

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING IOWA SAFE  
SCHOOLS' SECOND ANNUAL  
PRIDE CAMP

### HON. ABBY FINKENAUER

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. FINKENAUER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating the second annual Pride Camp at Iowa Safe Schools and to congratulate everyone involved in making this incredible resource for LGBTQ youth in our state a reality. This week-long program is designed for LGBTQ youth to have an opportunity to learn, grow, and simply have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

I was a page in Iowa's State House when the "Iowa Safe Schools Law"—the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Act of 2007—was passed. It was the result of years of tireless work from advocates and legislators, including many of the Iowans who have dedicated themselves to Pride Camp. I am honored to be a voice for LGBTQ Iowans of all ages in Congress.

I applaud Iowa Safe Schools for the inspiring work that it does in our communities, year-round, to create a nurturing environment for LGBTQ youth, by providing critical resources and training for students, educators, parents, and young allies.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DO-  
LORES AND WILL GRESHAM

### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Dolores and Will Gresham of Somerville, Tennessee on the very special occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Dolores and Will were married on August 2, 1969. Together, their lives have been marked by service to their community, with both retiring from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During her military service, Dolores completed USMC Amphibious Warfare School, USMC Command and Staff College, and an MS in Industrial Management at George Washington University before she and Will returned to a cattle farm in West Tennessee where they currently live. Dolores has served in the Tennessee State Senate since 2008.

In addition to their service, their marriage of forty faithful years embodies the values of Tennessee which have and will keep our state and our nation strong. There is no doubt that they have lived an All-American life with their family—raising Hereford cattle on their farm, investing in their neighbors, and holding fast to their strong values and shared faith, giving us

all an ideal to which we can aspire. May their commitment grow even stronger as they love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 40th year of marriage. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERYL KELLEY SCHAAF

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pioneer and a standout citizen of Durango, Colorado, Peryl Schaaf. Peryl began her life as a homesteader in southwest Colorado and eventually served as one of the highest officer positions at the Bank of Durango.

Peryl is the daughter of two homesteading families in Durango, CO. She eloped and married her husband, Ernie Schaaf, at the age of fifteen, on August 20, 1939. The couple had four children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her family was full of strong hardworking women including her Aunt, Olga Little, a local mining legend and a trail-blazer.

Peryl was no stranger to hard work herself. She started working at the young age of six. She was the family homemaker while her mother taught at remote one room school houses. She worked as a gas pump attendant at her father's station during World War II, and years later, started a job at the Bank of Durango as a teller. Despite being paid only half of what her male counterparts made, her hard work did not go unnoticed by her colleagues or management and she eventually rose through the ranks to serve as the Vice President of the bank.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Peryl. As a renowned storyteller in her community, Peryl will continue to highlight her remarkable life through the Durango Native Stories—a reoccurring public series offering first-hand recollections of personal stories from Durango locals. Her life of hard work, perseverance and achievement is worthy of commendation and I am proud to honor her legacy.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE FLAHERTY

### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and hold up for distinction the tireless work of Mr. Bruce Flaherty, a Vietnam veteran and my constituent from Flushing, Queens.

Since 2004, Mr. Flaherty has dedicated himself to see that a flag is flown over the Capitol for each of the men in his infantry who were killed in Vietnam. At the completion of this mission this year, he flew a total of 289 American flags to honor the service and sacrifice of his fellow servicemen. Mr. Flaherty located and identified 103 families of those killed in the Vietnam War and has presented each of them with our nation's flag and official certificate. His commitment over the decades is heartfelt, exemplary, and admirable.

Born and raised in Queens, Mr. Flaherty served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 in the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard). He was honorably discharged from the Army and received the Purple Heart Award.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Flaherty worked at the New York Telephone Company for 32 years. He worked on veterans issues with the Americal Division Veterans Association, helping veterans and their families locate information in the National Archive to assist in their claims for awards and benefits. Mr. Flaherty also volunteered on a variety of task forces, including Hurricane Gloria in 1985 and Ground Zero in 2001.

