

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SUPPORT FOR ABILITY ONE PROGRAM

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the outstanding work of the AbilityOne Program, which empowers Americans with disabilities and helps bring them into the workforce. The AbilityOne Program promotes exemplary public-private partnerships to employ Americans with significant disabilities, including veterans and the blind. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for Americans with disabilities is more than double the rate for those without disabilities. To address this disparity, the AbilityOne Program creates high-quality employment opportunities for disabled Americans and empowers them to fully participate in the workforce and their communities. AbilityOne helps employ more than 45,000 disabled Americans, helping them develop the skills and work experience they need to access public and private sector jobs, achieve greater independence, and lead productive, fulfilling lives. And the program helps the federal government support these individuals and employ them through employment.

Last March, I had the opportunity to see the success of AbilityOne Program firsthand in my district when I visited TRI Industries in Vernon Hills, Illinois. TRI is a non-profit that remanufactures ink and toner cartridges for the federal government. TRI provides education, training, and jobs to individuals with disabilities in my district. Touring their facility and speaking with the staff, I saw the great opportunities AbilityOne provides and the impact this program can have on the lives of Americans with disabilities.

On behalf of my constituents with disabilities, I rise to salute the significant contributions of the AbilityOne Program, and I support all persons committed to developing and advancing employment opportunities for the blind and Americans with other significant disabilities.

## CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to congratulate Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, as the congregation joins together in celebration of the church's 100th anniversary. The parishioners along with Mount Zion's pastor, Reverend William R. Collins, will be commemo-

rating this momentous occasion with a celebratory banquet on Friday, August 2, 2019, at the Chateau Banquet Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

In 1919, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church became the first African American Baptist church to be established in the city of Hammond. Throughout the years, numerous remarkable pastors helped to build the church's leadership and expand its congregation, along with the services and programs offered to the community. In 1945, Reverend A.R. Burns became pastor of Mount Zion, a position he held for an astonishing fifty-three years. Pastor Burns accomplished many great things during his tenure at Mount Zion, and he was determined and passionate about his service. Under Pastor Burns' leadership, in 1949, the current church structure was completed at 1047 Kenwood Street, and it became known as "The Friendly Place of Worship." Pastor Burns worked to secure safe housing for the elderly and was able to accomplish the construction of the Reverend A.R. Burns Mount Zion Pleasant View Plaza, with the first tenants moving in by 1983. In addition, Pastor Burns marched for civil rights with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he supported the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Pastor Burns passed away in 1999, but he will be forever remembered for his faithfulness to his congregation.

In 1998, Reverend William R. Collins became the leader of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Under Pastor Collins' outstanding direction, Mount Zion has become a cornerstone of the community, providing a food pantry and outreach program, offering vacation bible school, summer camp ministry, and various religious retreats, and being heavily involved in the Interfaith Federation. Under Pastor Collins' leadership, the church has also undergone numerous cosmetic improvements, and the membership has increased exponentially. Reverend Collins and the congregation of Mount Zion have been a true blessing to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana, on its 100th anniversary. The members and church leaders have dedicated themselves to serving others, especially to those most in need, and they are an inspiration to us all.

## IN HONOR OF HENRY RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, SR.

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Henry Rodriguez Martinez, Sr. of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Martinez was a father, veteran and a local civil rights leader that was committed to bettering our community through his public service. Born on June 15, 1928 in Eagle Ford, Texas. Martinez was a pillar of strength and perseverance for our community.

He was raised in the Ledbetter Eagle Ford area of Dallas and attended Crozier Technical High School prior to serving in the Army where he earned the rank of Private First Class. He was also a proud father and husband. Martinez married Eufemia Paredes Martinez in 1955 and the couple had eight children. For over fifteen years, Martinez served the Dallas Fort Worth-area through his work for the Martinez Courier Service and Dallas Power and Light.

Martinez was also an active member of the West Dallas community. Throughout his life and through his service as the president of Ledbetter Neighborhood Association, Martinez improved local transit across the community and the quality of life for those that lived there.

Martinez spent his life making sure that communities of color had a seat at the table and a voice in the room—his most notable accomplishment being that he was a staunch advocate in the fight to guarantee better representation for people of color in the Dallas City council.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to Mr. Martinez's family and community. West Dallas is losing a fighter and advocate for their community. His spirit and accomplishments will never be able to be replaced.

## COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ACT

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to emphasize the need to weave the narrative of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities into the greater American story.

There is no doubt that Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in the United States, and our community is becoming an increasingly powerful and visible force in all aspects of American life. From entertainment to medicine; from academia to entrepreneurship; from social justice to innovation—our community has made immeasurable contributions to every facet of our nation. But, too often, our community is excluded or forgotten in history.

That is why today, I am introducing the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act". With the rise of recent exclusionary rhetoric and policies, it is crucial to remember our collective past now more than ever. The past shapes who we are, and it also strengthens how we move forward.

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From the Chinese Exclusion Act to the Japanese American internment camps; from the racially motivated murder of Vincent Chin to the first wave of Southeast Asian refugees on our shores—these historical events have affected the way we deal with policies today. Nevertheless, these stories are often left out of history books. A commission to study the potential creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American history is the first step in elevating the AAPI profile and ensuring that Americans of all ethnicities and generations can learn about the impact our community has had in our nation's values, traditions, culture, and history.

Madam Speaker, I firmly believe the story of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is sorely misunderstood and creating a national museum would ensure that our experiences—both good and bad—are recognized by all Americans. Museums are gateways for Americans and the world to see the United States' rich history, challenges it overcame, and potential for greatness. Establishing this commission is the first step toward the creation of a national AAPI museum. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

**LOREN KANNENBERG  
RETIREMENT**

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate the career of my friend and longtime District Chief of Staff, Loren Kannenberg. Loren was with me from the beginning, helping set up my district operation in 1997 during my first term in office. Last month Loren retired after serving the people of Wisconsin's Third Congressional District for over 22 years.

Loren was born and raised in Wausau, Wisconsin. After attending college at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Loren was a science and math teacher at St. Patrick's School in Onalaska. He went on to receive a Masters in Educational Administration from Winona State University and later served as principal at St. Patrick's School until 1997 when he joined my team.

Loren has always been a leader in the La Crosse community and active in local politics, at one point serving as the chair of the La Crosse County Democratic Party. He was also a longtime member of the La Crosse County Health and Human Services Board where he looked out for his neighbors and the less fortunate in our community. Additionally, he served on the Redevelopment Authority with the City of La Crosse, helping guide many projects such as the new bus depot in downtown La Crosse and the Riverside North Project which is now under development.

An avid golfer, Loren has been a trusted playing partner over the years and has a great appreciation for the green landscapes we are blessed with in Wisconsin. Loren is also a talented musician and a member of the La Crosse Chamber Chorale. Above all, Loren is highly regarded by all those who know him as a family man and friend.

Loren has always been a steady hand in overseeing my district staff's casework and

outreach activities with the goal of providing the best possible services to my constituents. Loren was at my side as we traveled across Wisconsin and visited communities from Platteville to Menomonie and everywhere in between. Public service was in his blood—his father, John Kannenberg, served 24 years as the mayor of Wausau, Wisconsin and 10 years on the Wausau City Council. Loren made an enduring impact on his colleagues and the constituents of Wisconsin's Third Congressional District. I thank Loren for all his hard work and dedication to public service, and I wish him all the best on a long and happy retirement.

**BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019**

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I support the Bipartisan Budget Caps and Debt Limit Deal as an important step to protect Americans and our economy. This agreement secures an additional \$100 billion for crucial services to promote the well-being of our residents while rejecting the offsets proposed by the current Administration. This agreement permanently ends the harmful cuts to non-defense programs that support the health, housing, education, child care, and security of Americans via the discretionary sequester. It allows continued investment in veterans, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, environmental sustainability, the National Institutes of Health, and the fight against drug addiction sweeping the nation, including my state of Illinois. This agreement also protects the full-faith and credit of our government by raising the country's debt limit.

As we know, the debt limit was reinstated to \$22 Trillion on March 2, 2019, imposing a legal limitation on the government's ability to issue debt and pay many federal obligations that directly impact the American people. A suspension of the debt limit until July 31, 2020 is a critical win for the Democratic Leadership that protects our national economy.

The sequester and restrictive appropriations under Republicans have eroded federal support for programs that help children and families in this nation and internationally, cutting domestic and international programs by 4.6 percent between FY2010 to FY2019 after inflation. Constituents in my District have felt these cuts, and this deal helps rebuild these important services. In my district with a population of approximately 703,000 residents, 30.8 percent of children live in poverty and 15 percent live in extreme poverty, 25 percent of taxfilers are low-income working parents, and 18.7 percent of adults in my District over 18 have income below the poverty level. These Chicagoans rely on an array of programs to work and care for their families. According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, in 2016, my district alone had a veteran population of over 41,978 people. These returning heroes and public servants deserve a government that serves them and assists with resources so that they can live the American dream.

