, Federal Government Officials, and State leaders. Ms. Hamood's efforts ensured that the department ran efficiently and effectively during her tenure. After forty years of service to the Dearborn community, Nancy Hamood retired from the Dearborn Police in June of this year.

Throughout her decorated career, Ms. Hamood has served with distinction. Called the "ultimate professional" by coworkers, Nancy Hamood was highly respected during her extended career. She often undertook tasks and responsibilities beyond the normal purview of her position, highlighting her dedication to service. We thank Nancy Hamood for

her commitment to professional excellence and we congratulate her on her retirement. Her dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nancy Hamood for her four decades of service with the Dearborn Police Department. Her work has had a profound impact on the police department and on the larger Dearborn community.

CELEBRATING ANNIE CUMMINS'
20TH YEAR IN EMPLOYMENT**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and thank a member of my staff, who is also a constituent from Ohio's Second District, Annie Cummins.

Annie and her stepmother, Linda, have worked alongside me for much of my careers both in Congress and in private medical practice. Linda devoted 20 years as a medical assistant in my practice, and 2019 marks Annie's 20th year working for me in my medical practice and then in my Congressional office.

Annie Cummins is a hard worker, a caring mother, and a loyal friend to all who know her.

I am honored to have worked with Annie for two decades now. She has selflessly dedicated her life to the people of Southern and Southwestern Ohio, and her influence has made my offices and our community a better place.

I thank Annie for her dedication and hard work throughout the years. I look forward to working with her for many more.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
MICHAEL THOMAS GEORGE**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael "Mikey" Thomas George, 16, who passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Mikey was a proud student of St. Edward High School in Lakewood and a dedicated Michael Bubl  and Roman Reigns fan. His friends and family knew Michael for his contagious smile, laughter, and quick wit.

His favorite summers were spent on Kelley's Island, enjoying the sun and island lifestyle. Mikey was known to entertain all with his singing, dancing, and with the creative nicknames he gave to people.

Mikey loved his family dearly. He is survived by his loving parents, Kristine and Tony George, his triplet siblings, David and Julia, his older siblings, Joseph George, Justin Rose (Lisa), Robert George, Krystle George-Kearns (Christian) and Jonathon Rose (Amber); grandmother Glenna Botkins, along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

My deepest condolences go out to the George Family, and all whose lives were touched by Mikey. He will most certainly live

on in the hearts and minds of all that knew him.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Colorado Railroad Museum on their 60th anniversary.

Railroads have played a unique role in the development and history of the state of Colorado, enabling the safe transportation of people and goods across Colorado's rugged geography and serving as the backbone of Colorado's economy and culture since 1876.

Connecting the past and future of Colorado, the Museum serves to tell the story of America from the First Nations of the region to the immigrants and their families who came after to build their new lives in Colorado. Servicing more than 100,000 visitors annually, the Museum provides hands-on educational opportunity, preserves and displays educational historical artifacts, and offers exemplary educational programs to the community including: "Day Out with Thomas" events for children and "Living History" train rides in a restored steam locomotive. Thanks to a fundraising effort the Museum has expanded their work to include a climate-controlled library to handle archival records and a roundhouse to ensure the safety of their rolling stock so generations to come may continue to enjoy them. As such they have continually ranked amongst the top 10 paid attractions in the Denver metro area and as one of the top 10 railroad museums in the United States.

The Museum has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institute and others for their work in preserving the history of the Rocky Mountain West. I extend my deepest congratulations to the Colorado Railroad Museum for their well-earned accolades and I look forward to another 60 years of their service to our community and the people of Colorado.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION
SAM ZURZOLO

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from back home in Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Sam Zurzolo. Sam is a lifelong resident of Butler County and an admirable veteran who proudly served as a Sergeant Major in the United States Marine Corps. Sam is the epitome of a service-minded citizen and his unwavering dedication to the community is inspiring and praiseworthy.

