

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II
VETERAN, VAUDEVILLIAN MUSI-
CIAN AND FULLERTON RESI-
DENT, CHARLES PAUL
PECORARO

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with immense sadness and great humility that I rise to mark the passing of another member of America's greatest generation. Charles Paul Pecoraro was an entertainer, a businessman, a veteran of the Second World War, a stalwart member of the veteran's community in Southern California, and most of all, a beloved family man who passed away at the age of 100 on July 2, 2019.

Charles Pecoraro was born in the living room of his parents' small Manhattan apartment on November 29, 1918. It was the height of the First World War but also the age of ragtime, when New York City had more horses than cars. Charles' life spanned and exceeded what we now refer to as the American Century.

Music was his family's business and his greatest passion. By the age of seven he was accompanying his father, a classically trained Sicilian mandolin player. Before he turned twenty he was a veteran of the Vaudeville circuit, having toured up and down the East Coast playing jazz guitar and earning his chops in concert halls, speakeasies, dance clubs, and Broadway orchestra pits.

When America entered the Second World War, Charles didn't hesitate. He joined the Coast Guard and served aboard the *Admiral H.T. Mayo* (AP-125). Charles sailed on the ship's shakedown cruise, then transiting the Panama Canal, helped ferry troops during two trips across the Atlantic. Transiting the Panama Canal again, Charles continued his service in the Pacific where he and his shipmates transported more troops to the Okinawa campaign.

Evading U-Boats in the Atlantic and outrunning Japanese submarines and aircraft in the Pacific, Charles attained the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. He would ultimately return to his music career, before beginning what his family refers to as his third act. Charles met the love of his life Lucy, his wife of 53 years. He, Lucy, and their only son "Charlie" Charles Pecoraro, Jr. moved to Fullerton, California in the 1970s so that Charles could join his brother Steve. Together, they opened Angelo's & Vinci's, a neighborhood institution that still stands and continues to thrive only blocks from my office. Its success is carried on by the spirit of the two Sicilian-American brothers who founded it.

Like many men of his generation, Charles was modest to the extreme. A deeply devoted religious and family man, he spoke little of his wartime service. Only after his son was grown did Charles' neighbors in Fullerton convince

him to share his story with others. He joined Fullerton's American Legion Post 142, where he became a quiet example of service to others and a fixture at events. In fact, one of those events was Fullerton's Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony where I had the honor to shake his hand.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Charles Paul Pecoraro for his dedication to God, country, the arts and most of all his surviving family members, wife Lucy and son Charles. We are blessed to have had this man for a century and to have his memory continue to inspire us.

TRIBUTE HONORING MEGAN
POSER

HON. MAX ROSE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring my constituent Megan Poser for her efforts to dispel the stigma of addiction and to congratulate her on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

No community has been hit harder by the opioid epidemic than Staten Island. And at just 17 years-old, Megan decided that she wasn't going to just sit around and wait for others to do something about it. She decided she'd take it upon herself to change the perception and the stigma surrounding this crisis. Beyond her research of the drug epidemic on Staten Island, she took the initiative to become trained in the use of naloxone, a drug that has saved countless lives in our borough.

She also surveyed young people in our community about the dangers of this crisis, because she recognizes that the first step in overcoming the opioid epidemic is addressing the perception of the issue. She built on her findings to create a presentation that she then used to educate her fellow young Staten Islanders about the nature of the drug epidemic. She became certified in Mental Health First Aid which gives people the tools to help someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis.

The Girl Scouts have already recognized Megan's hard work and dedication to the Staten Island community by presenting her with its Gold Award, and it is my honor to do the same here in the Halls of Congress. She has successfully set herself up on a foundation of service to her community that is already having an impact on Staten Island, and I am confident that she will continue to build on these accomplishments to make the world a better place.

So, Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Megan for her selfless and compassionate service to the Staten Island community. Megan's commitment to ex-

tend this project beyond receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award shows a continued love for learning and educating her peers. Ms. Poser is already an inspiring leader and I look forward to seeing her other projects unfold.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JADA RUSSELL

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Jada Russell, who passed away on July 2, 2019, after her battle with breast cancer. Jada was a beloved and admired woman whose light lit up any room she was in. She was a brilliant professional known for her gift of marketing and public relations work.

More importantly, Madam Speaker, Jada was a woman full of compassion known for her drive to give back to our hometown of Chicago, Illinois and who used her talents to amplify the voices of those who have too-often been left out of the conversation.

A ballet dancer in her youth, Jada was known in her community as a strong leader who was consistently willing to provide guidance and support to her many friends and colleagues. After graduating from the Fashion Institute of Technology, Jada began her career at Guess Jeans, going on to work for Condé Nast, and as a publicist for Johnson Publishing Company. As the founder of High Style Marketing, Jada's talents attracted the attention of such prominent figures as Dwayne Wade, Common, Rhymefest, and Reverend Jesse Jackson. Madam Speaker, I also had the distinct privilege of working with Jada and benefitted immensely from her passion and expertise.

Though the world lost Jada too soon, we take comfort in knowing that her memory lives on in those who continue to love her: her devoted husband, Julius Russell, her sister, Sybil Goodlett Smith, her father, Bill Goodlett, and the countless lives she touched through her good works.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my wife, Paulette, my staff, and all those I serve in the 1st Congressional District of Illinois, I extend my heartfelt sympathies and prayers to Jada's friends and family as I mourn this deep loss with them.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TER-
RIBLE CONDITIONS WITNESSED
AT DETENTION FACILITIES BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF IMMI-
GRANT FAMILIES TOGETHER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to express concern

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

about the horrendous treatment of immigrants at detention facilities. A community-based organization in my district, Immigrant Families Together (IFT), has been helping immigrant families settle in the United States. They have provided legal aid, food, shelter, clothing, household goods and other assistance. In the course of their work, they have collected some horrific stories from the people they have helped.

The stories range from inadequate medical treatment to sexual abuse to refusal to provide food, water and blankets. There are reports of adults and children being denied necessary medication, including a girl who suffered seizures who was put on a bus without her medication. Women at a facility in Elloy, Arizona were reportedly given one meal a day and ten minutes to eat. There are also reports that women at this facility were denied water for 3 days. Women at this facility also claim that their laundry was done in unsanitary conditions that allowed lice to infest their clothing.

One four-year-old boy was held in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody in Dallas, Texas for roughly two months during the summer and fall of 2018. On his way to the U.S. border he had broken a femur and dislocated a hip. Although the boy was clearly injured and ICE took him to the hospital for examination, ICE refused to pay for his surgery. Reportedly, ICE simply gave him Tylenol for two months until he was released. Following his release, IFT paid for his surgery.

In Texas, a mother and her one-year-old infant were held first in the 'icebox' for two days and later in the 'Dog Pound' for four days. The mother and child were given one aluminum blanket for the two of them. When the mother asked for a second blanket, an ICE officer screamed at her. The infant became very sick on their third day in the 'Dog Pound,' with vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration. An ICE doctor examined the child. Rather than prescribing treatment, he recommended release. IFT believes that they were released so that the baby's condition would not be ICE's responsibility. The mother and child were put on a bus for New York City, but the baby nearly died in New Jersey and was taken to an emergency room where he was given fluids that enabled him to survive.

A pregnant teenager was released from Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) custody in California one week before giving birth. After she gave birth, it was discovered that she had a urinary tract infection that was so severe that she had a kidney infection.

One father related that his six-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted by a boy at an ORR facility in Casa Glendale, Arizona. She reportedly was told it was her responsibility to stay away from him and was told to sign a document asserting that she understood her obligation. A couple of weeks later, the same boy assaulted her again and hit her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in condemning a system that treats immigrants with such brutality and lack of compassion.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSH
HARDY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Josh Hardy, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Josh far too soon.