This is not a perfect agreement, but it moves our country forward in very important

ways. I promise to work to end the mandatory sequester. The mandatory sequester cuts federal dollars from vital programs including Medicare, home visiting, the Social Services Block Grant, and Safe and Stable families—programs that provide health care for the elderly, services for the disabled, and child abuse prevention—to name a few.

Former National Security Advisor Colin Powell once said "Leadership is about solving problems." I rise today to commend and support Speaker PELOSI on her leadership and problem solving skills to rebuild our investment in children and families via this budget agreement. I support this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

**HONORING KENNEDY'S ANGEL  
GOWNS**

**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kennedy Milan Wilson. Although she never took a breath of air outside her mother's womb, her memory now brings hope and healing to so many families. On August 17, 2019, we honor her, as we do every day. Kennedy would have been 10 years old this year. However, her legacy lives on and she continues to change lives.

The "Kennedy's Angel Gowns" organization helps bereaved families who have suffered the loss of a child before, during, or shortly after birth. Beautifully handcrafted burial garments made from donated wedding gowns are provided along with other resources at no cost. In addition, the organization provides Cuddle Cots and Caring Cradles to local hospitals in the area.

Kennedy's Angel Gowns continues to raise awareness of infertility, miscarriage, early neonatal loss, stillborn, and infant loss. Many people who experience this loss feel very alone and isolated. The organization's mission is to break the silence and offer help.

This year, Hampton Roads will have its first-ever "Butterfly Suite," which will officially open at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital the week of her 10th Birthday. This dedicated grieving room will be equipped with a Cuddle Cot or Caring Cradle, allowing the family to spend more time with their infant.

I commend Kennedy's parents for channeling their grief to help others through the healing process by creating this resource.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOEL  
STEPHEN FASS**

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life of Joel Stephen Fass, a brilliant legal mind, community advocate, and my dear friend.

Mr. Fass, along with his law partner Michael Colodny, formed the firm Colodny Fass in Broward County, Florida in 1974. Mr. Fass

practiced in the areas of personal injury, commercial litigation, and civil rights. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Fass served as the Kings County prosecutor in Brooklyn, New York and successfully pursued the rights of countless personal injury victims, including abused and neglected elderly individuals.

Joel was a champion for our community's elderly. He served as past president of the Broward County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, and was recently named to the "Broward Senior Hall of Fame." I have known few people who worked as tirelessly as Joel did to ensure our seniors were safe, and able to maintain their dignity and well-being.

Joel was always on the front lines in responding to the critical needs in our community. In 2010, Mr. Fass was bestowed the "Ending Abuse Award" by Broward Jewish Family Services for his recognition to urge advocacy of shared gender responsibility in maintaining domestic tranquility among families in the Jewish community.

A resident of Weston, Florida for 19 years, he chaired the City of Weston's first Charter Review Commission and subsequently served as a Weston Charter Review Commissioner. Joel was a distinguished veteran who served honorably in the United States Army and embodied the best of what it means to give back to your country and community. My heart goes out to his wife Susan, children, and grandchildren whom he adored and were the light of his life.

Joel was a selfless, compassionate, and a tireless advocate for others in Broward County. He will be profoundly missed but never forgotten.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILTON QUON

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and work of Mr. Milton Quon, who passed away at the age of 105 on June 18, 2019 in Torrance, California. Milton was a renowned artist capturing the transformation of Los Angeles through the decades and one of the first Chinese American animators hired by Walt Disney Studios.

Born on August 22, 1913 in Los Angeles to Chinese immigrants from Canton province, Milton was the oldest of eight children and the only boy. He had a deep love of drawing from a young age, one that was nurtured by an uncle.

Milton attended the Chouinard Art Institute, now known as Cal Arts, on scholarship. The pressure to contribute financially to the family lay with Milton as the eldest child, but the expectation increased with the death of his father and the onset of the Great Depression.

One of Milton's first jobs as a young artist was designing menus for various restaurants in Los Angeles' Chinatown and other products, including business cards, chopstick instructions, and signage, some of which eventually were declared historic landmarks.

Walt Disney Studios hired Milton in 1939 as its third Chinese-American animator; he worked on the "Waltz of the Flowers" and "Arabian Dance" segments of Fantasia and

was first assistant animator on Dumbo. Milton took a brief hiatus from Disney to assist with the effort in World War II, illustrating parts catalogs for military planes and designing a logo for United China Relief, which raised funds to help communities in China during the conflict.

In 1951, Milton became the first Chinese-American art director at international advertising agency BBDO. He worked there for 13 years before becoming senior design artist at the packaging firm Sealright Co.

Milton married his wife, Peggy, in 1944 after they met at a Christian camp in Stockton, California. His children attested to his love for teaching, always providing pointers and advice for his learning students. Milton also taught drawing, painting, and advertising classes at Los Angeles Trade and Technical College from 1974 to 1989.

Milton's art sought to capture his adventures in New York, London, and China, but mostly every day life in Los Angeles. Los Angeles' transformation was paralleled by one in his own art, gradually shifting from outlined and filled with bold colors to more abstract shades of pastel.

Even in his elder years, Milton's work was recognized time and time again: in 2012, as one of five Chinese-American artists presented at the Vincent Price Art Museum in Monterey Park; in 2013, with the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California; and in 2017, with the Historymakers Award for Excellence in the Arts from the Chinese American Museum.

Milton is survived by his widow, Peggy; children, Mike, Jeff, Tim, and Sherrill; and four grandchildren. May his memory live on in the timelessness of his art and his contributions to the community.

#### RECOGNIZING EAGLE ALLOY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Eagle Alloy, a local business that proudly serves the West Michigan community.

Eagle Alloy is a company that provides various types of advanced metal castings to a variety of customers all over the nation. Since 1979, the Eagle Alloy headquarters and its manufacturing facilities have all been located in Muskegon, Michigan, and has become one of the largest private employers in the community.

The founders of Eagle Alloy, Mark Fazakerly and John Workman, are two individuals I proudly call close friends and have always held a customer-first attitude when running their business. In fact, Mark and John still work closely with their very first customer even after 40 successful years.

Safety and worker satisfaction are also key components to the Eagle Alloy workplace. Eagle Alloy will be celebrating an incredible 500,000 consecutive work hours with no accidents alongside their 40th Anniversary.

In 2015, Eagle Alloy was awarded "Metal Caster of the Year" by the American Foundry Society. A few years later in 2018, Eagle Alloy

was honored as the "Michigan Manufacturer of the Year" by the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating John, Mark, and all of the employees and families of Eagle Alloy for 40 years of dedicated service to West Michigan and our country's manufacturing base.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF PALMYRA

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the City of Palmyra, Missouri, celebrating their Bicentennial this year.

Settled by Mr. Benjamin Vanlandingham in 1818, the City of Palmyra was officially formed in 1819 and eventually became the county seat of Marion County. Founded on a natural rock foundation, early settlers found an endless water supply from a clear, sweet spring. Land donated by Moses and David Bates enabled the town to expand and the establishment of the first land office in Northeast Missouri helped spur westward expansion in Missouri. Many residents can trace their roots to settlers from Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Throughout its rich history, the City of Palmyra has been home to an all-boys college, the co-founder of the Pony Express, Broadway actress Rose Inghram and film actress Jane Darwell, academy award winner for *The Grapes of Wrath*. The city is also the site of the Palmyra Massacre, an event in which ten Confederate prisoners were executed as retribution for the capture of a pro-Union civilian during the Civil War.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing the rich 200-year history of the City of Palmyra. Though small in size, the City is rich in history and spirit. I join with the citizens of Palmyra in celebrating their Bicentennial. I am extremely honored to serve this great city in the United States Congress.

#### IN HONOR OF AVIS MICHELLE FISHER

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Avis Michelle Fisher, a local gospel singer and community leader.

Born on May 31, 1964 to Rev. Albert Van Fisher and Verdell Fisher, Fisher's musical talent shone in the Fort Worth community from the time she was five years old. Known as the musician who "could sing anything," she led the choirs at Salem Baptist Church and Mount Olive Baptist church for over 30 years.

Fisher began music lessons near her home in Highland Hills when she was five years old and went on to perform in her first musical when she was just thirteen years old. Fisher attended elementary, middle, and high school while growing up in Fort Worth and was part

of an award-winning choir program at O.D. Wyatt High School where she graduated in 1982.

Fisher's lifelong commitment to gospel music was a beacon of light in the Fort Worth community. An accomplished singer, pianist and organist, Fisher was well known as a musician and leader across Dallas and Fort Worth. Alongside her leadership in several church choirs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth community, Fisher contributed to a deep history of gospel performance in African American churches.

Our community lost a talented musician, leader, and teacher in Avis Michelle Fisher which is why I would like to take this opportunity to honor her life and legacy in Fort Worth and extend my thoughts and prayers to all that have been impacted by her.