Sam had a successful military career, dedicating thirty years to the United States Marine Corps and the United States Marine Corps Reserves. During this time, Sam served in various capacities and was stationed all throughout the country. Regardless of the assignment or location, Sam displayed an exem-

plary work ethic and went above and beyond to serve the surrounding communities and volunteer where there was a need. His efforts did not go unnoticed and he was awarded numerous certificates of appreciation and meritorious mast, including the following: Navy Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Star, Marine Corp Good Conduct Medal with 3 Stars, Marine Corps Reserve Medal, Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon, Cold War Certificate & Ribbon, Rifle Expert Badge and numerous Pistol Expert Badges.

After his military service Sam spent eighteen years working as a maintenance superintendent for Oxford Development, a real estate and construction company, before retiring. Driven by a desire to continue serving, he got involved with local government and in 2005 Sam was elected to serve as a Butler Township Commissioner, a position which he maintains today. Furthermore, Sam is the Vice-Chairman of the Butler Township Planning Commission and he serves on the Executive Committee for the American Legion Post 778.

Sam is actively involved with the Butler County United Way and the Butler County Rotary Club. As a tireless volunteer for these organizations, his involvement has been absolutely essential to the success of many projects. From taking the lead on a major west-end revitalization project to overseeing the construction of local playgrounds, Sam has spent thousands of hours working to enhance the community. He has installed flag poles, constructed monuments and memorials, remodeled homes for wounded marines, mentored local Eagle Scouts, and much more. In addition, Sam is a past master of the Masonic Lodge, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a lifelong volunteer with Lifesteps and the group Toys for Tots, which he started in Butler in 1983. His involvement does not stop there, Sam is also a member of countless civic organizations, such as, but not limited to: 2nd Marine Division Association, Sons of Italy, Loyal Order of the Moose, and Butler County Law Enforcement Association.

Sam has been a catalyst for improvement throughout the community and his passion and dedication deserve praise. He is a leader in the truest sense of the word and a role model for those who are privileged to know him. Sam has built a legacy based on selflessness, compassion, and integrity. He has set a standard of excellence and generosity that will inspire others for generations to come.

Therefore, on behalf of the 16th Congressional District, the State of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Sam Zurzolo—an extraordinary individual, a noble public servant, and a true Community Champion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DEARBORN POLICE CORPORAL MICHAEL NELSON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Corporal Michael

Nelson for his many years of service to the Dearborn Police Department. Corporal Nelson recently retired after thirty years of exemplary work with the department.

Prior to his service in the Dearborn Police Department Corporal Nelson served three years in the United States Army and was deployed to Grenada. Corporal Nelson began at the Dearborn Police Department in 1989 as an Animal Control Officer. In 1994, Corporal Nelson became a certified Motor Carrier Officer and a regional instructor specializing in commercial vehicle enforcement. In this role, he trained hundreds of police officers and created a safer environment for everyone in the Dearborn community. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was placed in charge of the Animal Control and Parking Systems Operations.

Corporal Nelson served the Dearborn community in various roles for a total of thirty years. His commitment to protecting the Dearborn Community has impacted hundreds of his fellow officers and residents. His work training officers in commercial vehicle enforcement has been crucial to the continued safety of Dearborn. His exemplary service to the community stands as a role model of the dedication, sacrifice, and commitment of our police officers. His dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish him good health and every happiness in his retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the thirty years of service of Police Corporal Michael Nelson to his country and to the Dearborn, Michigan community. His commitment to public safety is worthy of commendation.

IN HONOR OF DAVID TRAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. David Tran, an esteemed Californian and a caring person to everyone who knew him.

Mr. Tran passed away on June 30, 2019 but will continue to be remembered for his love of family and commitment to serving his community.

Mr. Tran was born on February 8, 1957 in Phu Nhuan, Saigon, Vietnam. After coming to the United States, Mr. Tran worked in a variety of different fields. Mr. Tran worked as a middle school teacher for 20 years, then as an insurance agent for 7 years, and after as a data entry clerk for 10 years. Those who worked with him can attest to his commitment to professional service and valuable contributions.

Mr. Tran was a role model to all and upheld the virtues of integrity and devotion throughout his life. Mr. Tran spent his time enriching the lives of countless others who had the privilege of knowing him.

