

The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, and can be recited by every child, then and now: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

This was a moment for joy and celebration for the entire nation.

But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion of unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women working in Mission Control at the NASA Johnson Space Center of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do and urge all who will hear these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration and wonder for what lies next for us.

And, I invoke President Kennedy's admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

Therefore—I seek out ways each day to touch this part of American exceptionalism—our ability to take all that we know about science, seek out new knowledge, bring the talents of all our people regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity and apply our resources to solving problems.

We can prevail against global climate change, cure cancer, end pandemics, and poverty—by pursuing these ends with the same focus and determination that our nation brought to bear in facing the challenge of landing people on the moon.

I congratulate the men and women of NASA past, present and future in making science fiction—science fact.

Today, we celebrate our trip to the moon.

I look forward to our celebration of our nation sending the first humans to Mars.

#### HONORING LUCINDA MARIE LOPEZ FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucinda Marie Lopez, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Lucinda joins a select group of scouts to obtain this recognition. The Gold Award symbolizes an individual's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award requires earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Inspired by the work and leadership of Girl Scout's founder Juliette Low, Lucinda assembled a replica of Low's childhood home for display at Brownsville's Holiday Village. Her model helped to inspire our children and instill in them values championed by the Girl Scouts. This project required remarkable creativity and attention to detail in order to bring an exhibit

of such magnitude to life. Additionally, she designed a patch of the Holiday Village, which her fellow Girl Scouts earn by visiting the village.

It is a great honor to recognize Lucinda Marie Lopez for her dedication and unwavering service. I am confident that the skills and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY HONOREE: CATHERINE ELIZABETH MCCARTHY

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I retract the Congressional recognition of Ms. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy.

Congressional recognition of one's accomplishments is a solemn honor and privilege conferred to people that have earned it through their service to their community. Catherine Elizabeth McCarthy is wholly undeserving of this honor, as she deceived the community about her medical credentials and did not perform any of the actions described in the recognition. While I understand that I cannot make a retraction of my March 11, 2019 remarks made in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I formally submit this statement as a substitute for my earlier comments.

#### HONORING COLONEL L. OMAR LOMAS

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel L. Omar Lomas, an Army veteran, and a dedicated community leader. On July 18, 2019, he took command of 42D Military Police Brigade.

Colonel Lomas is a native of Texas's 15th Congressional District, born in McAllen, Texas. In 1996, he graduated from Texas State University, formerly known as Southwest Texas State, as a Distinguished Military Graduate through their ROTC program, earning his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In August 1996, Colonel Lomas enlisted and served as an Army soldier in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. After serving, he obtained two Masters degrees, one in Business and Security Administration from Webster University and another in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Lomas engaged in a variety of impressive learning opportunities including the Military Police Officer Basic course, the Captain's Career course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Air Assault and Airborne courses, and the Army Force Management Course.

Colonel Lomas has honorably served in key leadership roles in our military; serving as a Platoon Leader to Commander for the Military

Police at Fort McClellan, Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Schofield Barracks, and in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Colonel Lomas also served as Operations Officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Riley Kansas; Military Police Observer Coach/Trainer, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Deputy Director, Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, Pentagon; and Strategic Initiatives Group Chief, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Pentagon.

Colonel Lomas has received several awards and distinctions, including the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OCL), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (3rd Bronze Star), the Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, the Liberation of Kuwait Medal, the Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal, the Order of the Marechaussee (Bronze), the Combat Action, Air Assault and Parachutist's badges, and the Army Staff Badge.

Madam Speaker, Colonel L. Omar Lomas has dedicated his life to defending our country and the freedoms we hold dear. It is an honor to represent a hero who has exemplified leadership, scholarship, and selfless service. There is no doubt in my mind that Colonel Lomas will excel with 42D Military Police Brigade. I wish Colonel L. Omar Lomas, his wife Edna Georgina Garcia, and his children Maria, Miguel, Mateo, and Diego the best in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE MOYE FAMILY'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND FAMILY

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 22, 2019*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history of the Moyer Family and their commitment to maintaining the values of loyalty and community.

Jacqueline Johnson, a constituent and Buffalo resident who worked for many years in the Buffalo Public School District, brought the Moyer family history to my attention as they gather in Buffalo to celebrate their 39th annual family reunion.

The Moyer family history begins in South Carolina, with the marriage of Ezra Moyer to Sarah Howard. This union produced six children, Willis, Sonny, Ezra Moyer Jr., aka "Bud", Millie, Rachel, and Margaret. From these six children, the Moyer family has grown exponentially.

The firstborn in the next generation of Moyer's is Lawrence Moyer, the son of Willis and Mattie. Prior to Lawrence's birth, all previous Moyer ancestors had lived under the crushing burden of slavery. In 1865, Lawrence was freed from slavery, and in his first display of true freedom he chose to marry two weeks later. His love for his new wife Charlotte was unbounded by slavery, and he seized this opportunity to benefit the generations of his family to come.