Josh worked as an engineering technician for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for over four years. Josh was a fun coworker, was never too stressed to crack a joke, and always wore a smile. Loved ones described Josh as a father figure and as a kind-hearted man. He was dedicated to his faith and shared it with others. Josh's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his kind heart, will forever be remembered.

Josh will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

RECOGNIZING MEMPHIS MATH
TEACHER BERNELL JONES

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Bernell Jones, a seventh grade mathematics teacher at the White Station Middle School in Memphis for the last 16 years, who was recently nationally recognized as an inspiring educator.

Before he became a math teacher, Mr. Jones was a computer specialist in the Marines, which explains his effectiveness in keeping discipline in his classroom. "Classroom management from a military perspective is fairly easy," Mr. Jones told The Commercial Appeal newspaper. "You're just so used to telling people what to do. These are young kids, and at school they will do the right thing."

Mr. Jones earned a master's degree in teaching at Christian Brothers University he began teaching at White Station Middle School. An innovator in the classroom, he said he seeks to make mathematics fun with "pi" days and a waffle festival. He has changed the minds of many students who didn't initially like math—one became a math teacher herself.

Mr. Jones is an inspiration to his students and to our whole community, and I congratulate him for this recognition.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECOVER
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Reducing the Effects of the

Cyberattack on OPM Victims Emergency Response Act of 2019 (the RECOVER Act), which would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to make permanent the free identity protection coverage that Congress required OPM to provide for 10 years to individuals whose Social Security Numbers were potentially compromised during the OPM data breaches. In 2015, OPM reported that the personally identifiable information of as many as 25.7 million current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors was stolen in two data breaches. I appreciate that Representative C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER is co-leading on this bill.

After OPM announced that it would offer identity protection coverage of limited duration and value, Senator BEN CARDIN and I introduced the RECOVER Act in July 2015, which would have provided affected individuals lifetime protection and at least \$5 million in identity theft insurance. Congress subsequently included a version of our bill in an enacted appropriations bill, but limited the duration of the protection. Under current law, OPM is only required to provide identity protection coverage through fiscal year 2026. Under the bill we are introducing today, OPM would be required to provide coverage for the remainder of the lives of affected individuals.

The current coverage is inadequate, particularly considering that there is no limit to when the thieves (or those they have shared the stolen data with) may exploit the data. Therefore, there should be no limit on the duration of the coverage provided to affected individuals. This bill would give current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors who were affected both some peace of mind and protection. OPM failed to protect these people. It follows that the government must do the right thing to make up for its mistake.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH
BIRTHDAY OF MR. PAUL ROJAS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the 85th birthday of the Honorable Paul Rojas and to recognize his numerous contributions to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Mr. Rojas' life has been dedicated to the betterment of those around him and it is an honor to have the opportunity to recognize his service.

Paul Rojas was born in 1935 in the Westside Neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Rojas is the youngest of six boys and a son of immigrant parents. Growing up, he and his family frequented Guadalupe Centers and relied on their services after the death of his mother. Their kindness and generosity showed Mr. Rojas the effect that a community organization such as Guadalupe Centers can have on a person's life. Community organizations provide not only tangible assistance, but they also teach the importance of helping one's neighbor.

After attending Guadalupe Grade School, he attended De La Salle High School. He worked in the fields, as a busboy, on the railroads, in

packing houses, and as a machinist for Wishbone and Honeywell. Each of these positions offered a unique point of view on the needs of the worker. This gave Mr. Rojas a clear view of the blue-collar community in Kansas City and the ways in which the lives of workers needed to be improved. From these experiences, a desire to serve and improve the lives of others was sparked within him.

As a U.S. Navy veteran serving in the Korean War from 1952 to 1955, Paul Rojas joined the ranks of great men and women who defended the United States on the frontlines. Mr. Rojas continues to exhibit the commitment he showed in his service to the United States with his membership in the Korean Veterans Association, Veterans of Underage Military Service, and the American Legion. Within these organizations, he advocates for those who have served, are currently serving, and who wish to serve their country in the future.

After serving in the Korean War, civic engagement remained a pillar of Mr. Rojas' life. He served on various boards and commissions at the city and county level before pushing to become the first Hispanic elected to the Missouri General Assembly. As a State Representative, Paul Rojas initiated national meetings of Hispanic elected officials, leading to the establishment of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). Mr. Rojas also helped found the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Washington DC in order to help hundreds of Hispanic and minority owned businesses network and gain access to resources.

After his service as a Missouri State Representative, Paul Rojas continued his devotion to service. He is now chairman of Guadalupe Centers Inc., the organization that supported his family in their time of need. Guadalupe Centers provide training programs, education, after school activities, and family support programs. Mr. Rojas also advocates for the welfare of seniors as a member of the Kansas City Silver Haired Council. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, an organization dedicated to charity. Recently, through Guadalupe Centers Inc., Rojas championed the decision to repurpose a building and create a youth recreation center that provides students with a safe location for extracurricular activities and opportunities to keep them out of trouble.

Throughout his life's work, Paul Rojas has served as a model of leadership and selflessness. His service in the U.S. Navy, his position as a Missouri State Representative, his chairing of the oldest Latino serving non-profit, Guadalupe Centers Inc., and his other leadership positions demonstrate his commitment to his community and his country. Mr. Rojas has made a unique contribution to each of these organizations, representing the reality of many underrepresented communities. His counsel empowers organizations to better make decisions about how to benefit those they serve. He continues to create a community that is well equipped to handle the issues it faces.

It is a privilege to stand today and recognize the contributions and devotion of Mr. Paul Rojas. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Rojas' remarkable service to the people of the Greater Kansas City area and beyond.

HONORING WESTERN FARM
CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN, to recognize Western Farm Center as the recipient of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Friend of the Farm Bureau award. For 52 years Western Farm Center has been the premier feed stores that serves farms in the Santa Rosa area.

Western Farm Center was founded by brothers Larry and Lou Bertolini in 1967. The store is currently owned and operated by Lou's daughter Maria Bertolini Frampton and her husband Trevor Frampton, who is the general manager of the store. Western Farm Center has been a staple in Sonoma County for decades. The store provides essential feed, seed, and supplies to the surrounding rural community, as well as exceptional customer service.

For more than thirty years, Western Farm Center has worked alongside the Sonoma County Farm Bureau to bridge the rural and urban gap by bringing chicks and ducklings to the Farm Bureau's Ag Days, a celebration that introduces city children to the wonders of the farm community. Western Farm Center has provided straw and additional resources for other events held by the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Western Farm Center is known for being run by people who are generous and involved in our community. They frequently provide food and other supplies to Pony Express, All Aboard Dog Rescue, Sonoma County Animal Services, and Dogwood Animal Rescue. Western Farm Center played a large role in the days and weeks following the October 2017 wildfires. Along with their vendors, the store provided pet food, hay, and grain for cats, dogs, and horses that had been left homeless by the fires.

Madam Speaker, Western Farm Center is an important business in our community and has been aptly honored with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Friend of the Farm Bureau award. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the store and its owners here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
ALEXANDER MIKHAIL GUSEV

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Alexander Mikhail Gusev, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Alexander far too soon.

Alexander worked as a right-of-way agent for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for nine years. Alexander emigrated from Belarus and gained an education first from Tidewater Community College and then through Old Dominion Univer-

sity. His friends described him as a great guy and a good friend. Alexander's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his faithful friendship, will forever be remembered.