#### REMEMBERING DR. GEORGE GEORGIEFF

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George Georgieff, an American veteran and well-known orthodontist from Orange County, California.

Born on November 15, 1931, Dr. Georgieff grew up in Clairton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. After graduating, Dr. Georgieff nobly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant in the Weapons Specialist Division from 1954 to 1956. After returning to civilian life, Dr. Georgieff expanded his career by attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1961. Dr. Georgieff then earned a Certificate of Orthodontics in 1963 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Georgieff operated a private orthodontic practice from 1963 until 2012. In that time, Dr. Georgieff served more than 25,000 clients. Of that impressive client base, over 1,500 were surgical cases. Additionally, Dr. Georgieff was on staff at St. Joseph, a prestigious hospital in the City of Orange, from 1965 to 1984 as an oral surgery consultant and assistant in oral surgery procedures. A lifelong academic, Dr. Georgieff lectured on orthodontics across the United States, as well as in London, England; Sophia, Bulgaria; and Belgrade, Serbia on behalf of the American Association of Orthodontics.

In addition to his hands-on work in his practice, Dr. Georgieff also worked with various organizations to enhance the professional community of orthodontics in Orange County. Dr. Georgieff was a longtime member of the Orange County Dental Society, where he served as Program Director from 1970 to 1972 and the Press Relations Chairman in 1973.

Given his outstanding professional career, it is no surprise that Dr. Georgieff received numerous prestigious accolades. Dr. Georgieff became certified through the American Board of Orthodontics in 1977, becoming the second orthodontist in Orange County to earn this achievement. In 1981, Dr. Georgieff received the Man of the Year Award from the City of

Hope Foundation for outstanding service to the community. In 1984, Dr. Georgieff was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Most significantly, Dr. Georgieff was named the top provider of orthodontic treatment for children receiving "Denti-Cal" in the State of California.

Dr. Georgieff lived a rich and vibrant life filled with countless professional achievements and personal fulfillment. Dr. Georgieff is survived by his wife, Joyce, as well as his three children, Stephanie, Evan, and Adam, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Wesley. Dr. Georgieff will continue to be an inspiration, personally and professionally, to many. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Dr. George Georgieff.

#### CONGRATULATING THE SALT BAY CHAMBERFEST ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Salt Bay Chamberfest on their 25th Anniversary Season.

Founded in 1994 by cellist Wilhelmina Smith, the festival has grown to international recognition. Giving voice to contemporary composers, the Chamberfest commissions and premieres new works as well as standard chamber music. Their mission to "produce chamber music of the top artistic quality" draws world-class talent to the unique setting of Darrows Barn at Round Top Farm.

I am proud of Salt Bay Chamberfest's commitment to Maine's Midcoast community through their education programs—from open rehearsals to the public and the Family Concert aimed at introducing classical music to future generations, to Pre-Concert Talks and OffTopic! lectures and demonstrations by individual musicians. Chamberfest strives to make music accessible to all ages and "broadens the horizons of its audience and the community."

The arts are essential and play a vital role in our state's quality of life. As our creative economy grows and receives national attention, I am pleased to recognize Salt Bay Chamberfest as an exceptional example of how the arts can enliven and inspire a community.

Bravo.

#### SAFE FROM THE START ACT OF 2019

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Safe from the Start Act of 2019. This bill will reduce incidences of gender-based violence (GBV); ensure quality services for survivors from the very onset of emergencies through timely and effective humanitarian action; and promote

standards for prevention, mitigation and response to such crises.

The largest flow of refugees in recorded history are being forced from their home countries and their time spent displaced has increased from years to generations. Climate change continues to spur temporary and permanent displacement, as floods and fires destroy homes and livelihoods.

During times of crisis, GBV increases as chaos and tensions within households and communities grow. An estimated 1 in 5 women in conflict settings have experienced sexual violence, although numbers are likely higher given the barriers associated with disclosure. GBV is often used by armed actors as an intimidation tactic to exert power and control over the opposing side.

Gaps in services and humanitarian protection frameworks have made it difficult to adequately prevent GBV in humanitarian contexts and mitigate its impact. Humanitarian agencies are often under-equipped to address GBV specifically or close gaps between services and accountability that have led directly to GBV, such as the exploitation of women in exchange for supplies by aid workers. To address this, the humanitarian donor community has begun investing in the building standards, guidelines, and capacities of humanitarian actors to better respond to the needs of women and girls in emergencies.

The Safe from the Start Act would support the State Department and USAID's ongoing work to protect and prevent violence against women and girls in humanitarian emergencies by codifying it, and providing Congressional oversight over its implementation.

I want to thank my colleagues, Representatives CHRIS STEWART, LOIS FRANKEL, MARIO DIAZ-BALART, and CHRIS HOULAHAN for leading this bill with me. I urge the rest of my colleagues to support this bill and look forward to its enactment.

#### EXPANDING FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL OPIOID RESEARCH AND TREATMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3153, the Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment, or EFFORT Act. This bill is of particular importance to me, as I represent an area that has been devastated by the opioid crisis over the past decade, and I am privileged to speak today on the importance of this bill.

In my home state of Ohio, the rate of opioid-related deaths is more than double the national average. In this regard, Ohio ranks as one of the top-five states with the highest rates of opioid-related deaths. What's more alarming, however, is the rate at which the number of opioid overdoses have increased: twenty-eight percent from July 2016 through September 2017. That's barely more than a year during which opioid overdoses grew by nearly thirty percent. These statistics should terrify every parent, sibling, teacher, caregiver, and friend, because opioid addiction is not

confined to any one geographic, socio-economic, or other type of demographic. Rather, this epidemic is ravaging communities all around our country.

How did this epidemic start? Let's go back to 2012, when there were more opioid prescriptions in my home state of Ohio than there were people. Prescriptions to opioids were handed out like candy, and there was little-to-no regulation on these highly-addictive drugs. Someone could sustain a simple injury—say, to their knee or their back—perhaps even have surgery, and be prescribed highly-addictive opioids for their pain. With no oversight, Americans everywhere were slowly becoming addicted to these substances, with their tolerance levels increasing, therefore requiring them to take higher doses to experience the same level of pain relief. Of course, these drugs are not cheap. Often times, when the drugs become too costly or a prescription ran out, these now-addicted opioid users would turn to street drugs, such as heroin, to feed their addiction. In Ohio, four out of five heroin addicts began their drug use with prescription painkillers.

Often times, once an addiction starts, it's near impossible to break the cycle. Truly, the best way to treat addiction is to stop it before it even starts. Of course, we know now that opioid addiction is completely preventable, and fighting this growing epidemic will take the work of many committed groups. This multifaceted crisis needs the support of police departments, communities, families and schools, government at all levels, and the medical and science communities. That's where the EFFORT Act comes in.

This critical piece of legislation will direct the National Science Foundation to study the effects of the opioid epidemic and will require this body to consult with the National Institute of Health—and vice versa—in their research of opioid addiction. I'm a firm believer that research is one of the most important tools in fighting illnesses like addiction. Of course, this is just one of many pieces in the vast puzzle of putting an end to the opioid epidemic. This bill is a step in the right direction, and we need to continue our efforts to fight this epidemic. I am proud to cosponsor the EFFORT Act, and I thank my colleague from Virginia, Congresswoman JENNIFER WEXTON for introducing this critical legislation. I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 3153 so our country can better prevent opioid addiction.

#### RECOGNIZING CHIEF ANDREW LAVOIE

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Lavoie, Chief of the Nashua Police Department, for his service and leadership to the Department for 32 years, the last four and a half years as Chief.

Over the span of Chief Lavoie's career, he has taken on numerous roles within the Nashua Police Department, whether it was attacking the opioid crisis from the law enforcement perspective by making many arrests or standing with his community to protect and serve.

Chief Lavoie has been a leading and respected voice in the Granite State advocating for the Safe Station Program and forming the Nashua Community Conversations on Race and Justice, which have enhanced relationships between police and Nashua's diverse population amongst other accomplishments. I commend Chief Lavoie on his retirement after three decades of work in public service.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to Chief Andrew Lavoie for a well-deserved retirement. I thank him for his service and wish him the very best in the years to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE ROBINSON WESTBROOKS FAMILY 109TH FAMILY REUNION

#### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Robinson Westbrooks family who will be celebrating their 109th family reunion in Los Angeles, California on August 16–18, 2019. Each year, the Robinson Westbrooks family gets together for the oldest ongoing registered family reunion in the United States.

It all started with Mr. John Bolin Robinson, Mrs. Dora Anne Westbrooks Robinson, and their youngest child, Leonard Wilbert Robinson, who all share a birthday of August 16.

Their coinciding birthdays led to the tradition of getting the family together every third Sunday in August to celebrate family unity and the blessings of God. The first official Robinson Westbrooks Family Reunion was held on August 16, 1910 in Eclectic, Alabama, making this year the 109th celebration.

