

expertly representing GAO's work on high profile, complex, and sensitive DOD acquisition programs including the F-22 Raptor, the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter, among other high-profile programs such as the B-2 Spirit, the KC-46A tanker, the B-21 Raider, the Next Generation Air Dominance concept, and numerous unmanned aircraft programs such as the MQ-1, MQ-9, RQ-4, UCAV, UCLASS, and MQ-25. He consistently delivered insightful, independent, and fact-based analyses that informed the decision-making of the Armed Services Committee made regarding many of DOD's largest and most complex acquisition programs during many cycles of the Committee during formulation of annual National Defense Authorization Acts. He has been a constant voice for good government and a force for positive change. In addition to his program oversight noted above, Mr. Sullivan has also been greatly involved in reviewing issues related to science and technology portfolio management, technology maturation and requirements development efforts, and Department of Defense tactical aircraft force structure planning and execution.

We all are eternally grateful for Mr. Sullivan's contributions to oversight of national security issues and fiscal resources of the most importance to Congress and the American taxpayer. Mr. Sullivan's exceptional work and many accomplishments over more than three decades are deeply valued by me, the committee, and the Congress. We sincerely thank Mr. Sullivan and wish him the best success in all of his future endeavors after retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF JUDY SCHNEIDER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judy Schneider on the occasion of her retirement.

Throughout her time on the Hill, Judy served as an unparalleled testament to bipartisanship, hard work, and public service. There is no one more deserving of being recognized for a lifetime of exemplary public service.

Cherished mentor to a lucky few and friend to countless Members of this body, Senators, and Hill staffers, including my Chief of Staff, Judy embraced each day of her four decades of service as an opportunity to improve the processes of Congress.

Her expertise knew no bounds. She has authored countless reports and mentored thousands. Judy was a tremendous help in the successful orchestration of the 2014 Women's Fly-In.

Committing forty years to Congress takes resilience and a passion for public service. But to embrace those years with her unwavering belief that Congress can always do better is her shining legacy.

Many of you know that I am fierce advocate for the 3 P's of public service: Policy, Process, and Politics. Fewer know that it was Judy who took the time to teach me the three P's, and emphasize that they are the key to fostering bipartisanship, even in the most contentious of times.

Her touchstone is immeasurable, her service is deeply appreciated, and her retirement is well-deserved.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUSAN "LEANNE" POWELL

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Susan "Leanne" Powell, a dear friend of more than 15 years. Leanne was a passionate and fierce leader whose light reached across North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District and brightened our great nation. Leanne departed this life on July 20, 2019 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Exemplary of her devotion to others, Leanne requested her organs be donated to her community and now three North Carolinians will benefit from her continued generosity.

Leanne led a life of distinction and at age 12 started a career in politics that would span more than three decades. As a young woman she served as a campaign volunteer for the late Congressman Bill Hefner and later joined his office staff. This experience foreshadowed the extraordinary woman she was to become. Leanne went on to serve the White House Women's Office under President Bill Clinton and Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Jill Long Thompson. Following this time in our nation's capital, she returned to North Carolina and founded a successful campaign consulting firm before managing the campaign of Congressman Larry Kissell. Leanne helped elect this history teacher-turned-candidate to Congress in 2008 and served two terms as Congressman Kissell's Chief of Staff, a tenure defined by ideological purity and constituent service.

After deciding to leave politics in 2013, Leanne would tell colleagues she wanted to "make an honest living" making whiskey. Today, Southern Grace Distilleries stands as one of North Carolina's premier distilleries and a testament of Leanne's hard work and dedication. Reflective of Leanne's innumerable accomplishments and devotion to public service, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper inducted Leanne into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine on July 17, 2019, the highest civilian honor the governor can bestow. Throughout Leanne's life she made service to others a priority.

My thoughts and prayers are with Leanne's husband, Drew Arrowood; her mother, Judy M. McCord; her brother, Albett "Chip" Powell Jr.; and all who loved her, including her beloved canine companion, Bleu. Renee and I join our entire community as we grieve together during this difficult time.

I know I speak for the entire community when I say Leanne lives on in the hearts and minds of all who felt her kindness and generosity and I will do everything in my power to honor her extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Susan "Leanne" Powell.

VENEZUELA TPS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 549, the Venezuela TPS Act of 2019. I cosponsored this bill because I believe this is the right policy to protect the thousands of Venezuelans fleeing horrific conditions in their country. They don't want to leave. They are being forced to leave.

Today, the people of Venezuela face economic, political and humanitarian crises. The economy has shrunk by nearly 30 percent over the past four years, declines often seen only in wartime. Their currency erodes daily and is experiencing the highest inflation rates in the world. Poverty rates have skyrocketed with over three out of every four Venezuelans living in dire straits. Venezuelans can no longer meet the recommended 2,000 calories a day. 75 percent of the population reported significant weight loss in the last year alone. Hospitals are without basic medicines and equipment to treat the sick.

Venezuela used to be South America's richest nation, now the majority of Venezuelans live in unsustainable conditions.

This crisis is also affecting regional stability. Brazil and Colombia are dealing with escalating migrant and refugee flows, as millions of Venezuelans cross into their borders. Colombia has taken in almost 1.5 million Venezuelan refugees, straining their countries resources. The U.N. called the exodus from Venezuela the "largest in recent history of Latin America and the Caribbean."

It is time for the United States to step up. President Trump has been tough on Venezuela's dictator, Maduro, but has shown no mercy to the thousands of Venezuelans that have applied for protection in the United States. The conditions in Venezuela are exactly what TPS was designed to address. It prevents foreign nationals from being deported back to countries facing civil unrest.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this critical bill tonight.

This is how we help Venezuelans in the short term.

REMEMBERING STEFANO GIUSEPPE RIBOLI

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember a great Angeleno, Stefano Giuseppe Riboli, who passed away on July 3, 2019, at the age of 97. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and lived a joyous life filled with the love of family and friends. To the people of Los Angeles, he was also cherished as the patriarch of San Antonio Winery, who led the winery's growth into the thriving, century-old local institution it is today.

Stefano was a Los Angeles native. He was born in the city on September 8, 1921, to