Mr. Flaherty has dedicated countless hours to help us remember those who lost their lives when fighting for our country. His work has also reassured families that the sacrifices their loved ones made for our country are remembered and that their memories live on.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Mr. Flaherty for all he has done, and continues to do, to honor those who valiantly fought and died for our freedom. His work is greatly appreciated, and I am honored to have him as my constituent.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the selfless work and remarkable achievements of Mr. Bruce Flaherty. His dedication to honoring his fellow soldiers is truly commendable.

HONORING BILL SOMERVILLE

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Bill Somerville, an extraordinary philanthropist, grant-maker, advisor, and a generous, creative, and devoted advocate for those in need.

Bill Somerville grew up in Berkeley, California, and later attended the University of California. He served for 17 years as Executive Director of the pioneering and highly regarded Peninsula Community Foundation and is a nationally recognized expert on creative grant-making, having advised more than 400 community foundations in the United States, Canada, and abroad on effective operations and grantmaking. He has taught courses on

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philanthropy at Stanford University, UC Berkeley's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and Laney Community College, in Oakland, California. Bill was honored with the 2004 Gerbode Fellowship Award in recognition of outstanding achievement as a nonprofit executive and is a founding member of the National Advisory Board of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University. He has also been an advisor to the Dean of the UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare and serves as an advisor to the Peery Family Foundation and the Junior League of Palo Alto.

Bill is the author, with Fred Setterberg, of *Grassroots Philanthropy: Field Notes of a Maverick Grantmaker*, a guide to creative grantmaking. In it, according to the *Financial Times*, May 2008, "Somerville describes in engaging prose how to be an effective philanthropist. With no agenda other than his need to set things right in the world, he lays out a series of principles that can be adopted by both endowed national foundations and those with lesser means, providing they have an urge to use their wealth to improve the world."

Bill Somerville's career as a maverick grantmaker spans 50 years in nonprofit work. In 1990, he founded Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (PVF) which specializes in creative giving programs customized to donors' interests. Under his stewardship, PVF has distinguished itself as a leader in "venture philanthropy," a term coined by Somerville to describe PVF's quick-response, high-impact grant mode, including immediate response grants and paperless giving.

Larry Purcell, the highly respected founder of the Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, California, reports that more than 40 years ago he and Bill Somerville became teamsters for the poor by picking up free fresh produce from the South San Francisco Produce Terminal. The Catholic Worker House has continued to distribute thousands of pounds of produce each week, using three 15,000-pound trucks acquired through Bill Somerville's generosity and that of Philanthropic Ventures. A decade ago, Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation gave the Catholic Worker House seed money to purchase a two-bedroom house in Redwood City for day laborers. In 2018 Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation provided seed money for Catholic Workers to buy a home in Oakland to house men coming out of San Quentin State Prison. Meanwhile, Catholic Workers in Redwood City, San Bruno, San Jose, and Santa Maria, California, have been feeding, clothing, sheltering, and educating the very poor by the thousands. Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation have supported each of those Catholic Worker Houses in magnificent ways. According to Purcell, Bill Somerville is great, humble, dedicated, and serves the poor with deep, deep kindness.

In *Grassroots Philanthropy* Bill said "Philanthropy is a fascinating pursuit. It's the stuff of dreams made practical, a lever that can move the world. Philanthropy is a subject about which I remain unequivocally and unapologetically passionate."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of an extraordinary man, Bill Somerville, and thanking him for his unique leadership. He has strengthened our communities and bettered our nation through his vi-

sion, passion, and integrity, and he stands as a role model of what a citizen can do to create transformative change in the lives of so many.

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RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN & HI TECH

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Indiana based nonprofit, Women & Hi Tech. Founded in 1999, the organization seeks to promote the participation of women in science and technology fields, and to ensure that opportunities in STEM jobs are equally inclusive for all. The organization has demonstrated consistent leadership in our community and helped open doors for many women. The people of the Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Women & Hi Tech, and it is my pleasure to congratulate the organization in celebration of this special occasion.