Alexander will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE JORDAN VAL-
LEY DISTRICT LIBRARY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Jordan Valley District Library upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted service, reliable staff, and community investment, the Jordan Valley District Library has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Opened in July 1919 as the East Jordan Public Library, a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and an incredibly determined board of directors and staff built the library into the local institution it is today. Over the course of 100 years, the Jordan Valley District Library forged its path to success while maintaining its commitment to the community it was built upon. While its building and name may be different today, the Jordan Valley District Library still promotes the same ideals of giving the curious a place to explore and discover. The library's 100th Anniversary will be celebrated today, July 11th, in its original building first constructed in 1919. Day after day, the Jordan Valley District Library continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Jordan Valley District Library and its staff for 100 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the Jordan Valley District Library all the best in its future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEFENSES OF WASHINGTON NA-
TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill The Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act to recognize and preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington located in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. The Defenses of Washington, including forts, unarmed batteries and rifle trenches, created a ring of protection for the nation's capital during the Civil War. This bill would redesignate the 22 Civil War Defenses of Washington currently under National Park Service jurisdiction as a

national historical park, and allow other sites associated with the Defenses of Washington that are owned by the District or a unit of state governments to be affiliated with the national historical park through cooperative agreements. This bill would also require the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the storied history of the Civil War for both the North and the South, including the history of the Defenses of Washington and the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, being assembled; arrayed and conveyed for the benefit of the public for the knowledge, education and inspiration of this and future generations. Last year, I was able to have a hearing on this bill. Although the National Park Service testified against this bill, I feel strongly that the Defenses of Washington need additional recognition and should be redesignated as a national historical park.

The Defenses of Washington were constructed at the beginning of the war, in 1861, as a ring of protection for the nation's capital and for President Abraham Lincoln. By the end of the war, these defenses included 68 forts, 93 unarmed batteries, 807 mounted cannons, 13 miles of rifle trenches and 32 miles of military roads. The major test of the Defenses of Washington came with the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, when Confederate Lieutenant General Jubal Early, directed by General Robert E. Lee, sought to attack the nation's capital from the north, causing Union forces threatening to attack Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, to be withdrawn. General Early was delayed by Union Major General Lew Wallace at the Battle of Monocacy on July 9, 1864, and was stopped at the northern edge of Washington at the Battle of Fort Stevens on July 11–12, 1864. The Shenandoah Valley Campaign ended when Union Lieutenant General Philip Sheridan defeated General Early at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864.

Nearly all the individual forts in the Defenses of Washington—on both sides of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers—were involved in stopping General Early's attack, and the Battle of Fort Stevens was the second and last attempt by the Confederate Army to attack Washington.

Taken together, these battles were pivotal to the outcome of the war and the freedom and democracy that the war represented for this country. It is therefore fitting that we recognize these sites by redesignating them as a national historical park.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN HONOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM).

State Statute and then Common Council Resolution established the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, on May 1, 1944, to address the need for affordable housing in Milwaukee.

Entering its 75th year, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee provides affordable

housing to almost 11,000 households in the City of Milwaukee through its public and affordable housing programs and Housing Choice Voucher program. Its mission is to foster strong, resilient, and inclusive communities by providing a continuum of high-quality housing options that support self-sufficiency, good quality of life, and the opportunity to thrive.

During the past 75 years, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has provided stable affordable housing to thousands of families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans. They first accomplished this by acquiring a city-built, WPA-assisted development, and subsequently by creating almost a thousand units of housing for veterans and building other innovative developments; including the first high-rise designated specifically for the elderly and one of the first housing authorities to develop public housing single-family homes.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee works with its residents to provide them a pathway to self-sufficiency through its many initiatives and collaborations in areas such as public safety, accessibility, job training and workforce development, educational support, energy efficiency, financial literacy, environmental stewardship, household savings and homeownership.

It has done this as a national leader in creating healthy, safe, vibrant, transit-oriented, sustainable, mixed-income communities of choice. They have transformed neighborhoods and continue to be innovative in their methods and services, as well as flexible in responding to the affordable housing needs in Milwaukee. The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee is a strong supporter of Emerging Business Enterprises, with over \$20 million dollars annually in contracts supporting minority and women-owned enterprises

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has partnered with multiple federal agencies to bring housing and services to its residents and has been awarded multiple federal competitive grants, resulting in new and revitalized developments, including the very first completion of a HOPE VI grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has been recognized locally, nationally, and even internationally with dozens of awards for both its buildings and its services from organizations such as the American Planning Association, U.S. Green Building Council, Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University, Congress for New Urbanism, the State & Local Energy Report, The Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Communities Program, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, National League of Cities and the Sierra Club.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I am pleased to honor the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee. This agency continues to be an innovative leader in affordable housing and makes the 4th Congressional District a better place to live and work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
MICHELLE "MISSY" LANGER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Michelle Langer, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Michelle far too soon.

For 12 years, Michelle, also known as Missy, was a faithful administrative assistant for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. She had plans to retire soon. An Ohio native, Missy's heart was drawn to Virginia Beach and she decided to call it home. Missy's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Missy will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DEARBORN POLICE CORPORAL GORDON MORSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Corporal Gordon Morse for his many years of service to the Dearborn Police Department. Corporal Morse recently retired after twenty-five years of exemplary work with the department.

Corporal Morse began his service at the Dearborn Police Department in 1993. In 2002, he was selected to be a K-9 Officer. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of roles including as a field training officer, a range officer, explorer advisor, and department chaplain. Corporal Morse has represented his department by engaging in significant outreach to the Dearborn community through school and church demonstrations. He has also served as an instructor for the Oakland Police Academy K-9 Training Center for fifteen years. In this role, he trained numerous police officers and has created a safer environment for everyone in the Dearborn community.

Corporal Morse served the Dearborn community in various roles for a total of twenty-five years. His commitment to protecting the Dearborn community has impacted hundreds of his fellow officers and residents. His work training officers has been crucial to the continued safety of Dearborn, and his outreach efforts have strengthened the relationship between his department and the community. His exemplary service 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 twenty-five years of service of Police Corporal Gordon Morse to his country and to the Dearborn, Michigan community. His commitment to public safety is worthy of commendation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 437, I mistakenly voted “nay” when I intended to vote “aye.” I was a co-sponsor of H.R. 1044 in this and the previous Congress. I firmly believe that our immigration system needs comprehensive reform and this legislation is a small but important first step to alleviate the decades-long backlogs in our outdated employment and family-based immigration systems.

CONGRATULATING SHANE
JOHNSON FOR HIS SERVICE**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my appreciation and commendation to Shane Johnson who will be leaving the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy after thirty years of service and success.

When you have the honor of representing Idaho’s Second Congressional District and the Idaho National Laboratory, you learn a lot about nuclear energy and the important role the federal government plays researching, developing and deploying this amazing technology. Another part of that education is collaborating with the people at the Department of Energy who oversee the labs and these programs. It is in that capacity that I was able to see Shane Johnson lead the Office of Nuclear Energy on multiple occasions with extreme professionalism and vision.

If you go back and look at the major programs and accomplishments of the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, you will see Shane Johnson’s fingerprints all over the place. When DOE helped industry get two advanced light water reactor designs licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Shane was there; when DOE worked with industry to get the first small modular reactors ready for deployment, in Idaho, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy set up a robust university program to educate and graduate the next generation of nuclear scientists and engineers, Shane was there; when the Office of Nuclear Energy made its labs and facilities available to industry and universities to support technology development, Shane was there; and, when the Office of Nuclear Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission began working together to use lab developed codes to enhance reactor safety and security, Shane was there again. At the end of the day, when you look at Shane’s career and you see significant impacts and lasting contributions. A “thank you,” and a “job well done is deserved.”