The Robinson Westbrooks family makes the most out of their annual family gatherings throughout the United States. They are registered at the United States Library of Congress.

This year the family celebrates their oldest family members, Mrs. Queenie Elizabeth Thompson-Hunter, age 93, of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Clara Dora Thompson-Smith, age 92, of Detroit, Michigan, and Mr. Charlie Anderson Brown, age 96, of Eclectic, Alabama.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, I extend best wishes to the Westbrooks family. I hope this tradition continues for many years to come.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN AARON HATTA BAUGH AND OPERATION SENIOR SURPRISE

#### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Aaron Hattabaugh, a retired captain and B-52 navigator, for taking part in the longest combat mission in Air Force history.

On January 16, 1991, Captain Hattabaugh and fifty-six other airmen aboard seven B-52G

aircraft of the 596th Bombardment Squadron took off from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana on Operation Senior Surprise. However, those who took part named their mission Operation Secret Squirrel.

This was the United States' first move to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein. Using state of the art air launched cruise missiles, these brave airmen had one objective: to destroy Hussein's strategic assets in Iraq and Kuwait. Over the course of this mission, the aircraft destroyed nearly all of the targets and blinded the Iraqi military to our ground forces, in turn saving countless American lives. Incredible, these aircraft completed four in-air refueling maneuvers and covered 14,000 nautical miles in under 36 hours.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of "Operation Secret Squirrel" and each year, those involved in this historic mission gather to remember their piece of history made. In the longest mission since the Doolittle Raids on Japan, these aviators carried out their mission with honor and bravery.

Madam Speaker, those who served on this mission displayed true endurance and dedication to country in their actions. It is my honor to recognize Captain Hattabaugh and the fifty-six others who took part in this critical mission.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. RANDY CORBIN, OWNER OF CORBIN COLONIAL CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME, "MAYOR OF MADISON STREET"

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of my constituents, and a personal friend, Mr. Randy Corbin who migrated from Arkansas, came to Chicago and established a business and lived a wonderfully productive life. Randy grew up in Gould, Arkansas, came to Chicago, attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Married his queen, Karen Kennedy and they raised four children, two sons Amell and Loren, two daughters Clarressa and Syreeta. He served in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1964. Randy started his career as a janitor at AA Rayner Funeral Home and worked his way through the ranks with successive promotions.

In 1977, Randy partnered with a friend, Luther Sparks and they started the Luther Sparks Funeral Home. Unfortunately, Mr. Sparks died and Randy became the sole proprietor and the rest became history. Randy built a successful business, was generously supportive of community activities. He started other business ventures, provided leadership to the community and earned the title, "Mayor of Madison Street". Randy was a member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, a leadership member of the Boy Scouts of America, he sponsored local basketball teams and students pursuing education. He hosted school supply drives, donated volumes of supplies to youth and families throughout the years. He regularly donated to churches and let ministers use Corbin Chapel for services. He is survived by his wife Karen and their four children, his sister, fourteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Randy Corbin, "the Mayor of Madison Street," may he rest in peace.

## BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, last week the Democrats helped secure a strong bipartisan budget agreement that includes suspending the debt limit until July 31, 2021.

The measure ensures that we will avoid a default on the full faith and credit of the United States and can follow through on our financial obligations.

All of us were elected to help America's working-class families. This agreement is another tool to help them. In particular, it sets the stage for responsible budgeting and ends sequestration. It also includes funding for an accurate census, veterans, Child Care Development Block Grants, tools to address the opioid epidemic, and increases in NIH funding.

Extending the debt limit keeps our nation's finances on stable ground—unlike what the Republicans did in 2011, 2013 and 2015. I applaud the Speaker and all our colleagues involved in crafting this measure, and I encourage everyone to support it. A 'yes' vote is responsible, provides certainty to our nation's markets, and delivers stability to Americans' retirement savings as well as our nation's economy.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KEN BEHRING

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of longtime Danville resident, Mr. Ken Behring.

Mr. Behring was born June 13, 1928 in Freeport, Illinois. He spent his youth on his family's farm during the Great Depression. By twenty-one Ken had opened the doors to his first business, Behring Motors, a used car dealership in Monroe, Illinois. Six years later, Mr. Behring had grown his small dealership to have \$1 million dollars in assets.

After relocating to Florida, Ken began work developing communities. By the early 1970s having cemented himself as one of the nation's most successful developers, he moved to California and purchased a four-thousand-acre tract of land near Danville. After donating almost half of the land to the Mount Diablo State Park, Ken molded the remaining 2,500 acres into the nationally renowned Blackhawk housing development. Ken's design for Blackhawk helped establish the standard for upscale development design nationwide. Eventually, Ken created additional developments resulting in over seven thousand new homes and contributing to the growth of East Contra Costa County.

In addition to Ken's housing development career, he was an active philanthropist. Millions of Mr. Behring's earnings have been do-

nated to universities, museums and charities across the country, including the largest single donation ever to the Smithsonian Museums. In 2000, Mr. Behring founded The Wheelchair Foundation as a branch of the Behring Global Health and Education Foundation. In its first six years, the foundation provided wheelchairs to individuals in 144 countries and reached one million wheelchairs donated in 2015.

Ken Behring was a cherished member of the Contra Costa Community and he will be missed.

## HONORING SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE NO. 794

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 117th anniversary of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 and the grand opening of their third Lodge.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge was formed in 1902 by William L. Tubbs and several businessmen from the city. Mr. Tubbs was previously a member of the Lodge in Council Bluffs, Iowa before moving to Santa Ana.

On June 2, 1902, the Santa Ana chapter was granted dispensation by the Grand Lodge to form the Lodge. When he was installed as the first Exalted Ruler on July 14, 1902, Mr. Tubbs became the "Father" of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. The Lodge was issued its Charter on August 14, 1902. The Lodge was first located in McFadden Hall until October 20, 1902, when they moved to the Odd Fellows Hall. The Lodge relocated to the Hervey Building at Fourth and Spurgeon Street on May 18, 1903. This is also where the first Flag Day observance was held on June 14, 1907. In September 1907, in need of room to expand, the Lodge bought a fifty-foot lot. On March 14, 1911 they moved to this location at Sycamore and Sixth Street. The Lodge remained there until April 2, 1961, when they opened a brand-new Lodge at 212 Elk Lane. The Lodge celebrated their 100th anniversary at this location in 2002.

Finally, in April of 2018, the Elks Lodge temporarily moved to downtown Santa Ana until the completion of their current location at 1751 S. Lyon Street. Exalted Ruler Dan Breece, his wife and First Lady, Sharon Breece, and his Officers held their first Elks event on June 15, 2019. The Inaugural Ball was attended by 730 members and guests including the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge is known as the "Mother Lodge" for all of Orange County and has a rich and unique history. Santa Ana Elks No. 794 are active members of the community. They host a school supply drive for Santa Ana and Tustin schools and fund raising for special needs students with their "Purple Pig" program.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 for their contributions to our community and I congratulate them on the opening of their new Lodge.

## TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT ODON S. CARDENAS

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of WWII Veteran, Retired Army Staff Sergeant Odon S. Cardenas. July 30, 2019 marks SSgt. Cardenas 100th birthday and I am proud to represent an individual who has dedicated his life to family, community, and country.

SSgt. Odon Cardenas was born on July 30, 1919 in Devine, Texas to Donaciano and Cecilia Cardenas. One of six siblings, his early life was spent as a Sugar Beet Farmer in Shakopee, Minnesota. On March 29, 1941 he enlisted in the United States Army in Ft. Snelling, Minnesota as Private First Class. After becoming Squad Leader, SSG Odon Cardenas was assigned to the 172nd Battalion, Company C in California. Shortly after reassignment, the battalion deployed in November 1944 to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations of World War II in Germany.

While on the front lines of defense, Cardenas and his unit were attacked by German opposition. During the ambush, his company received heavy artillery fire. Approximately 24 hours into battle, he and a few others attempted to escape by crawling through the snow at night. However, he and several company members were captured by opposition forces and held in captivity at a Prisoner-of-War camp near Dusseldorf, Germany. After being detained for two weeks, SSgt. Cardenas and his fellow service members were liberated by the Americans and allied forces. Odon departed soon after in April 1945, receiving an honorable discharge in October 1945.

After the war, SSgt. Cardenas became a barber and auto mechanic. With his wife of 60 years, Maria Inez Valadez Cardenas, they raised 10 children along with 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent SSgt. Odon Cardenas and look forward to his 100th birthday. His lifelong dedication to our country can only be met with celebration.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRIDGES HOME RULE ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Bridges Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal a redundant 1997 federal law that makes it a crime for a person in the District of Columbia to obstruct any bridge connecting D.C. and Virginia. The District already had, and continues to have, its own local law prohibiting obstructing a bridge in the District. There is no federal law that prohibits a person in Virginia from obstructing such a bridge or a person in any state from obstructing a bridge connecting two states, and, fortunately, D.C. does not need a federal law to keep our bridges clear either.