In 1999, two women leaders in our community, Joyce Gustafson, a scientist working for Eli Lilly, and Georgia Miller, an academic at Indiana University, discovered that there were few women like themselves working in high tech jobs in Indiana. Together, they sought to create an organization that would fill the gaps they saw in women leaders in the Indianapolis area. Their initial launch saw much support from the community, including many professionals in a wide variety of industries. The first Board of Directors of Women & Hi Tech included Jennifer Sander, Donna Gastevich, Jamie Eicher, Lisa Robertson, Jennifer Scheerer, Sue Ream, Suzanne Nutter, Cindy Royer, and Julie Nahvi. Other significant contributions to Women & Hi Tech in its infancy were provided by Susan E. Ziel, Esq., a female attorney who drafted and filed the organization's incorporation documents, and other women and men who have served on the organization's all-volunteer Board of Directors over the years.

With a mission to make careers in STEM equally inclusive to all, Women & Hi Tech has grown its membership to nearly 2,000 professionals and students. Their focus is broad. Some programs support girls as young as kindergarten, while others support women in academic careers and on to their professional lives. Programs like Passport to Hi-Tech and Ignite Your Superpower (IYS) teach young girls about the wide variety of opportunities available to them in science and technology fields, while simultaneously connecting them with leaders already working in those fields. Other programs including OperationAll, Executive Women's Forums and the Leading Light Awards focus on working professionals, educating and empowering them to achieve higher in their careers. They also hold seasonal networking events, which are held at notable locations around Indiana like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and serve to reinforce their already robust series of education and empowerment programs.

Women & Hi Tech continues to invest into the future of our community through their efforts to build lasting partnerships with local businesses. These partnerships give the organization a unique ability to support women in

a wide variety of industries, and for a wide variety of purposes. For example, as part of their #WHT20for20 campaign, Women & Hi Tech will be donating over \$30,000 in scholarships and grants to Indiana women and girls pursuing STEM. Directed primarily at women pursuing academic goals, these funds open doors and provide opportunities that are of immense value. It is programs like this that allow the organization to attract a large number of professionals and students, from across many sectors of our economy, to its ranks.

Women & Hi Tech has done, and continues to do, great things for the people of Indiana. Under the leadership of President Angela Freeman, I am confident that the organization will continue growing and succeeding. Many of the most influential leaders in our community give their time to help this organization succeed, and it is my great pleasure to congratulate Women & Hi Tech on 20 years of service. I commend them on their continuing mission of empowerment of women leaders in our community, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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RECOGNIZING THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work, dedication, and outstanding service our County Veteran Service Officers provide in assisting veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

County Veteran Service Officers are self-appointed, concerned veterans who take it upon themselves to aid and assist fellow veterans and survivors with benefits and resources. The first CVSO in Wisconsin was appointed in 1932. In 1935, the Wisconsin CVSO Association was established, and in 1946, Wisconsin passed legislation requiring each county to hire a CVSO who served in the Armed Forces.

For nearly 90 years, Wisconsin CVSOs have led the way in connecting veterans and their families with benefit programs. CVSOs work hard to provide caring counseling, assistance, and advocacy for veterans in need.

I am incredibly proud of the work our CVSOs from Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, and Winnebago counties, and our Tribal Veteran Service Officers from the Oneida Nation, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians and Ho-Chunk Nation provide for Northeast Wisconsin. These officers and their staff are key to the success of veterans who look for assistance as they transition to civilian life.

I am proud to have such quality County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers in my district. The task of being a CVSO is not always easy. These officers are veterans who served our nation, returned home, and continue their service in our communities. These men and women truly demonstrate what it means to engage in selfless service.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers of Wisconsin and those of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District for their unceasing service to veterans.

HONORING JERRY ZREMSKI, BUFFALO NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF, UPON RECEIVING THE 2018 REGIONAL REPORTING AWARD

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Zremski, The Buffalo News' Washington Bureau Chief, for winning the National Press Club's Washington Regional Reporting Award for 2018.