While Shane’s accomplishments are real and impactful, his leadership of the Office of Nuclear Energy and his stewardship of the Idaho National Laboratory deserve special recognition. As administrations and initiatives come and go, it is the enduring leadership of the federal staff that keep our government op-

erating. In his career at the Office of Nuclear Energy, incoming administrations have asked Shane to lead the office and the staff to keep our fundamental goals and objectives in sight. Shane excelled in this role and when he came before my Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, you could see the confidence and pride his colleagues had in his leadership.

As he leaves federal service, I want to thank Shane for his outstanding contribution at the Office of Nuclear Energy and wish him and his wife, Susan, all the best in the future. His service will benefit generations of Americans to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD
H. NETTLETON**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Richard H. Nettleton, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Richard far too soon.

Richard worked as an engineer for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. For decades, Richard served Virginia Beach faithfully. Richard was well-known by all in his field and many of his colleagues admired and respected his work.

Not only was he a public servant, but he also served overseas. Richard served in the United States Army in Germany. Friends described Richard as a dedicated worker and a leader. Richard’s life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his selfless attitude, will forever be remembered.

Richard will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

IN MEMORY OF DR. WRIGHT L.
LASSITER, JR.**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the distinguished life and legacy of Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., who passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. Dr. Lassiter was known throughout the Dallas community for his wisdom as an educator, his leadership as a businessman, and his selflessness as a volunteer.

Dr. Lassiter served in the higher education system for an impressive thirty-plus years. His positions included President of Schenectady County Community College, President of Bishop College, President of El Centro Community College, and most recently Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District, the largest community college system in Texas. He was also a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Leadership Studies and Management/Ethics at Dallas Baptist University, a Master Professor in the Educational Leadership Program at the University of Texas, and a Visiting Professor at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Lassiter had a passion for higher education and made it a priority of his to ensure that underrepresented students had equal access to it.

In addition to his career as an educator and administrator, Dr. Lassiter earned national recognition for his diversity and inclusion advocacy. He held presidential appointments to the White House Commission on Minority Business Development and the National Advisory Council to the National Endowment for the Humanities under Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, respectively. He also held an appointment from former Texas Governor Rick Perry to the Task Force to Develop the State Higher Education Plan.

Dr. Lassiter was recognized for his work as the first African American recipient of the Russell Perry Distinguished Leadership Award by Dallas Baptist University, the Distinguished Service Award by the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, and the Jubilee History—Maker Award. He also published thirteen books and collections of speeches and sermons.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Lassiter lent his free time to our community. He was a board member of the Dallas Salvation Army, United Way, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Foundation, and the Dallas Housing Authority, to name a few. His contributions to the Dallas area are truly immeasurable, and his work will have a lasting impact on our community.

Dr. Lassiter is survived by his wife Demetria; son Wright Lassiter III; daughter Michele LassiterEwell; and two granddaughters, Ryan and Loren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Dr. Lassiter and his contributions through public service, his dedication to his students, and his love for the Dallas community. We will miss him dearly.

HONORING THE BERETTA FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable Jared Huffman to honor the Beretta Family as the recipient of the 2019 Sonoma County Farm Bureau Luther Burbank Conservation Award, which recognizes an individual, business, or family that is committed to environmental stewardship. The Beretta Family Dairy has become increasingly environmentally friendly over the last 70 years.

The Beretta Family started focusing on their farm’s impact on the environment in the 1950s. They stopped using chemical fertilizers, focused on pasture management, and committed to growing as much of their own feed as possible to reduce the amount of food that had to be trucked long distances. They currently produce 60 percent of the feed required for their 350 dairy cows, which not only helps the environment, but reduces the cost of feed as well. Starting in 1981, the Beretta family has used recycled water from the City of Santa Rosa to water the hay and silage on their 200 acres. By using recycled water, the family is conserving the groundwater in the aquifer underneath the Santa Rosa Plains. In 1992, the Beretta Family developed their

fertigation system which combined the cows' manure with the recycled city water and kept the manure from contaminating waterways. After they started using this system, their crop yields increased by one ton per acre. The Beretta Family Dairy was one of the first farms to collaborate with the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma Resource Conservation District on a nutrient offset project. The Beretta Family has hosted students from the Sonoma Resource Conservation District's FARMS (Farming, Agriculture, and Resource Management for Sustainability) Leadership program. They have provided opportunities to students that otherwise may not get to experience a working dairy.

The Beretta Family Ranch is currently operated by Doug and Sharon Beretta and their children Jennifer, Lisa, and Ryan. Lisa's son Brayden has shown an affinity for agriculture and may be the fifth generation of the Beretta Family to continue the family dairy business. In 2015, Doug Beretta, and the whole Beretta Family, were given the Water Quality Stewardship Award by the North Coast Water Quality Control Board in recognition of the family's management of water and resources on their dairy. Doug Beretta is the current Director and past President of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and the Sonoma County Fair and is a member of the 4H Replacement Heifer Committee and the Youth AG and Leadership Foundation.

Madam Speaker, the Beretta Family is dedicated to environmental stewardship and has worked to make their dairy environmentally friendly over the last 70 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

RECOGNITION OF MRIGLOBAL'S
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of MRIGlobal in Kansas City, Missouri.

As World War II was ending, Americans were in awe of technology's role in ending the greatest global struggle in history. The quality of American science turned the tide of the war.

In order to harness further scientific advancements, create amazing new technologies, and employ returning veterans, Kansas City civic leadership founded MRIGlobal, an independent, not-for-profit research organization.

I am thankful that those civic leaders had the vision to create MRIGlobal and am pleased that Kansas City has remained its home.

Through the years, MRIGlobal has attracted top scientific talent, worked across disparate specialties, and addressed some of the world's most challenging problems. Their research and development have impacted a wide array of endeavors including: defense; infectious disease and biological threat detection; human health; pharmaceutical science; energy, in-vitro diagnostics; global health; and transportation.

MRIGlobal brings a significant share of Federal Research and Development investment to

the Kansas City region. Since 2013, MRIGlobal has been awarded more than \$495 million in applied R&D grants. Furthermore, MRIGlobal employs 288 dedicated individuals between its Plaza and North Kansas City campuses and 416 people nationwide.

MRIGlobal is a strong and active corporate citizen. They partner with regional Missouri and Kansas Universities and Colleges to develop scientific talent and secure qualified employees. MRIGlobal has been and remains one of the strongest supporters of Kansas City's science, technology, engineering and math education programs. For example, it proudly serves as the Presenting Sponsor for the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair. MRIGlobal is also a key civic contributor, supporting such organizations as BioNexus KC, The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, KC Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council, Union Station Kansas City, the Nelson-Atkins Museum Business Council, the Animal Health Corridor, and the National World War I Museum.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent the employees of great non-profit companies like MRIGlobal. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating MRIGlobal on 75 years of progress and wishing them continued growth and success in the years ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE NORTHERN
TRIANGLE

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, as the United States faces a humanitarian crisis at its southern border, we must reaffirm and restore our commitment to provide aid to our southern neighbors in the Northern Triangle.

We must recognize the impact of U.S. support in reducing corruption, crime, and drug trafficking in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. The resolution also recognizes that U.S. aid has spurred economic development and job growth in the Northern Triangle. Cutting funding for various preventative programs is not the answer.