This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the 1973 Home Rule Act (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND L.S.  
WILSON

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend L.S. Wilson of the East Saint Paul Baptist Church, an important member of our community in Fort Worth, Texas.

Born on March 2, 1936, Pastor Wilson impacted our community in unique and profound ways. Pastor Wilson grew up attending Fort Worth public schools where he graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1955. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Education Degree in Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Pastor Wilson began his ministry in 1971 and led several congregations in North Texas for over forty years. From Elam Grove Baptist Church in Mabank, Texas to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas, Reverend Wilson was eventually called to become the Pastor of East St. Paul Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas in 2001 where he served until his death in 2019. Pastor Wilson took on many leadership roles in churches across the North Texas community where his legacy will never be forgotten.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Pastor Wilson's family and community. He was a man who always put, God, family, and community first. He did so much for our Fort Worth community, and I want to give a special thanks to him for making our community a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Carbon County Fair.

Since its reestablishment in 1999, the Carbon County Fair has celebrated the best of our communities and our rich agricultural tradition. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the local Lion and Lioness Clubs for supporting this annual community event. For five days in August, the fair welcomes community members to a variety of exhibitions showcasing the area's agricultural and industrial achievements. The fair brings neighbors together for exhibitions, fireworks, races, and the annual tractor pull. The Carbon County Fair plays an outstanding role in celebrating the importance of agriculture and industry in our communities.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carbon County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

U.S. SENATOR JOSEPH D. TYDINGS  
MEMORIAL PREVENT ALL  
SORING TACTICS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 693, the U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019 or the "PAST" Act.

Put simply, soring is the cruel practice of intentionally inflicting pain on a horse's legs or hooves to alter the horse's gait. This is done by applying caustic chemicals such as diesel fuel, and mustard oil to the skin, and inserting sharp painful objects into horses' hooves to achieve an artificial high-stepping gait. It is all too commonly inflicted on horses that participate in Tennessee Walking Horse competitions.

As a former horse owner myself, I am deeply disturbed about the pain and suffering these majestic animals are put through. Soring is already prohibited by the laws of the United States. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act in 1970 to address the problem. What we are doing today is identifying gaps in the original law and fixing them.

No other category of horse show has federal oversight because no other group of trainers and horse show enthusiasts intentionally injure horses as a way to enhance performance. This practice belongs in the same category as dogfighting and cockfighting in that people hurt animals in severe ways just for entertainment. Ending this despicable practice is long overdue.

Since the PAST Act was first introduced in the 113th Congress it has never had fewer

than 272 cosponsors and has always been a firmly bipartisan bill with co-sponsors representing districts across the country. The PAST Act is also supported by hundreds of veterinary and equine groups—including the veterinary medical associations from all 50 states. I would like to recognize the hard work of the individuals within these outside animal rights advocates—particularly Marty Irby, Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action, who has dedicated so many years to this purpose.

As the chair of the subcommittee where this bill is assigned, I am proud to stand in favor of this anti-cruelty legislation. Let's send the bill to the Senate with a strong vote that shows how Americans will not stand for animal abuse.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 24, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that there are several provisions contained in H.R. 3409 to ensure that the Coast Guard stays on the cutting edge of readiness. I appreciated the inclusion of the Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure Improvement Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida. This legislation will ensure that the \$2.6 billion backlog of shore infrastructure needs are prioritized strategically so that our Coasties have the high-quality on-shore facilities to support their numerous missions.

I also want to thank Mr. DeFAZIO and Mr. MALONEY for working with my staff to include in H.R. 3409 a provision to prepare a demonstration program for the use of wing-in-ground vessels in the Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Speaker, this provision emphasizes the dramatic advancements in new transportation technologies over the past few years and urges the Coast Guard to begin preparing to oversee their use. A demonstration program will support the Coast Guard in conceptualizing how these new technologies will be used to support commerce in U.S. waters and how such vessels will be regulated. We cannot wait for these technologies to be fully matured before we contemplate their safe application in our waters or airspace. Again, I appreciate the inclusion of these provisions in the underlying authorization and support its adoption.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING  
LEADERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud original cosponsor of Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Haley Stevens' bill, the American Manufacturing Leadership Act because our nation's economy relies on the manufacturing industry and must

prioritize policies that strengthen it. In my home state of Ohio, the manufacturing industry accounts for 16.6 percent of total output, and employs 12.5 percent of our workforce, or 690,200 employees. All told, the manufacturing produced \$107.95 billion worth of output in Ohio in 2017 and continues to grow each day.

H.R. 2397 would strengthen our nation's largest investment in advanced manufacturing—the Manufacturing USA Program—which has thrived in the past seven years since its creation and build on that success to strengthen our manufacturing workforce. This bill would reauthorize the successful Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation of 2014 and extend it to all agencies sponsoring centers for manufacturing innovation, allowing more of those that invest in manufacturing to benefit from this program. It would further strengthen the institutes' role in advanced manufacturing workforce development—something I'm deeply passionate about—along with outreach to and inclusion of small- and medium-sized businesses, which are vital to a prosperous American economy.

H.R. 2397 also puts important checks, balances, and oversight into place by encouraging the program office to develop pilot programs for the institutes, as well as identify for and disseminate to them best education and workforce training practices. It would also expand Manufacturing USA's authorities to collaborate with other agencies, including to develop network-wide performance goals. In addition, while this bill would authorize agencies to renew institutes for an additional period of funding, allowing those institutes to meet their ultimate goals, this would only be allowed following a rigorous review of the institute's progress toward meeting measurable goals.

The manufacturing industry is a pillar of the American economy and drives many of the other industries that make up our country's annual GDP. Without the manufacturing industry, the American economy would cease to exist. H.R. 2397 would expand on manufacturing programs with proven success and accelerate our nation's progress in advanced manufacturing. Ultimately, this legislation leverages existing programs across the federal government to help Manufacturing USA Institutes achieve its goals. Finally, as an advocate for small business and workforce development, I'm excited that this bill expands to include more small- and medium-sized manufacturers, since they are the lifeblood of our nation's economy.

Once again, I thank my colleague from Michigan for her leadership on this legislation, and I urge the committee's support of H.R. 2397.

#### LIFE AND MEMORY OF KATHY TEAL

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and memory of Kathy Teal.

Kathy was born in Newark, NJ and grew up in the Chicago suburb of Wheaton, IL. A certified midwife, she devoted herself to serving unwed mothers and children. Kathy was a founding member of both Birthright of Greeley

and the Genesis Project of Northern Colorado, organizations dedicated to helping single mothers and their children. She spent her life advocating for policies that protected expectant mothers in Colorado and continually supported organizations that protect the sanctity of life, including the Weld County Right to Life.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Kathy Teal for always fighting to protect those unable to protect themselves. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my condolences to the Teal family and my gratitude to Kathy for her life of service.

#### HONORING MEIERHOFFER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory in St. Joseph, Missouri, as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

For one hundred twenty-five years and five generations, the Meierhoffer Family has been there for people. For grieving families, for widows and children, Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there. The Meierhoffers, with kindness, empathy and a quiet presence are able to bring calm to the chaos of raw nerves and frayed emotions. They are able to help others make peace and help families begin the process of healing from a loss. People say that having a good funeral home is like having a good lawyer. You never want to have to call them, but when you do have to make that call, you are always glad that they are there. I and all of St. Joseph, are eternally grateful that for over a century the Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory for one hundred twenty-five years of serving the people of St. Joseph, Missouri. I am honored to have such a long-standing family business in the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri and to represent the Meierhoffer Family in the United States Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DIANE LORENZETTI

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of long-time Concord resident, Diane Lorenzetti.

Diane, affectionately known as "Miss Diane," was born in Concord, California in 1943 to loving parents Ettore and Emily Lorenzetti. While attending Holy Names College, Diane worked part-time as a pre-school teacher for the City of Concord. In 1974, she left the classroom and became the Director of the Concord Senior Center.

Over the next 29 years, Diane worked tirelessly to ensure a pleasant and engaging experience for all visiting seniors. It is said that she made the center feel like a second home

and challenged herself to remember the names of everyone she met. During her tenure as Director, Diane was an important and reliable figure in the Concord senior community.

As the executive producer of the Concord Senior Citizen's Club, Diane directed a number of shows such as Talent Recycled, which played to hundreds of fans at the Senior Center, the Willows Theatre, and the Concord Pavilion. It was important to Diane to allow the seniors who participated to express themselves creatively and feel a sense of community.

On top of her work with the senior community, Diane was very active with the Druids of California and was a member of the local chapter starting in 1960. She also served as a member of the Young Ladies institute where she worked to support the Catholic faith, encourage apostolic and charitable works, and celebrate Italian American heritage.

Diane will be sorely missed, and her lasting impact will long be remembered in the Concord community.