Zremski was recognized for this award due to his hard work and diligence in the reporting field. He has produced thorough, well-written work that gives the people of Buffalo and beyond the information they need from a trusted voice they know and love. He has reported on breaking news regarding federal issues, several presidential elections and political conventions. Zremski was embedded as a correspondent during the Iraq War, has reported on events in France, and also spent time in Asia as part of his "From Burma to Buffalo" series.

Zremski has been with The Buffalo News, starting out as a business reporter, since 1984. In 1989, he began his work in Washington on behalf of the beloved Buffalo paper, and has served as the Washington Bureau Chief since 2007. Previously, Zremski was a National Press Club president and the Nieman fellow at Harvard University. He is not a stranger to awards such as this, as he won the 2016 Professional Journalists award and last year received the Washington Press Club Foundation's David Lynch Memorial Reporting Award.

Reporters are often present in places the general public cannot be, due either to restrictions or because they simply are not able to be. Jerry Zremski has done a wonderful job conveying the facts and figures of any given story to allow his readers a glimpse into what has happened. We salute and honor your work here today, Mr. Zremski. We know we can plan to see even more great things from you in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Jerry Zremski for receiving this award and his body of work.

RECOGNIZING MT. JOY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN EDWARDSVILLE

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Edwardsville, which

is celebrating 150 years as a church congregation this year.

Mt. Joy was founded in Edwardsville in 1869 by ex-slaves who conducted church services in their homes. Early members and founders dedicated their efforts and time into selling barbeque and wild game dinners to fund the construction of a log cabin in 1871 to hold church services for their community. After overcoming many obstacles over the years, including a fire that destroyed the original cabin in 1909, the church still stands strong on its mission to spread God's word in the Metro East.

There have been countless leaders in the church's 150-year history, but I want to congratulate Pastor Steve Jackson and Chairman Donnie Howard for leading this church at this historic time. Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church is an important piece of Edwardsville's history, and I'm proud to honor the church and its legacy.

COMMEMORATING THE HON. MARGIE GARRETT

**HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, we lost a pillar of the Compton community and a dedicated champion for our students, Hon. Margie Garrett. Although she will be greatly missed by her friends, family, and our community, we take comfort in knowing that her accomplishments in her mission for educational excellence has forever left a mark on the life of every child in the Compton Unified School District. Let us honor her legacy by providing everyone with the highest quality of education they deserve.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL C. FORREST FAISON, III, UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and achievements of an esteemed and valued member of our Armed Forces, Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III, United States Navy, on his retirement after 39 years of honorable and dedicated service to our country. His unwavering commitment to those entrusted in his care will remain his legacy long after his departure.

For the past two years, I had the opportunity to work directly with Vice Admiral Faison in his position as the Navy Surgeon General. Throughout his tenure, he provided invaluable support to Congress, particularly its Members and committee staff as he presented the mission, vision, and execution of Navy Medicine for our country's sailors, marines, and their families. As a fellow Northern Ohioan, I would like to share with you some highlights of his distinguished career.

For 39 years, Vice Admiral Faison excelled in his leadership and the training of medical professionals in America's Navy at home, sea,

and abroad. He served as the Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy and Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, from 2013 to 2015, and as our 38th Surgeon General of the Navy.

As Commander of Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego, he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries with a staff of 16,000 at 10 hospitals and over 30 clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. He served as Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Current and Future Healthcare Operations; Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; Commanding Officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility; and U.S. Medical Task Force, Kuwait, where he led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar, and Southern Iraq, including all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command.

Additional assignments included Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia; Group Surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; Director of Department of Defense Telemedicine, Washington, D.C.; Chief Information Officer, Navy Medicine; Director, Clinical Services, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore; USS *Texas* (CGN 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

As Vice Admiral Faison closes this chapter of his life to embark on new adventures, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to him on his retirement. We wish him, his wife Michelle, and family, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

RECOGNIZING PEORIA ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER ON THEIR 130TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois American Water from Peoria, IL, for achieving the milestone of 130 years of continued water quality service to 1.3 million citizens in the State of Illinois.