Cutting foreign aid will undo the progress that has been made within the region and will make the root causes of migration greater, which in turn will force even more individuals to flee their home country. We must ensure that the United States remains committed to helping individuals in need.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY
LOUISE GAYLE

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Mary Louise Gayle, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Mary Louise Gayle far too soon.

Mary Louise Gayle, also known as Mary Lou, worked as a right-of-way agent for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for 24 years. Friends described Mary Lou as happy, loving, and a good person. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. Mary Lou's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as her cheerful attitude, will forever be remembered.

Mary Lou will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

CONGRATULATIONS ON
RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the successful career of Dr. Judy Lynn Genshaft. After 19 years of service as President of the University of South Florida, Dr. Genshaft has retired. Under her leadership, USP has become a world-class institution of learning.

During Dr. Genshaft's tenure as President, she established the University of South Florida as one of the nation's top research universities. It now ranks ninth in size and is formally recognized as "top-tier" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Genshaft also raised the caliber of study at USF by creating the Honors College in 2002, which has flourished under her guidance. Earlier this year, Dr. Genshaft and her husband donated \$20 million of their own money to the Honors College—a generous gift that represents only a fraction of the care she has given the University over the last two decades. Her dedication to the University and the Tampa Bay area earned her the title of the 2008 Tampa Bay Business Journal Business Woman of the Year and an induction into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame.

Dr. Genshaft's unwavering commitment will have a profound impact on generations of students and Floridians to come. I thank her for everything she has done for the University of South Florida, our region and our state. Sandy and I wish her well and congratulate her on her wonderful career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRIMARY
CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Primary Care Enhancement Act of 2019, which would open up more access to affordable primary care.

Direct Primary Care (DPC) is a membership-based alternative payment model for primary care in which patients, employers, or health plans pay a DPC physician practice monthly or periodic fees directly for unlimited access to primary care and prevention services. DPC affords the patient more time with

the doctor—sometimes an hour per visit—giving the doctor the time to build a true relationship with their patients, so they can better understand and address their health needs.

Today, DPC is providing high-quality care at lower cost for individuals of all ages and incomes across America. By partnering with wrap-around insurance plans that cover non-primary care services, DPC practices now serve patients with private insurance, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid managed care. As opposed to “concierge” physician practices, DPC practices typically charge a low monthly fee of \$50–\$100 per month and serve low and moderate-income patients. However, IRS interpretation of the tax code prevents Americans with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) from using this promising alternative payment model.

The Primary Care Enhancement Act clarifies two small provisions in the Internal Revenue Code that treat these innovative primary care arrangements for employees and individuals as health plans rather than medical services. More than twenty states have passed laws defining DPC as a medical service and not a health plan regulated by state insurance law. Likewise, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rules on Essential Health Benefits clearly state that DPC arrangements are medical services, not health insurance. However, the current IRS interpretation of the statute prohibits individuals with HSAs from funding their accounts if they have a DPC arrangement. Furthermore, individuals cannot use their existing HSA dollars to pay for the monthly or annual DPC fees as qualified medical expenses, even though the fees are giving them access to their primary care doctor and primary care services that would otherwise be HSA-eligible.

As more individuals and employers seek to utilize the DPC delivery model, it is important that an outdated tax barrier not get in the way of patients accessing this successful model of care.

While many of us have philosophical differences about HSAs and their role in health care, my legislation is not an expansion of HSAs themselves; rather, it is a narrow clarification providing tax equity for individuals who want to use DPC arrangements. I urge my colleagues support this bipartisan effort to expand access and continue the movement towards better primary care at lower costs.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF STEMME FARMS

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Warren Stemme and his family on the 150th anniversary of their farm in Missouri's 2nd Congressional District.

Founded in 1869, Stemme Farms has become a landmark in St. Louis County, helping develop the community while playing an integral role in Missouri agriculture over the past century and a half.

One of the few full-time operations in the area, the 1,100-acre corn and soybean farm embraces the latest in agricultural technology, providing an indispensable source of edu-

cation for school groups, advocates, and elected officials alike.

A fourth-generation farmer, representative of the St. Louis County Farm Bureau, and former president of the Missouri Soybean Association, Mr. Stemme is one of the premier farmers and agricultural advocates statewide.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate Stemme Farms for providing the St. Louis community with nutrition, economic development, technological insights, and breathtaking scenery for the past 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TARA
WELCH GALLAGHER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Tara Welch Gallagher, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Tara far too soon.

Tara was a hardworking engineer who worked to educate the community about clean water. She served the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for six years and contributed significantly to the mission of improving the water quality of the Lake James Watershed. Tara's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Tara will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
WORK OF FRANCIS “FRAN”
JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson for her commitment to community service in the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 70th birthday on July 23, 2019.

Johnson is a third-generation District native. She began her service to the District as a candy-striper at Howard University Hospital, formerly known as Freedman's Hospital, in 1964. Over the years, she has advocated for critical issues such as equality in education and housing and improved financial literacy, among others.

As a neighborhood advocate, she has increased the number of signs in the community to help children with hearing impairments and called for more lighting in her neighborhood to help reduce crime. She fights for a D.C. with clean streets, safe neighborhoods and flourishing communities.

Building on her experience as a Ward 4 resident, she cofounded a non-profit named Shammah, Inc, which provides low-income families with food, shelter and the opportunity to learn life skills.

Over the years, she has been recognized for her commitment to service. In 2009, she was named “Superwoman” by NBC News 4, and in 2017, she was crowned Ms. Senior District of Columbia. As Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she attended over 200 community events, amplifying the voice of older D.C. residents and advocating for an age-friendly D.C. In her role as Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she testified at D.C. Council hearings and partnered with several D.C. Office on Aging and Community Living programs.

Johnson attended St. Cecilia's Academy and D.C.'s first land-grant college, the Washington Technical Institute. She graduated with academic honors and a degree in Business Administration/Secretarial Science.

She began her professional career in 1970, as the first African-American legal secretary for the International Business Machines Corporation's (IBM) intellectual property division. After 30 years at IBM, she retired and joined the Business Executives for National Service as the office receptionist and Assistant to the CFO.

While she has embraced many roles during her lifetime—wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, professional and community advocate—Johnson still makes time for sports, music, traveling and many other hobbies.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson on the occasion of her 70th birthday and for her lasting contributions to the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GIUMARRA, JR.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John G. Giumarra, Jr., who passed away on June 30, 2019 at the age of 78. John was a well-respected businessman not only in Kern County, but throughout California.

Born to a family that had been growing grapes in California since 1922, John joined the family business at an early age. John earned his bachelor's degree from University of California, Berkeley, and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law, working as the Book Review Editor of the Stanford Law Review. He initially moved to Newport Beach to work for a law firm, but the family business quickly drew him back to Bakersfield. There, John applied his legal acumen in assisting his father with the company that bears their family name—Giumarra Vineyards. Working as the in-house counsel, John played a critical role in developing contracts with other businesses, as well as playing a lead role in working with U.S. and foreign government officials to expand American grape exports.

For years, John worked tirelessly, embracing an increasingly important role as the face of his family business. Through his dedication, John transformed Giumarra Vineyards into an internationally-known brand. A pioneer in viticulture, John imported Chilean grapes in the 1980's for use in Giumarra Vineyards products during the off season in the U.S., a move that bolstered the company's market share and served to enhance its rapidly-growing footprint.

In 2015, John became President of Giumarra Vineyards.

John was also extremely active in the grape industry; for 33 years, John served as both the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Chairman of the California Table Grape Commission. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, as well as on the Board of Directors of both the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and the Produce Marketing Association.

In addition to his dedication to leading and growing the grape industry, John was also committed to raising money for education, serving as the Chairman of the annual California State University, Bakersfield Athletics Spring BBQ, raising millions of dollars since he was named chairman back in 1972.