He enjoyed playing soccer and tennis, as well as playing the guitar. He was a member of the Lien Hoa Temple and Pho Da Temple, where he demonstrated his commitment to his spirituality and serving others.

David Tran lived a life worthy of honor and remembrance. His kindness and love of all people persists with his wife, Quyen Tran; his

two children, Anh Tran and Julie Quynh Nhu Tran; and his two grandchildren, Alexander Tran and Benjamin Tran.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Mr. David Tran. May his honor and commitment serve as an example for all and his spirit rest in peace and glory.

HONORING THE FAMILY OF GREG
MCDANIEL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the family of Greg McDaniel on Atwater's 2019 4th of July parade. On December 25, 2018, the greater Atwater community lost one of their most dedicated leaders who served as the President of Atwater's 4th of July Committee for over 20 years. In honor of Mr. McDaniel's many years of commitment to organizing this parade, his wife Pinky has been named the Grand Marshal of this year's parade.

As President of the Atwater 4th of July Committee, Mr. McDaniel played an integral role in the planning of Atwater's annual 4th of July parade and celebration. Each year he successfully helped raise the necessary funds and oversaw many of the operations that helped make the parade the event it has grown into today. Mr. McDaniel was committed to making each year's celebration better than the year before, which is reflected in what Atwater's 4th of July celebration has become.

Atwater's 4th of July celebration is now a day consisting of a morning run, parade, and fireworks that attracts thousands from throughout the City of Atwater and other cities in Merced County. The positivity Mr. McDaniel exuded in this endeavor is now present in the Atwater community members that have stepped up to continue the traditions Mr. McDaniel cared so deeply about.

Mr. McDaniel was joined in all he did by his wife of 45 years, Pinky. She was by his side assisting him in all his tremendous community contributions. In addition to planning the 4th of July celebration, Mr. McDaniel spent many years with local youth sports organizations, announced the Atwater High School football games, and served many times as the president of the Atwater Chamber of Commerce, among various other civic engagements. Though he is deeply missed, his wife Pinky, sons Christopher and Jeffory, grandchildren, and residents of Atwater continue to carry on the legacy he left.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the family of Greg McDaniel. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them as his wife Pinky is recognized as the Grand Marshal of a parade and celebration her husband dedicated so many years to. I wish his family and the residents of Atwater the best as they celebrated the 4th of July.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CAPTAIN JASON B. FITCH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Captain Jason B. Fitch. Captain Fitch has devoted his young adult life to the service of his family and country. Later this year, on December 1, 2019, Captain Fitch will retire from active duty after honorably serving this Nation for 28 years. As he completes his tour of duty in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and prepares to hang up his military uniform, we all know that his influence has reached far beyond the strict confines of his rank and previous job titles.

Captain Fitch's military career began 28 years ago today as a Midshipman when he took the Oath of Office at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After graduation, he was commissioned as an Ensign into the United States Navy. He served honorably in uniform for nearly three decades with tours of duty across the United States and deployments around the world. He served as the Supply Officer for Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, California. He served aboard the USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) and the USS *Mount Vernon* (LSD 39). In 2006, Captain Fitch was recognized as the Navy Fuel Officer of the Year and as the Fuel Director for the Navy Bulk Fuel Terminal of the Year for 2007. He also served as the Naval Aviation Enterprise Officer and Director for the H-60 "Seahawk" Integrated Weapons Support Team at Naval Inventory Control Point in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command, he deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (2013) in support of the Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan (SOJTF-A) as the J4 director.

Captain Fitch was entrusted with command ashore, where he served as the Commanding Officer for Naval Special Warfare Group ONE Logistics Support Unit. During his tenure in command, he deployed to Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (2015) as the J4 director of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Iraq and received the Bronze Star Medal. He currently serves at the Pentagon as the Director for Outcome Based Logistics and Supply Chain Management, in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management (E&LM).

In addition, Captain Fitch earned a master's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Petroleum Management and International Business from the University of Kansas. He earned a Master of Science in National Security and Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School. Captain Fitch also completed Kellogg's Executive Development Program.