Illinois American Water has represented exemplary values since its founding in 1890. With a dedicated and skilled work force, members of Illinois American Water ensure the safety of the Peoria area's water supply. They offer an abundance of water services and provide education to the public about our world's most precious resource. They are invested in new technologies and renewable energy methods that continue to set the standard for their industry. Their 130 years of integrity and environmental stewardship displayed in the community is to be celebrated.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Illinois American Water on 130 years of service, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2615, THE  
UNITED STATES–NORTHERN TRI-  
ANGLE ENHANCEMENT  
ENGAGEMENT ACT

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2615, the “United States–Northern Triangle Enhancement Engagement Act.”

H.R. 2615 supports the people of Central America and strengthens United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

H.R. 2615 will provide reports on drivers of migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States and will identify methods for the United States to strengthen fragile democracies in the region.

Thousands of immigrants flee the Northern Triangle to seek asylum and refuge in the United States of America.

The number of asylum seekers worldwide originating from the Northern Triangle reached 110,000 in 2015, a five-fold increase from 2012.

Poverty, corrupt police forces, gang violence, political corruption, and economic instability exacerbate living conditions in the Northern Triangle.

Homicide rates are extremely high for Central American countries; El Salvador is leading the way with a rate of 82.84 per 100,000 persons.

Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Guatemalans leave their homes in search of physical security, democracy, freedom, and civil liberties.

They look toward the U.S. as a beacon of hope and prosperity, often traveling miles while battling hardships and risks to pursue the American Dream.

This bill seeks to combat corruption among political institutions in the region to reinforce security and lead to the development of civil society.

We must address the origins and the structural causes of migration to address the issues that lead to mass migration to our southern borders.

Our agencies are unequipped and are incapable of meeting the demand of sheltering and processing immigrants who arrive at our ports of entry.

Our nation’s security depends on the stability of the Northern Triangle.

We must act to ensure that the countries in this region return to a functioning democracy, free of corruption and violence.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2615 to assist in reestablishing democratic and peaceful societies in the countries of the Northern Triangle.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS’  
MENTOR GROUP OF OUTAGAMIE  
COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work, dedication,

and outstanding service of Veterans’ Mentor Group in Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

Since its creation in 2015, Veterans’ Mentor Group has assisted countless veterans in Northeast Wisconsin navigate the struggles of transitioning to civilian life. The group’s success is evident as three graduates of the program are now members of the group’s leadership team. Along with founding members Bill and Beverly, Thomas Barrett, Scott Hutchings, Michael Gawel, and Rodney Schreiber work to ensure Outagamie County Veterans feel supported and connected. I am confident its members will continue to help many more veterans as the program grows.

Veterans’ Mentor Group consists of volunteer veterans and partners within Outagamie County who share and understand the experiences of military service. The group assists veterans with their basic needs, as well as engaging in socialization and reintegration back into their communities. I am proud to have a veteran-run organization in my district that strives to help fellow veterans. The volunteers of Veterans’ Mentor Group truly demonstrate what it means to engage in selfless service.

The Veterans’ Mentor Group also assists the Veteran Treatment Court in Outagamie County and increasing veterans’ awareness of resources and benefit programs. Bill Trombley, along with Beverly Weber, Todd Raley, and Jason Laber, worked hard to ensure this support program for veterans in Outagamie County became a success. Their efforts and commitment are integral in creating this successful program.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Veterans’ Mentor Group, its board, and its veteran volunteer mentors for their service to veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

THE EMERY COUNTY PUBLIC  
LAND MANAGEMENT ACT IN-  
CLUDED IN S. 47, THE JOHN D.  
DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION,  
MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION  
ACT

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. CURTIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding the Emery County Public Land Management Act, that was included in S. 47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. This became Public Law 116–9 on March 12th, 2019.