#### RECOGNIZING VIET BAO DAILY NEWS AND WRITING ON AMERICA

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Viet Bao Daily News for the 20th anniversary of the Writing on America program. Viet Bao Daily News introduced Writing on America twenty years ago, on April 30, 2000, which marked the 25th anniversary of the beginning of a new Vietnamese population in the United States of America.

In the face of adversity, the Vietnamese community in the U.S. has demonstrated commendable resilience and strength, building a home for themselves and laying a strong foundation for generations of Vietnamese Americans to come. Viet Bao, one of the most well-respected and widely read sources of Vietnamese daily news, has become an integral part of this legacy.

Outside of being a reliable news source for the Vietnamese community, Viet Bao's Writing on America program has fostered the stories of Vietnamese and Vietnamese American individuals traversing the negative impacts of the Vietnam War and the Vietnamese diaspora. The program hosts an annual writing contest for the Vietnamese community to submit essays on their unique overseas experiences. The top winners of the contest are given a monetary award, but all approved submissions are published daily in Viet Bao and aggregated into a book available for purchase online. These stories attract more than 80,000 readers per year.

The Writing on America program became a tool of healing for the individuals sharing their stories and for the individuals who could relate to their experiences. It is also an archive of Vietnamese history in America, one that is filled with the grief of leaving one's home country, an unrelenting belief in the American dream, and the hope for a future of happiness and prosperity. Over time, it has become a forum for celebrating the achievements and joys of the Vietnamese community.



Viet Bao is an exceptional example of the balance between the preservation of the Vietnamese language and culture with the need to establish a strong presence in America. For the past twenty years, Viet Bao has been building a collection of the most heartfelt and humanizing stories of Vietnamese survival, family, and revitalization, and uplifting these stories to a broader audience. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Viet Bao on cementing their place as a bridge between Vietnamese and Vietnamese Americans, old and young, and I wish them success for many more years to come. Thank you for your commitment to enriching the lives and experiences of the Vietnamese community in the U.S.

HONORING WILLIAM E. "BILL"  
MCGONAGLE

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of William E. "Bill" McGonagle, in recognition of his wonderful service, for over forty years, on behalf of the City of Boston and the thousands of families who reside in public housing in our City.

The son of Jeannette and Daniel McGonagle, Bill is the third of six children. A true son of South Boston, Bill spent his early childhood on Lennon Court in South Boston and the remainder of his childhood in the Mary Ellen McCormack housing development in South Boston (named after Speaker John McCormack's mother). Bill attended the Gate of Heaven Grammar School and High School prior to his graduation from South Boston High School.

While Bill is a veteran, having enlisted in the Naval Reserves and attended University of Massachusetts at Boston, Bill has had the tremendous good fortune to be married to his wife Ellen for 47 years. They have been blessed with three children, Matthew, Mark and Alyson.

Bill started his career at the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) in 1981 as a member of BHA's Department of Public Safety, where he worked to combat violence and drug abuse in public housing. His compassion and work ethic were quickly recognized by BHA Receiver Harry Spence and Bill was chosen to participate in a BHA-sponsored management training program, which included graduate-level management classes at the Boston University School of Social Work. Bill was quickly promoted from a public housing development manager to area director overseeing the management of BHA's thirty-seven elderly and disabled public housing developments throughout Boston addressing the needs of thousands of seniors and disabled citizens.

Bill later served as executive assistant to then BHA Administrator Doris Bunte where he served as the liaison between the BHA and residents in the public housing developments in South Boston and Charlestown. Many resident leaders have noted that Bill had tremendous credibility and connected with many of the tenants because of his own upbringing in public housing. His compassion and understanding have earned him the deep and abiding respect of the residents of public housing

as well as the many political leaders who shared the responsibility for meeting the needs of residents. While there were some rough patches in the history of the public housing developments across Boston, Bill McGonagle has been the bridge from those troubled times to today, when the revitalization of major housing developments is taking place all across Boston.

Bill was appointed Deputy Administrator on April 1, 1992. He served in that role for 17 years for three administrators: David Cortiella, Joseph Feaster, and Sandra Henriquez.

And on June 11, 2009, Mayor Thomas M. Menino made one of the best decisions in his long career and appointed Bill as Administrator for the Boston Housing Authority. And later, in his infinite wisdom, Mayor Martin J. Walsh asked Bill to continue in that capacity as part of his administration, much to the joy of public housing residents across the City.

Since becoming Administrator, Bill has been the driving force in the revitalization of many of the housing developments throughout the city of Boston, including the Anne M. Lynch Homes at Old Colony and the transformation of the Mary Ellen McCormack Development.

Over the years, Bill has been recognized for his commitment, loyalty and dedication to the city of Boston and its public housing residents, receiving the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM) President's Award, the J. Lincoln Durand Award from the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants and the John W. McCormack Public Service Award.

Madam Speaker, while Bill is not a person of many hobbies, he is a rabid Celtics fan in the greatest Boston tradition. He prides himself on being a history buff and amazes all with his knowledge of American history. Over the last decade, Bill and Ellen have reveled in their favorite passion, spoiling their five grandchildren Maggie, Andrew, Lucy, Evelyn and Calvin.

Alas, not one to go quietly into retirement, Bill, not only intends to spend time with his family, he recently earned a certificate in substance abuse counseling from UMass-Boston and he plans to work in substance recovery, continuing his dedication and commitment to serving others. Just take a moment and think about that one. Talk about a good guy.

Madam Speaker, Bill leaves a legacy of tirelessly working for tenants and breaking down barriers. It is my distinct honor to take to the floor of the House today to join with the family and many friends and the thousands of families in public housing and advocates for affordable housing all across our Country who want to say thank you to William E. "Bill" McGonagle for his forty years of remarkable service to his community of South Boston and the public housing residents of Boston.

HONORING TIMOTHY J. CASSIDY  
FOR RETIRING AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE PEORIA, ILLINOIS PARK  
DISTRICT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Tim Cassidy on his retirement as the Peoria Park District President.

Tim retired after twenty-seven years of presiding over the Park District. Tim dedicated thirty-two years of public service, of which nearly three decades have been in leadership. As a member on the Peoria Zoological Commission, Tim worked towards making the Peoria Zoo one of the best in Illinois. Dutifully, Tim received the Tom Conner Award for Volunteer Community Service in 2009, and the Commissioner of the Year Award, the highest honor granted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Along with being involved with the Park District, Tim has also served as the acting Chairman of the Riverfront Business District Commission. His resolve to be a positive influence is something we can all be proud of. Our area is fortunate to have someone so dedicated to the betterment of our community.

I am grateful for Tim's time and commitment to Central Illinois. His work as a public servant has left a legacy in our community that will remain for generations to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARPA-E  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 with my colleague, Mr. Lamb, who is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy.

Even though the agency is still relatively young, ARPA-E has already demonstrated incredible success in advancing high-risk, high-reward energy technology solutions that neither the public nor the private sector had been willing or able to support in the past. Industry leaders like Bill Gates and Norm Augustine have repeatedly called for tripling this agency's budget given the unique role that it is now playing in our energy innovation pipeline.

ARPA-E's impressive track record now includes over \$2.9 billion in private sector follow-on funding for a group of 145 ARPA-E projects since the agency's founding in 2009. Equally notable, 76 projects have formed new companies and 131 projects have shown enough promise to result in partnerships with other government agencies for further development. Moreover, as of March 2019, ARPA-E projects have helped advance scientific understanding and technological innovation through 2,489 peer-reviewed journal articles and 346 patents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Yet to date, ARPA-E has only been able to support about 1 percent of the proposals submitted for its open funding opportunities, and 12 percent of the proposals submitted for its focused programs, even though the number of promising, high quality proposals that the agency has received is many times higher.

This is why the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 authorizes substantial growth in funding for the agency over the next five years. This growth is consistent with the original recommendations of the National Academies for establishing and supporting ARPA-E in its seminal *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* report, as well as more recent strong recommendations from well-respected bipartisan

and nonpartisan institutions such as the Bipartisan Policy Center's American Energy Innovation Council, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and the Energy Futures Initiative.

I'd also note that in its review of the program released in June 2017, the National Academies found that a substantial increase in funding would be necessary for ARPA-E to be able to sufficiently support the scale-up of particularly promising technologies, such as advanced technologies for energy storage and power electronics, that were previously supported by the agency. But many of these new approaches are still too risky to be supported by the private sector alone, and too often, other DOE programs remain ill-suited to steward them.

So by authorizing these resources, this bill ensures that ARPA-E is able to fully pursue the development and eventual commercialization of truly transformational clean energy technologies, just as DARPA, the agency that ARPA-E is modeled, has been able to demonstrate time and again for defense applications.

Other improvements in this bill include explicit authorization for ARPA-E to better address DOE's significant nuclear waste clean-up and management issues, for which the Department currently spends several billion dollars every year attempting to manage with current technologies. And it includes authorization for ARPA-E to support projects to improve the resilience, reliability, and security of our energy infrastructure.

The ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 incorporates extensive feedback from stakeholders, as well as input we received during a hearing the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held on February 26th entitled *The Future of ARPA-E*. It also incorporates constructive language from a bill that I cosponsored with my friend, Mr. Lucas, who is now Ranking Member of the Committee, last year.

This bill is endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Council on Competitiveness, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the American Gas Association (AGA), the Energy Storage Association (ESA), the Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC), the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), the American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF), Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES), ConservAmerica, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), the American Chemical Society (ACS), the Optical Society of America (OSA), IEEE-USA, the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), the Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC), and the Gas Technology Institute (GTI).

Given this broad and deep support from the leading industrial, academic, scientific, and environmental organizations of our nation, I look forward to advancing this bill through the Committee in the coming months. And I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to build support for this crit-

ical investment in our nation's clean energy future.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PENNYTOWN'S 148TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it brings me great joy to rise today to commemorate the 148th anniversary of Pennytown, Missouri. Founded by former slaves, this historic town stands as a declaration of what people can accomplish in the face of adversity. Today, their descendants gather to honor the memory of a remarkable chapter of Missouri's history.

Joseph Penny, the founder and visionary of Pennytown, was a former slave from Kentucky. Mr. Penny, like many, joined the Great Migration north, hoping for a better and more prosperous life. Penny started as a tenant farmer in the late 1860s, but his life changed in March of 1871 when he paid \$160 for eight acres of land in Saline County, Missouri. The purchase of this land marked the birth of Pennytown. During a time when black Americans were not allowed to own land in many parts of the country, Pennytown became a haven. By 1879, eleven land acquisitions had been made. This town became a testament to the residents' commitment to maintaining autonomy while helping former slaves in reconstruction. At its peak, approximately 1,000 freed slaves and their descendants lived in Pennytown, forming the largest concentration of black-owned land in Saline County.

At first sight, Pennytown did not appear to be much. The town only consisted of two churches, a school and a store. However, this small collection of farms and buildings made up a mighty microeconomy. Pennytown was a vibrant community, strongly intertwined and loyal. The men would venture from house to house during the holidays to chop wood for every family, and the women gathered weekly to create goods that could be sold, using the proceeds to create a communal emergency fund. The descendants of Pennytown help the legacy of the community live on for younger generations through stories of the origins and efforts it took to create such a town.

Today, the Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church provides a tangible reminder of rural life for African Americans in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, while preserving the integrity of location, design, and feeling. Much like today, churches in the past served as much more than just places of worship, and the Pennytown church was no different. With its Baptist gatherings, social events, and communal celebrations, the church was a testament to the perseverance of a community who had, just six years earlier, witnessed the abolition of slavery. This community lasted a few decades, but the unpredictability of time has removed most visible reminders of its existence. The Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church is the last reminder of what this town once was. The Pennytown descendants who own the church gather together the first Sunday of every August to celebrate and honor their rich history and to remind all of us that the past is truly present in our world today.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the entirety of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the history of Freewill Baptist Church and Pennytown as they celebrate an anniversary of one hundred and forty-eight years since the founding. I welcome my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me and the constituents of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in reflecting upon the impactful history held within this one small church.

#### RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HUAWEI BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

#### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring additional attention to the national security threat that Chinese state-sponsored entities like Huawei pose to our telecommunication networks and national security.

This past week, I wrote to Secretary Ross at the Department of Commerce to consider Huawei's track record of espionage and intellectual property theft when enforcing restrictions on their trade with U.S. companies.

With the backing of the Chinese government, Huawei has attempted to weaponize patent claims in U.S. courts and to create vulnerabilities in our communications networks.

Restrictions placed on Huawei by the U.S. federal government were done to address their pattern of illicit behavior.

We need to continue to stop this Chinese state-sponsored entity from having access to our networks when they have so brazenly exploited U.S. companies and intellectual property for Chinese espionage and ill-gotten gains.

#### CONGRATULATING SENIOR OFFICER JON PETTIT ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EULESS, TEXAS

#### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jon Pettit on his well-earned retirement from the City of Euless, Texas Police Department after twenty years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Jon is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer of the Euless Police Department. He has honorably served his community since beginning his distinguished career with the Euless Police Department as a Public Service Officer where he served for four years, gaining valuable experience in jail operations. In 2004, Jon was promoted to Officer where he would continue to serve the department in numerous capacities over the next sixteen years, exhibiting the highest level of professionalism.

Throughout his time as an officer in Euless, Jon has received over 35 police commendations as evidence of his outstanding service

and professionalism. During Jon's time with the department he served variety of assignments, namely Field Training Officer, Bicycle Officer, and Criminal Investigation "Auto Task Force" Investigator. It is through his numerous commendations that Jon's colleagues, supervisors, and the Euless community have expressed their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his service.

In twenty years of service, Jon has received over 2000 hours of police in-service and public safety officer training, consisting of a variety of advanced and master-level police courses. These courses include areas of patrol, advanced "auto theft" investigation, accident investigation, defensive tactics training, complex crimes investigation, Reid Interviewing Advanced Investigation Techniques, and police "intoxilyzer operator" training. Jon's dedication to his fellow officers is apparent in his commitment to the instruction and development of younger police officers, and Jon has always been appreciated as an informal leader within the department.

Jon's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Euless has helped to ensure countless officers were adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Euless and the Euless Police Department for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the extensive efforts Jon has contributed to the City of Euless, and the State of Texas. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Jon Pettit for his many years of service.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR R. L.  
ROGERS' LIFE AND LEGACY

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Pastor R. L. Rogers—a man of God, a community leader, father, and husband.

Pastor Rogers was born on March 6, 1939 in Calvert, Texas to the late Ernest and Margaret Rogers and transitioned from labor to eternal reward on July 20, 2019, after many years of giving back to our Dallas-Fort Worth community.

Pastor Rogers attended high school in south Texas, before graduating from the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Rogers' time at seminary started his journey in faith and helping our community that expanded over five decades.

Pastor Rogers was the founder, and the one and only Pastor for 53 years of the Harvey Avenue Baptist Church—a place of worship that is a cornerstone of the Fort Worth community. That was only the beginning of his accomplishments. Pastor Rogers was also an avid volunteer for important causes, like mentoring youth in our community, and serving as a Chaplain at the Tarrant County Jail. He was also a nationally known Evangelist, Pastor and Gospel Preacher.

Pastor Rogers was a pillar of our community—spending 53 of his years teaching and encouraging our community and his accomplishments and service will be greatly missed.

HONORING PETER NISSEN

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Nissen for his commitment to agriculture and our wine community and to honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year.

Mr. Nissen was born in Richmond, California and began his career in agriculture before he graduated high school. The summer before he began his junior year, he moved irrigation lines in Cucamonga and Alta Loma vineyards. Mr. Nissen attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1973. After graduation, Mr. Nissen worked in the vineyard department of Charles Krug Vineyard. Starting in the equipment shop, he worked in all areas of vineyard operations, working his way up from the equipment shop to assistant vineyard manager in 1976. In February of 1978, Mr. Nissen started Nissen Vineyard Services Inc., a vineyard management business that currently farms over 1100 acres, most of which are in Napa County. Additionally, his company supplies labor to other agricultural operations.

Mr. Nissen's involvement in our community extends beyond his company as he volunteers his time for numerous agricultural organizations. He has been a Board Member of Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB) since 1998, is a past President, and is the Board Member representing NCFB on the Napa Valley Vine Trail. Mr. Nissen currently sits on the Board of the California Farm Labor Contractors Association and previously served as President. He has served as coordinator since the NCFB and the Napa County Agriculture Commissioner's office began hosting the annual Ag Day program for students in second and third grades. Mr. Nissen volunteered to manage the vineyard at Carneros Elementary School from 1990 to 2014. He also volunteered to develop and manage the Napa County Resource Conservation District's Huichica Creek Sustainable Demonstration Vineyard.

Madam Speaker, Peter Nissen has been a committed and active member of our agricultural community for many decades. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year here today.

HONORING DIANE YODER FOR HER  
SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR HEROES

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound respect that I rise today to honor Diane Yoder of Fleetwood for her incredible service to our community's veterans and first responders.

The Yoder family is a military family; all three of Diane's children served, following a

family tradition of service. When her son Jarett was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, Diane took up this call to service herself. She began the Jarett Yoder Foundation, a non-profit with 10 Patriot Houses in Pennsylvania for veterans and first responders at risk of homelessness. She is now working with more than 170 families to provide important resources to them in times of need.

Diane has touched countless lives through her work and carries on the memory of her son's service in her own. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Diane Yoder for her tireless service for Pennsylvania's veterans and first responders.

VOM JOHNATHAN SHEPHERD

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Sergeant Johnathon Shepherd.