In honor of his service, I would like to express my gratitude for Captain Jason B. Fitch's dedication to this country and our community. I wish him and his family the best as he retires to San Diego this December.

CAPE CORAL CITIZEN FLORIAN
MICKULEIT RECEIVES THE CITIZEN
COMMENDABLE ACTION
COIN

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florian Mickuleit on receiving the Citizen Commendable Action Coin for aiding law enforcement in rescuing a man from a canal. This award is given by an Officer of the Cape Coral Police Department to a civilian for exemplary behavior or a remarkable act.

On June 4, 2019, a concerned citizen called Cape Coral Police to report that a man had been swimming in the canal by their home for an extended period, and he refused to come out of the water. When police arrived, they found the man was not acting rationally and was out of their rescue rope's range. The man claimed that the current was too strong for him to swim to shore.

Mickuleit had been delivering a rental boat in the area and offered to use the boat in a rescue attempt. He drove the boat to the middle of the canal with officers onboard, and they were finally able to bring the man safely to shore. The man was then taken to the local hospital by Lee County Emergency Medical Services.

I am grateful for Florian and his actions to help save a citizen in need. I commend his actions and congratulate him on receiving this honor.

MEDICAID AND CHIP TERRITORY
TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMATION ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILIL CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Medicaid and CHIP Territory Transparency and Information Act, which would require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to publish on its website, and periodically update, specified information related to federal expenditures under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in each of the U.S. territories.

Presently, data reporting for the Northern Mariana Islands' (NMI) Medicaid program is waived at the discretion of Secretary of Health and Human Services, as allowed by Section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act. American Samoa also has this waiver. Absent this waiver, other insular areas are required to maintain appropriate reporting systems as a condition of receiving Medicaid funds. However, there is little evidence to suggest that CMS has been carrying out any robust oversight. An April 2016 Government Accountability Office report found that "the lack of enforcement of program integrity mechanisms and information systems—have contributed to the limited federal program integrity efforts in the territories." The report goes on to state "until recently,

CMS regulations exempted territories from the requirement to develop a Medicaid Management Information System, which could provide more detail on the territories' Medicaid and CHIP spending, including increasing the level of detail on the territories' . . . reporting."

Data collection on existing insular area Medicaid programs is not only important for transparency and accountability, but essential if long-term Medicaid funding solutions are to be developed for our most remote U.S. jurisdictions. Gathering enrollment, utilization, and expenditure data will allow for a greater understanding of unique health care needs—enabling local government and CMS officials to make evidenced based decisions when it comes to Medicaid program improvements for our insular areas.

The gentleman from Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS originally introduced this bill in the 115th Congress and is an original co-sponsor of this bill today along with my colleagues, Ms. PLASKETT, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. This bill is important to the future of Medicaid in the U.S. Territories. I urge all my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

REMEMBERING JULIUS W.
HEGELER II OF DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to note the passing of a most remarkable man. Julius W. Hegeler II of Danville, Illinois died July 5, 2019 at the age of 91.

To say that Mr. Hegeler led an impactful life would be to gloss over the thousands who benefitted from his caring nature, his generosity of spirit, and his humanity. Few people are in a position to make such a positive impact, and even fewer take the opportunity. Mr. Hegeler will forever be remembered for having seized his opportunity with such an outsized desire to help that he never turned anyone away.

A lifelong resident of Danville, Julius graduated from Danville High School and went on to earn a business degree before enlisting in the Air Force. He flew 70 missions as a jet pilot during the Korean War, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in May 1954 for "extraordinary achievement," and earned the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster as well.

Returning from the war, Julius and others built a chemical packaging company that he later sold. His fortune made, in 1992 he placed 90 percent of his wealth into the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation and set out to give back to the community that he loved. Julius was especially concerned with helping those with disabilities and gave generously to local organizations such as Danville AMBUCS and WorkSource Enterprises. There were no limits to causes he would support, however, as the arts, education, recreation, community, and youth-focused groups and organizations have all benefited from Julius's assistance.