Throughout 2018 and early 2019, Senator Hatch, Senator ROMNEY, and myself heavily engaged with the Emery County Commissioners and Emery County Public Lands Council to draft this important piece of legislation. After Senator Hatch’s retirement, Senator ROMNEY helped to carry the ball across the finish line.

This law is the result of countless hours of deliberation, and thus I find it important to highlight some areas of congressional intent of particular interest. While these should generally be clear in the text and corresponding map, the historical context of how we arrived at some of these decisions may be of benefit to the Department of the Interior, future members of the Utah delegation, or those in Utah.

The Utah delegation, and particularly myself, look forward to the implementation of this new law.

Of note, Jake Bornstein (my Legislative Director), Romel Nicholas (Senator Hatch’s public lands staffer), and Kelsey Berg (Senator ROMNEY’s Deputy Chief of Staff) were the main staff points of contact in our respective offices for the bill. Jake and Romel have extensive correspondence with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that further demonstrates the accurate characterization of the congressional intent I outline here.

Most important to this process, our founding principle was to never take any action that would end a current ongoing use. For example, we were immensely careful to not close a road, trail, air strip, or other existing use in the legislative text or corresponding map with a wilderness designation. Further, we worked extensively to avoid more restrictive designations, such as wilderness, to areas it would limit ongoing activity. We worked to draw designation boundaries along geographic and physical features, or just outside a cherry stem, to ensure management made sense for the area.

Any designation boundary that does not follow these trends, particularly any designation that puts at risk an existing use due to a poorly drawn boundary, was a clerical error and should be resolved under the authority clearly provided in Sec. 1221. Given the pure scale of this bill and legislative map, we realized this authority would be a vital tool to resolve these errors.

I’d also like to point out the clear intent within Sec. 1232. Section (e), which clearly states that non-wilderness activities or uses that can be seen or heard from areas within wilderness are to be left uninterrupted by this legislation.

On the topic of roads, we worked closely with BLM to ensure all roads in the 2008 RMP were not put into a wilderness designation, often referred to as “cherry stemmed”. Our intent was to preserve these roads and for them to stay open. These cherry stems are of various sizes and were intended to ensure an adequate corridor is there to facilitate necessary maintenance. In the Recreation Area, we included language in Sec. 1222 to ensure the necessary maintenance to existing routes may continue and allow rerouting of roads or trails to protect the resources of the Recreation Area.

Finally, I would like to explain that the driving force for this compromise bill was certainty, and thus preventing the designation of a national monument using the authority granted to the President under the Antiquities Act. As so many know, national monument designations in my home state of Utah have been the source of extensive controversy. In my view, land management is most effective when it is driven by local voices, compromise, and well-reasoned planning. Sweeping designations via national monument are often politically-inspired and they erode the quality of management for the areas they intend to protect. With the passage of the Emery County legislation, the need for a national monument is forfeited because a clear plan has been laid out for the long-term management of the San Rafael Swell. To be clear, this is a view that was shared by the many parties, including locally elected officials, conservationists, and recreationists, that were intimately involved in the forging of this compromise legislation. Any

future national monument designation under the Antiquities Act in Emery County would be a violation of the good faith agreement that was shared among those that negotiated as part of this bill's process.

I believe this bill is a big win for all stakeholders, and I look forward to watching what was a 20-year journey for Emery County come to fruition.

HONORING CHARLES SMITH

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Charles Smith, and to congratulate him on the completion of his term as President of the Missouri National Education Association (MNEA) and wish him well as he enters into retirement.

A graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Charles taught communication arts in the Center School District of Kansas City for over three decades. Through being an active member of his church and the head of the Communication Arts Department and High School Newspaper Advisor, Charles always sought to find every opportunity to help his students and serve his community.

It was this desire to serve that led Charles to seek the position of MNEA President six years ago. As President, Charles chaired the MNEA Board of Directors, served as the association's official spokesperson for the state of Missouri and represented over 35,000 members of the MNEA.