Those who knew John will fondly remember him as a great mentor, a consummate professional, tireless advocate for the grape industry, and a dedicated family man. I am proud to have known him and been able to call John a friend. I will miss his counsel and sage advice on the important issues facing the grape industry and agriculture in our community, state, and across the country.

John is survived by his wife, Pamela, his five children, John III, Randy and his wife Barri, Juliana and her husband Clayton, Joseph, Jillian and her husband Morgan, and his 15 grandchildren. On behalf of Kern County and the 23rd Congressional District of California, I want to extend my condolences to the entire Giumarra family. John will be missed, but he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to serve as an inspiration and shape an industry for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
KATHERINE A. NIXON

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Katherine A. Nixon, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Katherine far too soon.

Katherine, also known as Kate, worked as a civil engineer for the City of Virginia Beach for over 10 years. Kate's coworkers and loved ones described her as a smart and caring person who was the supervisor everyone would want. Kate's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as her compassionate heart, will forever be remembered.

Kate will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

PROMOTION OF ECZEMA
AWARENESS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to promote awareness of a

skin condition for which we have not found a medical cure. Eczema.

Eczema is a skin condition that causes red, itchy and inflamed skin and has profound medical, psychological, and economic impact on patients, families, and their communities. The prevalence of Eczema in the United States is 10.1 percent and Eczema impacts over 31.6 million children and adults in the United States alone. Patients afflicted with Eczema experience dry cracked and scaly skin, incessant itch, chronic pain and sleep deprivation. 41.5 percent of adult Eczema patients report having a concurring diagnosis of depression and 47.1 percent report having a concurring diagnosis of asthma. Adults and children with Eczema frequently also experience comorbidities like asthma, allergic rhinitis, food allergies, ADHD, bacterial and viral infections and hypertension. Eczema disease burdens also includes anxiety, stress on social and intimate relationships, increased suicidal ideation delayed developmental achievement, reduced self-esteem, restrictions on diet and exercise, extensive caregiver burdens, challenges with medical adherence and missed school days. Eczema sufferers miss days at work, disability, unemployment and under-employment and other opportunity costs.

The direct medical cost of the three most common types of Eczema exceed \$2.17 billion and the indirect medical cost exceed \$927 million and two thirds of Eczema patients report experiencing significant barriers including high out-of-pocket costs and insurance requirements that delay patients access to medications.

There is no cure for Eczema, but emerging technologies and medications promise a much brighter future for Eczema patients. Eczema is a serious health problem and we can't stop until we find a cure.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE
MORRISON

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Representative LAHOOD to honor Wayne Morrison, Specialist in International Trade and Finance in the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

Wayne recently retired after 36 years of distinguished service at CRS as a leading expert on U.S.-China trade and economic relations.

Wayne has always been helpful to our offices and willing to speak to groups, Members and policy staffers about trade and China.

Before starting his career at CRS, Wayne worked in the office of Senator John Heinz, engaging directly with constituents on international trade issues.

From there, Wayne has spent over three decades working in trade policy. Wayne has been involved in nearly every major trade bill and U.S. trade law, as well as U.S. trade relations and negotiations with key U.S. trading partners and at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

As the Chairs of the US-China Working Group, we rise with appreciation for Wayne's

work on China specifically. Wayne's knowledge of China's economy and its economic rise have been critical to Congress. One of Wayne's greatest strengths is his ability to explain the complexities of the bilateral relationship in an authoritative yet accessible manner, providing invaluable assistance to Members of Congress, as well as to the most experienced congressional staff and to those just starting to work on China.

Wayne represents CRS at its finest in serving Congress. We will miss him and wish him the very best in his retirement.

HONORING THE PORT CHICAGO 50

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Port Chicago 50.

In 1944, a cargo vessel exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine, located in my district, resulting in the deadliest home front disaster of World War II. The men loading ammunition at the site were African American. When the surviving African American 258 sailors understandably refused to return to those unsafe conditions, 50 were discriminately charged with and convicted of mutiny.

Congress and the Administration have repeatedly recognized the injustice the Port Chicago 50 suffered. Congress directed the creation of a memorial, the Executive branch pardoned one of the 50, and then-Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus recognized the "well-documented challenges associated with uniformed service by African Americans during that era" and said he "strongly support[s] executive action in favor of" the Port Chicago 50.

An amendment I filed to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2500) calls for the Navy to exonerate them, a process used in prior NDAs for wrongfully convicted service members.

As we near the 75th anniversary of the explosion, let us follow President Obama's Port Chicago tribute: "may we carry forward their legacy by renewing our resolve to tackle injustice in our time."

I would like to particularly thank the Friends of Port Chicago, including Reverend Diana McDaniel, Professor John Lawrence at the University of California Washington Center, former Congressman George Miller, and Congresswoman BARBARA LEE for all of their work and support for this cause.

I am grateful to my colleagues for their support of this amendment and look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to ensure this important provision remains in the bill that is ultimately signed into law.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS ELDEN CHARLES JUSTUS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sergeant First Class

Elden Charles Justus who died in the line of duty during the Korean War on December 6, 1950, and is being laid to rest today.

Elden Justus was born in Grady, New Mexico, to Elmer and Lois Justus. The family settled in Arcata, California, where Elden graduated high school in 1945. On October 29, 1945 he enlisted in the United States Army and joined the 33rd Field Artillery Unit in Darmstadt, Germany. He met his wife in Germany, Ruth Boensel, and had two children, Jack and Lois.

The family relocated to Camp Carson in Colorado in January of 1950, and by September of 1950, Sergeant Justus departed for Japan and then to Korea. He served in the Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division. He died in what is now North Korea on December 6, 1950, while assisting American and Korean soldiers out of an enemy attack. He was considered Missing in Action (MIA) until his remains were found in 2004 in a communal grave.

The Department of the Army POW/MIA Accounting Agency performed multiple tests and after 15 years of verification work, Sergeant Justus's surviving family members, his children Jack and Lois, were notified that their father's remains were found and identified in April 2019.

Sergeant Justus will posthumously be awarded the Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Presidential Unit Citation-Navy, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea-Presidential Unit Citation.

Madam Speaker, until Sergeant Justus's remains were recovered in 2004, he was one of over 7,000 Korean War service members who remain unaccounted. Sergeant Justus made the brave and honorable decision to help his fellow soldiers to safety when he gave his life for this nation. Therefore, please join me in recognizing SFC Elden Justus as he finally returns home and is laid to rest.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIGUEL
GONZALEZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Miguel Gonzalez for his hard work and dedication to serving my local community. Mr. Gonzalez, the Co-President of the Northgate Gonzalez Market chain, serves as an excellent example of how one family's achievement of the American Dream can impact a community.

In 1968, Mr. Gonzalez and his family immigrated to the United States. In the beginning, Miguel Gonzalez worked in manufacturing and retail enterprises. With his family, Mr. Gonzalez shaped the creation of a market that would provide other immigrants with food and products from their native regions in Mexico.

The Gonzalez family faced the challenge of learning how to establish a retail food business in a new country. With a vision and an urge to serve their community, the first Northgate Market opened its doors in 1980 in Anaheim, California. Through commitment,

perseverance, and involvement in their neighborhood, the Northgate Markets began to grow and flourish.

While working with other family members and Northgate executives, Mr. Gonzalez directed the physical growth of the chain and oversaw major developments in purchasing, information technology, human resources and other elements of the business. Miguel Gonzalez is also a founding member of the Board of Directors of Northgate Gonzalez Real Estate, LLC.