Sergeant Shepherd joined the Marines in 1997, where he served for 5 years, deploying to the Mediterranean in 2000.

Once back in Tulsa, Sergeant Shepherd started his first business after learning about federal opportunities available to veteran-owned businesses. He and his wife, Jessica, built the company in their spare time for 8 years before devoting their full efforts to establish Americom Technologies Group in 2016.

Also in 2016, Sergeant Shepherd and his wife launched Eagle Ops as an outreach program for veterans and their families. In 2018, they joined with fellow Marine Stacy Hester to create the Eagle Ops Foundation with the focus on community. The Foundation is active in the Tulsa community and works to build relationships for our veterans, their families and patriots in the community.

Sergeant Shepherd truly is an impressive man of integrity and honor. He makes Oklahoma proud and plays an important role in our community of veterans. I'm glad to have this opportunity to shine a light on his work and give him the recognition he deserves as our July Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR  
INDEPENDENT LIVING DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR  
THEIR INVALUABLE SERVICE

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDR). That is committed as epitomized in their mission statement, "to assist individuals with disabilities achieve their goals of independence".

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed July 26, 1990, put into law the ideal that Americans with disabilities should not be discriminated against when going about their daily life. This includes, equal employment, opportunity, public building access areas, and

other accommodating services. Expanding upon these, CILDRC assists those with disabilities in asserting their freedoms to become independent.

The CILDRC assists, both, our communities and individuals with disabilities by offering work experience programs to receive the knowledge required to go into the workforce and to contribute to businesses and organizations across Northwest Florida.

This year is the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The CILDRC luncheon is celebrating the importance of the ADA and reaffirms that the ADA is vital in protecting those in our communities with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDRC) on their efforts to make an impact with and on behalf of people with disabilities in our communities.

### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELIJAH "PUMPSIE" GREEN

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a groundbreaking professional baseball player, Richmond native, and longtime El Cerrito resident, Elijah "Pumpsie" Green.

Born in 1933 in Oklahoma, Pumpsie's parents moved to Richmond, California, where they raised their five children. Pumpsie attended El Cerrito High School where he was an accomplished three-sport athlete who would later earn distinction as an inductee into the school's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class. He ultimately chose to pursue baseball, starring at Contra Costa College before joining the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

In 1959, 12 years after Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier, Pumpsie became one of the game's true trailblazers when he became the first African American player ever to play for the Boston Red Sox. Despite facing continued discrimination and segregation, he went on to play five seasons for the Red Sox before being traded to the New York Mets and retiring in 1963.

After retiring as a professional baseball player, Pumpsie moved with his family to El Cerrito, where he devoted the rest of his life to education. He served as a student supervisor and baseball coach at Berkeley High School, and during his 20-year tenure became a mentor to countless students.

Pumpsie will forever be remembered for his role in helping to end segregation in professional sports and paving the way for other athletes of color. Please join me in honoring Elijah "Pumpsie" Green for his lasting impact on professional baseball and his dedication to youth. He is truly an inspiration for his Bay Area home.

### HONORING DIANE VANDERKOOY FOR BEING SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Diane VanderKooy, of Chatham, Illinois, for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

Diane began her involvement with the Special Olympics in 1990. Since then, Diane has put her heart and soul into the games. VanderKooy plays a major role in coordinating the Gillespie to Bloomington leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Illinois. This was Diane's first time at the World Games, as she joined a team of 112 members who took part in the torch run throughout the United Arab Emirates.

Diane has dedicated her life to ensuring that people have a fun and safe environment to participate in whichever sport they desire. Not only is VanderKooy deeply involved with the Special Olympics, but she is also the Athletic Director for the Chatham Chargers. Diane was recently recognized by the Village of Chatham for her service to the village and community with an honorary designation of a local roadway as "Diane VanderKooy Volunteer Drive." Diane's work proves that athletics can have a positive and meaningful impact on people from all walks of life.

Again, I would like to commend Diane VanderKooy for her continued service in the community, and for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games.

### HONORING MOUNTAINMAN OUTDOOR SUPPLY COMPANY OWNER JOHN NEMJO FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of one of the North Country's most successful small business owners, John Nemjo.

John demonstrated his entrepreneurial spirit when he opened Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company in 1993. Back then, he ran the company out of an abandoned, 700 square foot pizza shop in the heart of the Adirondack State Park with just a couple seasonal employees and a budget of a few thousand dollars.

In the decades since, John has grown his company into a fixture of the Adirondack business community. He now operates a thriving business out of six locations with over 15,000 square feet in combined retail space. Instead of a handful of seasonal employees, John now has 53 year-round employees. Adirondack Bank acknowledged John's achievements with a 2018 Small Business Excellence Award.

Small business owners like John Nemjo benefit our communities in so many ways. They employ local residents and contribute to the dynamism and vibrancy of our economy. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate him for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his contribution to our community.

### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REMOVE THE STATUE OF CONFEDERATE GENERAL ALBERT PIKE

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to require the removal of a statue of Confederate General Albert Pike from federal land near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia. This statue was authorized, not by the District, but by Congress in 1898, when the District had no home rule. The statue was constructed using both federal and private funds. The Freemasons, of which Pike was a member, donated the majority of the money needed to build and install the statue in 1901. I oppose tearing down Confederate statues, because I believe they should be moved to more appropriate settings, like museums, to avoid erasing an important part of history from which Americans must continue to learn.

Pike was a Confederate general who served dishonorably and was forced to resign in disgrace. It was found that soldiers under his command mutilated the bodies of Union soldiers, and Pike was ultimately imprisoned after his fellow officers reported that he misappropriated funds. Adding to the dishonor of taking up arms against the United States, Pike dishonored even his Confederate military service. He certainly has no claim to be memorialized in the nation's capital. Even those who do not want Confederate statues removed will have to justify awarding Pike any honor, considering his history.

After meeting with the Freemasons, I believe that the best course of action is to remove the statue and find a more appropriate place for it. The Freemasons themselves support the statue's removal, given its divisive nature. The D.C. Mayor and the Council also support the removal of the statue.

My bill clarifies that no federal funds may be used to remove the Pike statue. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

### HONORING ALFREDO PEDROZA

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza as Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Friend of Agriculture.

Mr. Pedroza, a native of Napa County, is the son of a farmworker and currently serves as the Supervisor for District Four of Napa County. Mr. Pedroza attended Sonoma State University, where he earned a Bachelor of

Science in Business Administration and a minor in Economics. Mr. Pedroza began his career working in the financial services industry. He worked with credit unions and community banks for over a decade, where he gained valuable financial expertise he has used to help our local business community improve, manage, and sustain their financial growth. In 2012, Mr. Pedroza was elected to the Napa City Council. He became both the first Latino member and the youngest city councilmember ever elected to the Napa City Council. Governor Jerry Brown appointed Mr. Pedroza to serve the Fourth District on the Napa County Board of Supervisors in December of 2014. Mr. Pedroza went on to win a full, four-year term on the Board of Supervisors in the 2016 primary election.

Mr. Pedroza's deep ties to Napa County and commitment to public service drive him to serve our community, including the agricultural sector. He is dedicated to enacting sound agricultural policy. He has worked tirelessly on agricultural issues that have come before the Board of Supervisors. His passion for serving the community extends beyond his career, as Mr. Pedroza is active in a local service clubs and nonprofits. Through his work on the Board of Supervisors and with nonprofit organizations, Mr. Pedroza hopes to realize a Napa

County that will allow future generations of Napa residents to start businesses, raise families, and live fulfilling lives.

Madam Speaker, Alfredo Pedroza has an unrelenting dedication to our agricultural community and to serving the people of Napa County and is deserving of being named Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Friend of Agriculture. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the service of Alfredo Pedroza here today.

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REMEMBERING JOE H. BARRAGAN

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe H. Barragan, an esteemed Californian and an outstanding gentleman to everyone who knew him. Mr. Barragan passed away on November 19, 2018 but will continue to be remembered for his love of family, commitment to serving his community, and passion for working to make the world a better place.

Mr. Barragan was born on December 31, 1931 and attended Saint Ferdinand School

and San Fernando High School. A man of extraordinary character and patriotism, he nobly served our nation as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War.

Though his sacrifices for our country alone are enough to warrant the highest respect and praise, we could not properly celebrate a man such as him without mentioning the generous life he led in his community. In the years after he returned from war, Mr. Barragan spent his time enriching the lives of others without ever expecting anything in return. He will be remembered for his endless kindness and love of all people.

Mr. Barragan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia Barragan; his two daughters, Susan Arriaga and Belinda Barragan; his son-in-law, Danny Arriaga; his two grandchildren, Daniel Arriaga Jr. and Jessica Arriaga; and his dog, Demi.

As his family and community continue to hold the legacy and memory of Mr. Joe H. Barragan in their hearts, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding man and the virtues he held so dear to him. May his memory serve as an example for all seeking to lead a happy and joyful life and may his spirit rest in peace and glory.