Madam Speaker, dedicated and hard-working educators, such as Charles, put in an immense amount of effort to ensure our children receive the best education possible and help students realize their dreams. One thing is certain; I know that I could have never served in the halls of Congress without the help of devoted and caring teachers along the way, and Charles has certainly made a lasting impact on my career. I am grateful for his friendship and comradery over the years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DENTON  
VA MENTAL HEALTH ANNEX

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the new Denton VA Mental Health Annex. North Texas is fortunate to be home to a number of veterans, and it is critical that we have the resources to support these brave men and women. This morning, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Annex, a new clinic that will help ensure that our growing veteran population can access quality mental health care close to home.

It was my privilege to work alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist in the opening of this new facility. This project took a team effort, and I am grateful to the many people who helped to make The Annex a reality.

In Congress, it is both my privilege and my responsibility to support North Texas veterans. Quality health care—including mental health care—is imperative to our veterans' wellbeing, and this new clinic is an important resource for our community.

Last week, I joined my fellow Members of Congress from North Texas on a letter urging the Veterans Administration to help facilitate the donation of a hospital center in Garland, Texas. Following our collaborative work in Denton, I am hopeful that communities in Garland and beyond can build on our success and ensure that veterans in North Texas have the health care they deserve.

It is imperative for Congress to support the brave men and women who have answered the call to serve our nation, including ensuring that they can access quality health care. As we mark the opening of The Annex, I hope that it is a valuable resource to our North Texas veterans.

HONORING THE CAREER OF KASEY  
J. CRONQUIST

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, to mark the conclusion of American Grown Flowers Month, we honor a great citizen who has been instrumental in starting the movement to support American Grown Flowers, Kasey J. Cronquist, the outgoing CEO of the California Cut Flower Commission and Administrator of Certified American Grown.

In 2007, Kasey Cronquist took the helm of the California Cut Flower Commission and in his successful tenure, he spearheaded an aggressive legislative advocacy program targeting elected officials in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and retail promotional campaigns to attract consumers and industry stakeholders to the benefits of American Grown Flowers.

His efforts have brought industry and consumer attention to the value and importance of domestically grown flowers and foliage, helping consumers connect the "Farm to Fork" trend with floral, and driving home the message that the bouquets at the center of our tables should be as fresh, sustainable, and homegrown as the food on our plates.

Prior to joining CCFC, Cronquist held posts as president and CEO of the Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce and CEO of the Shelton-Mason County Chamber in Washington State. A firm believer in service to the industry, Cronquist is an active volunteer for the Buy California Marketing Agreement, the Agriculture President's Council of California, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Nursery Advisory Board.

A committed nonprofit leader, Cronquist is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organizational Management, was named a Santa Barbara Foundation's Katherine Harvey Fellow in 2007, and is the former recipient of Produce Business magazine's "40 under Forty" award that identifies the produce industry's top young leaders.

As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Cut Flower Caucus, I laud Kasey for his service to this iconic sector of American agriculture and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING WOMEN IN  
LEADERSHIP

### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Burnsville for an historic achievement—for the first time ever, nearly all of the city's top leadership positions are held by women, including the mayor, the school superintendent, the city manager, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, the executive director of the convention and visitors bureau, chair of the county commissioners, five school board members, the new police chief, and an at-large City Council member.

When women hold these positions, our children grow up knowing that women are fully capable of leading and driving change in their communities. Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz is to be commended not only for her service, but also for her leadership in ensuring more women are at the policymaking table. I'm proud to not only represent the City of Burnsville, but also locate my district office there.

I'm not the only one who has taken notice—just recently, the women of Burnsville were featured on a segment on the Today show for their outstanding work to create stronger communities and serve as role models to young women everywhere.

As the first woman to ever represent Minnesota's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to congratulate these women on their hard work, their leadership, and their demonstration to communities across Minnesota that women deserve a seat at the table. This is what leadership looks like.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL LAWRENCE HASKINS

### HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Major General Lawrence Haskins of the California Army National Guard.