Following in their father's footsteps, Mr. Gonzalez's six children continue to contribute and expand upon their father's business, while investing themselves in their community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Miguel Gonzalez for his commitment to serving his community and inspiring younger generations in their pursuit of the American Dream.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
SACRIFICE OF RYAN KEITH COX

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Ryan Keith Cox, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. He displayed a heroic and selfless act right before his death. Virginia Beach lost this hero far too soon.

For 12 years, Cox, known as Keith, worked as an account clerk in the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. Keith, during the horrific shooting, led several individuals to safety and barricaded them in a secure room. After ensuring those individuals were safe, Keith bravely reentered the line of fire to find more individuals to carry to safety, which then led to his death. Keith did not think about himself in the midst of danger, but instead thought about how to protect and save others.

Friends described Keith as someone who would sacrifice for others. Keith's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his sacrificial and heroic acts, will forever be remembered.

Keith will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

COMMENDING LOGAN SIMMONS'
HEROIC ACTIONS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend 19-year-old Logan Simmons for his altruistic and quick response to a choking customer while working at Chick-fil-A in Flowery Branch, Georgia.

On June 25, 2019, Simmons, who is a manager at the restaurant, was working the drive-thru when he noticed a pause in the flow of cars. After being notified by a customer that a

young boy in the next car was choking, Simmons did not hesitate to jump out of the service window and run to rescue the young boy.

Simmons ran up to the car and quickly noticed the 6-year-old boy's seatbelt was tangled around his neck. Simmons quickly approached the boy and his mother, noticing that the boy had started losing color in his face. After asking the mother for her permission to approach the boy with a pocket knife, he swiftly cut through the seat belt, saving the young boy's life.

The mother and her son had left the location by the time Simmons had made it back to the drive-thru window, but she was sure to call shortly after the incident and send a letter thanking Simmons for saving her son's life.

Unexpected acts of heroism often make the biggest difference, and Simmons sure is a local hero in the city of Flowery Branch. I would like to personally thank him for stepping up and saving a life. Because of his swift call to action, this young boy is alive today.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHRONIC
DISEASE MANAGEMENT ACT OF
2019

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Chronic Disease Management Act of 2019, which would permit high-deductible health plans to provide chronic disease prevention services to plan enrollees prior to satisfying their plan deductible.

According to a 2017 Rand Corporation study, 90 percent of the United States' \$3.3 trillion in annual health expenditures are for people with chronic and mental health conditions. Approximately 60 percent of the cost is paid by public sources: Medicare, Medicaid, and other U.S. federal and state health programs. The Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease estimates that by 2030, 83 million people in the U.S. will have three or more chronic health conditions, up from 31 million in 2015. Preventing chronic diseases, or managing symptoms when prevention is not possible, can reduce these costs.

Currently, the cost of chronic care services often prevents individuals who have a chronic disease and high deductible health plan from seeking care. Many Americans struggle, particularly at the beginning of the year, when they have to pay out of pocket until they have met their deductible.

My legislation would address this problem by allowing health savings account eligible high deductible health plans to provide beneficiary coverage of chronic disease management care before reaching their deductible limit. My bill would lower costs for people living with chronic conditions by providing pre-deductible coverage of services critical in fending off the progression of chronic illness. That is why I am proud to sponsor the Chronic Disease Management Act of 2019, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in support of this important piece of legislation.

SHERM OLSRUD

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend Mr. Sherm Olsrud for his extensive community service and philanthropy efforts in Rogue Valley and the rest of the southern Oregon region over the last 40 years. Sherm passed away in May at the age of 95, survived by his wife, Wanda, and their children. Today, I'd like to pay tribute to Sherm's service to our nation and his commitment and generosity to Oregonians in need.

Sherm's sense of duty and service began early in life when he left North Dakota to serve as a United States Marine in the South Pacific during World War II. Following the war, Sherm settled in Eugene, Oregon and met his wife-to-be, Wanda, while working in his Uncle's restaurant. They immediately fell in love and were happily married in February 1947.

Over the next decade, the couple's love and ambition would bring them great success. Sherm used his GI Bill benefits to train as a meat cutting apprentice and in 1958 he and Wanda would buy Wilson's Sausage Kitchen establishing their first family business in Eugene. After several years of building their small business they opened Eugene's first all-day market in a new 10,000 square foot grocery store named Sherm's 24 Hour Market.

With the resourcefulness, adaptability, and integrity of a United States Marine he kept Sherm's running successfully for nearly ten more years before selling the business in order to expand his business throughout the southern Oregon. Sherm and Wanda built a family store chain purchasing the old Thunderbird Market in Medford in 1967, the Mayfair Market in Klamath Falls in 1974, the Bazaar department store in Medford in 1977, the Food 4 Less franchise in 1985, and Food World in Roseburg in 2000. They often worked more than 12 hours every day of the week to maintain their vision while employing more than 600 people. Sherm would also say "the customer is still the boss, always has been and always will be because the customer has a lot of options."

Although his business accomplishments demonstrate a record of success, none of it would have been possible without the distinguished character and value system of the man himself. Sherm believed in sharing the fruits of his success with those less fortunate in the community by supporting programs to help them get back on their feet. For instance, every year Sherm and Wanda donated nearly 50,000 pounds of food and toiletry items to the Jackson County ACCESS community assistance program.

Sherm has also supported fun educational programs for local children and young adults. Sherm and Wanda generously donated to local programs like Future Farmers of America, 4H Club, and Kids Unlimited, as well as maintaining Bear Creek Park, building a \$20,000 fence for McLoughlin Middle School, and covering ticket costs for all children twelve and under for the Jackson County Fair. Even upon receiving a share of a winning Powerball ticket he sold, he quickly donated the funds to two local elementary schools. Well known as a sports enthusiast, Sherm was able to bring

the Portland Trail Blazers to Kids Unlimited to play ball with the children.

Additionally, Sherm always believed that pursuing higher education is foundational for the well-being and success of communities. Sherm would say, "As time goes by, our society demands educated people. Our country needs educated people." Therefore, he and Wanda established a series of scholarship funds to promote education and help students in financial need. These include The Sherm and Wanda Olsrud Scholarship Fund and The Olsrud 4H and FFA Scholarship Fund that offer renewable \$5,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, as well as the Sherm & Wanda Olsrud Endowed Scholarship that offers up to \$5,000 to students attending Southern Oregon University.

Over his long life, Sherm has demonstrated integrity, duty, and true generosity in every community in which he lived. Sherm's business acumen and benevolence are well known across most of the southern Oregon region including Douglas, Lane, Josephine, Jackson, and Klamath counties for the past 40 years and his legacy will continue for many years into the future. In fact, the Olsrud family has opened Sherm's memorial service to the broader public due to widespread interest in celebrating Sherm's accomplishments and philanthropy.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Sherm for his many years of service and generosity throughout southern Oregon, and I give my condolences to Wanda, and the Olsrud family.

HONORING MR. KENNETH HILTON HICKMAN**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the achievements of Mr. Kenneth Hilton (K.H.) Hickman, a proud native and star athlete of Freeport, Illinois; Hickman served in the United States Navy as a Fire Control Technician Third Class (FT3) aboard the USS *Bristol* 857 Naval Destroyer. The USS *Bristol* was first commissioned in 1945 and served valiantly during World War II from 1944 to 1946, including involvement at Pearl Harbor on June 9, 1945. From the time of Hickman's enlistment in 1954 to 1958, the USS *Bristol* was involved in various post-war activities: participation in operation SPRINGBOARD, refresher trainings in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Anti-Submarine Duty with the Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic (ComAntiSubLant), a four month tour with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, involvement in the NATO exercise NEW BROOM V and various HUK operations, and a midshipman to Valpariso via the Panama Canal to engage in even more NATO exercises. Hickman's opportunity to have a well-rounded naval experience while serving his country was extensive and evident aboard the USS *Bristol*.