Danville has lost one of its very best, a man who shunned the limelight but who nonetheless made so many lives brighter and richer. It has been my privilege to spend time with

Julius Hegeler, and those memories I will always hold dear.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family of Julius W. Hegeler II on the loss of this truly remarkable individual, and I wish the family the best during this very trying time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNUAL ANN ARBOR CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ann Arbor's 100th City Tennis Tournament. The event provides a vital outlet promoting community building and healthy competition.

Established in 1919, the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament is one of the oldest city tennis tournaments in the country. Starting with a tournament of 24 men at West Park, the competition has expanded to over one hundred players across several categories, adding a women's event in 1922 and parent-child matches. The Ann Arbor Area Community Tennis Association organizes the tournament, youth programs, and charity events with the support of corporate sponsorships and local donations. The Town Tennis Celebration, a citywide event featuring afternoon clinics, food, and a viewing of the doubles finals of the competition, marks the conclusion of the tournament.

The Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament provides an outlet for community building and allows local athletes to showcase their commitment to the sport. The tournament underscores a dedication to fellowship and friendly competition and its continued success highlights the importance of these events in our communities. We are grateful for the commitment of the Ann Arbor Area Community Tennis Association for their exceptional work supporting physical fitness, charity, and community building.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ann Arbor's 100th City Tennis Tournament. We thank the Ann Arbor Community Tennis Association for their exemplary work supporting the city of Ann Arbor.

HONORING JOHN FALKENBURY AND HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND COO OF THE USO OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Falkenburg, the President and Chief Operating Officer for the United Service Organizations (USO) of North Carolina, on his decades of service to the State of North Carolina.

John was appointed President and COO for the USO of North Carolina in March 2009. During his tenure, he was responsible for planning, organizing and directing the oper-

ations of the state headquarters, five USO fixed centers and a mobile center. More than that, he helped organize and marshal thousands of volunteers over the years to support hundreds of thousands of active-duty servicemembers, veterans and their families. John brought 25 years of corporate and military experience to the job, which allowed him to grow and advance the mission of USO.

The USO centers across the state provide vital resources and support to our men and women in uniform and their families. These services include transition assistance, financial literacy, child educational programs, deployment and homecoming operations, military and civilian outreach programs, Fallen and Wounded Warrior escort services, and a focus on providing the entire community with support and assistance. Through his leadership, dedication and passion for service, John has been a champion in ensuring these programs are readily available for anyone who needs them.

A resident of North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District and someone I've been lucky enough to call a friend for more than two decades, I can say from experience that John is a true pillar of the community above and beyond his USO and military service. John has served as President and CEO of Five Oaks Nursing Center in Concord, the Managing Partner of the Falkenburg Family LLC, and President of the Stephen D. Falkenburg Jr. Foundation in Charlotte. He also served as the WBT-AM radio station's on-air analyst and was a credentialed military consultant and frequent guest for News14 Carolina. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring President John Falkenburg and his service to our state.

HONORING ROSS PEROT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor the life and legacy of Ross Perot, a Texas native and gracious philanthropist. His innovation, leadership, and generosity in both the private and public sectors were immeasurable.

Mr. Perot led a life of excellence and service. He was a pioneer in the computer services industry, founding the Electronic Data Systems Corp. in 1962 and Perot Systems Corp. in 1988. With his success, he prioritized efforts to honor and care for our nation's POWs and veterans. For this work, he was recognized with the Winston Churchill Award, only the third American to receive this award.

His humanitarian efforts through the Perot Foundation have brought immeasurable gains to the Dallas community and the state of Texas. He was a strong supporter of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in my district, and his family continues to honor his legacy with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

We are all grateful for the talents he shared with us. I would like to extend my deepest

sympathies to his wife, Margot; their five children and spouses, Ross Jr. and Sarah Perot; Nancy Perot and Rod Jones; Suzanne and Patrick K. McGee; Carolyn and Dr. Karl Rathjen; and Katherine and Eric Reeves; and his 16 grandchildren.