On the morning of Thursday, July 31, 1958, just two years after graduating from Freeport High School in 1954 and enlisting to serve the U.S. Military, Hickman was lost at sea while serving. During time of his death, the ship had

set sail for Bergen, Norway, Balboa, Spain and Hamburg, Germany for a six-week Midshipman cruise and Fleet Exercise. After 61 long years, we celebrate the life and service of Mr. Hickman. The state of Illinois is grateful for his sacrifice and blessed to honor such a public servant who dedicated his young years for a noble cause.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER KELLY RAPP**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Christopher Kelly Rapp, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Christopher far too soon.

Christopher worked as an engineer for the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach. Rapp graduated from Old Dominion University and studied civil engineering. He brought his knowledge and expertise to the city just 11 months prior to the shooting. Friends described Rapp as positive and kind. Rapp's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as his positive attitude, will forever be remembered.

Christopher Kelly Rapp will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, it was my intention to vote Nay on the Torres of California Part B Amendment No. 10 (Roll Call Vote No. 442) to H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

I would like to reflect my opposition to Ms. TORRES' amendment to prohibit the administration from transferring oversight of export for some types of firearms, ammunition and related items from the U.S. Munitions List under the State Department's International Traffic In Arms Regulations to the Commerce Control List, under the Commerce Department's Export Administration Regulations.

HONORING TITO SASAKI**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to recognize Tito Sasaki on his induction to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. His induction to the Hall of Fame signifies his commitment to Sonoma County's agricultural community and efforts to protect our 500,000 acres of cherished farmland.

Mr. Sasaki was born in 1938 in Tokyo, Japan. He has pursued his education in many different subjects and countries. He attended a seminary run by German Jesuits, studied mechanical engineering at a Japanese university, received a degree with honors in industrial design from the Royal College of Art in London, earned his Master of Science in Ekistics from Athens Technical Institute in Greece, completed postgraduate studies at the Institute of Traffic and Transportation Engineering at UC Berkeley, and studied oceanography at the Scripps Institute at UC San Diego.

Mr. Sasaki has worked tirelessly on water issues in Sonoma County for over twenty years. He has devoted much of his time to developing water solutions and strategies, namely a balance between the water needs of farmers, fish, and urban residents. His work with the County was integral for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Sasaki joined the Sonoma County Farm Bureau in 1985 after he and his wife bought their ranch and began to revive a neglected vineyard on the property. He has sat on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for over fifteen years and was President of the Board from 2013 to 2014. He is also a member and past Chairman of Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Water Committee and a member of the Natural Resources Committee. In addition to his service at the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Mr. Sasaki was a member of the Board of the Sonoma Ecology Center and is a member of the California Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee.

In addition to his contributions to Sonoma County Farm Bureau and our farming community, Mr. Sasaki is the President of Quantum Mechanics Corporation. Mr. Sasaki is known for his astute analytical skills, which he has employed in his work to help farmers and landowners.

Madam Speaker, Tito Sasaki is an integral member of our farming community and is deserving of his induction to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

WE MUST FIGHT TO PRESERVE
SOCIAL SECURITY FOR
MILLENNIALS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following article, written by Max Richtman, the president and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, for my colleagues. As Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I urge my colleagues to fight to protect Social Security for all working Americans, especially millennials who will rely on Social Security significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generation. Mr.

Richtman's article makes a persuasive case to rebut efforts to divide the generations by claiming that today's millennials bear the burden of supporting today's retirees. The Social Security 2100 Act will ensure that Social Security is there for generations to come for all, including millennials.

WE MUST FIGHT TO PRESERVE SOCIAL
SECURITY FOR MILLENNIALS

(By Max Richtman)

If you're a millennial, you have may been led to believe that you have a better chance of seeing a UFO or Bigfoot than receiving a Social Security check. In a recent survey, some 80 percent of millennials are concerned that they won't be able to receive any Social Security benefits upon retirement.

With the steady drumbeat of dystopian disinformation flowing from Social Security's opponents and many in the media, who could blame them? No wonder the young adults I talk to at town hall meetings across the country tell me the same thing: "Social Security will not be there for me when I need it." Let me assure the U.S.'s young people that Social Security will be there for you in the future, if you fight for it now.

Don't listen to so-called "entitlement reformers" who try to divide the generations by telling you it's unfair that millennials "support" today's retirees through Social Security payroll contributions. This ignores the fact that the program has always been a compact between the generations—and has provided Americans with basic income in retirement for more than 80 years. Social Security is the bedrock of the U.S.'s working and middle classes. We can't allow conservative ideologues to erode it.

These "reformers" count on people forgetting that Social Security is much more than a retirement income program. It also provides disability, spousal and survivor's benefits to Americans of all ages. The average worker with a spouse and two children would have to purchase more than \$600,000 in life and disability insurance to replace the protections Social Security provides. In fact, some 1.2 million millennials already receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security is as much a millennials' program as anyone else's. Current trends indicate that millennials will rely on Social Security retirement benefits significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generations. Increasing income inequality, wage stagnation, student loan debt, declining home ownership, the gig economy and the scarcity of employer-provided pensions have put young peoples' retirement security at risk.

The National Institute on Retirement Security reports that two-thirds of millennials haven't saved any money for retirement. At the same time, future seniors face rapidly escalating living costs. Basic expenses—from housing to health care to groceries—will become even pricier in decades to come. What's more, millennials will live longer on average than today's retirees, meaning they'll have to spread out their financial resources over a greater number of years.

That's why Social Security will be even more crucial in keeping today's young people out of poverty in old age. According to a recent Urban Institute study, the average millennial will receive \$1,000,000 in Social Security retirement benefits. That's about

twice the average amount that today's retirees collect. But this will happen only if we are able to prevent "reformers" from cutting benefits, including raising the retirement age and adopting a more miserly formula for calculating yearly cost-of-living adjustments. Don't let them fool you into believing that slashing benefits is the only way to keep the system solvent for the future—or that we should gamble with the Social Security trust fund by investing it on Wall Street.

In fact, there is another path forward, championed by Rep. John Larson (D-Connecticut) and Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), among others in Congress. Both have introduced legislation that would put Social Security on a solid financial footing for the future, while Rep. Larson's bill provides a modest, but much-needed boost in benefits. Each bill would adjust the Social Security payroll wage cap (currently set at \$132,900) so that the wealthy would begin paying their fair share into the program.

Representative Larson's bill also includes a 1.2 percent increase in employee payroll contributions spread out over 24 years. The average worker would contribute an extra 50 cents per week toward future Social Security benefits—the equivalent of one Starbucks coffee drink every two months. As Larson points out, that's a pretty good deal in exchange for the peace of mind of knowing Social Security will remain fully solvent through the end of the century, with more generous benefits and cost-of-living adjustments. If you're an average income earner, you will surely need both to pay your bills in old age.

Millennials, here's a chance to harness the power of your generation to exert influence on the future course of Social Security. Instead of accepting the false narrative that Social Security is doomed, join your parents and grandparents in protecting Social Security as if your future financial well-being depends on it—because it does.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" WILLIAMS

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Robert Williams, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Robert far too soon.

Williams, known as Bobby, worked for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach for over 40 years. Bobby was a true public servant and was dedicated to his work and mission. Many remember learning from him and praised his knowledge of the institution and the system. Bobby's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Bobby will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.