As Commander of the California Army National Guard, General Haskins oversees a force of over 18,000 soldiers.

General Haskins has served for over 40 years and first enlisted in the California Army National Guard in July 1975. After 9/11, he was mobilized as the Commander of Task Force Guardian, a brigade in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE III, providing extra force protection forces for 88 Army and Air Force installations across 21 Western states. In 2008, he became Chief of Staff of the CA Army National Guard.

On April 1, 2011 General Haskins became the Deputy Commander, responsible for day to day operations. In October 2012, he assumed the duties of full time Commander.

General Haskins has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion

of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Major General Haskins for his service to the state of California and our nation. We wish him the best in his next stage in life.

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REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND  
WORK OF RONALD CLIFFORD  
CLARK

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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life and work of Ronald Clifford Clark. Clark, the co-founder and former executive director of Regional Addiction Prevention, now known as RAP, Inc., passed away on May 14, 2019. He will be remembered by District of Columbia residents for his contributions to the battle against drug addiction and for his love and appreciation of life.

Clark moved to the District of Columbia in 1970, at a time when D.C. was facing an addiction epidemic. Originally on a path of becoming a musician, Clark's life took on new purpose after seeing firsthand the damages of drug addiction and a society ill-equipped to handle it. Clark took a novel approach to providing treatment for substance abusers and created a holistic program that was African-centered and drug free. RAP, Inc. was one of the first programs in the District to allow mothers to bring their children into the facility with them while they participated in treatment. It was also one of the first programs to provide services to individuals living with AIDS. Over the years, his strategy proved to be lifesaving and redeeming for many D.C. residents.

Clark will also be remembered for his love of music, in particular jazz, which he carried into his work, making sure that music was ever-present in his facilities. As the son of the musician Roy T. Clark, Clark learned how to play piano, saxophone and bass at a young age and later formed a Modern Jazz Society in his early 20s. He was devoted to jazz and for a period of time he had a show called Transitions that aired on Thursdays from midnight to 4am on WPFW-FM 89.3.

His organization continues to serve those in need. His work touched and changed thousands of lives in D.C., bringing families back together, motivating individuals to choose different pathways for their lives and changing attitudes of the public about the value of treatment over of sending addicted people to prison.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering Ronald Clifford Clark for his strength of character, his capacity for love, and his commitment to helping others and giving many District of Columbia residents a second chance at a better life.

COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S  
EQUALITY DAY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, later this month, on August 26, 2019, we will commemorate the 99th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which granted women the right to vote.

This momentous achievement did not come easy or without struggle, for as the great abolitionist and orator, Fredrick Douglas stated: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress . . . Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

The fight for women's suffrage was waged over a 72-year period, beginning in Seneca Falls, New York at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848.

At Seneca Falls, the delegates issued the "Declaration of Sentiments" regarding the repression of women in American society.

The Seneca Falls Conference was organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary McClintock, and Sojourner Truth, who powerfully reminded the delegates that equality and suffrage for women should include all women, saying "Ain't I A Woman?"

With the end of the Civil War, the suffrage movement resumed with the 1869 formation of the National Woman Suffrage Association and its rival, the American Woman Suffrage Association.

By 1890, these two groups merged to create the National American Woman Association led by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucy Stone.

The progressive National Women's Party was formed in 1916 as an outgrowth of the Congressional Union and reached out to social groups beyond the elite class, using radical tactics in the fight to win suffrage.

During World War I, the struggle for suffrage continued as the National Women's Party organized protests outside the White House, turning President Wilson's famous question back on him, asking: "Mr. President, how much longer must women wait for liberty?"

These protests resulted in the jailing of suffragists for "obstruction of traffic" and they endured mistreatment and forced-feeding while in jail.

Among the courageous women who organized these protests and some who spent time in jail were Alice Paul, who fearlessly executed the National Women's Party picketing protests, and conceived the hunger-strike in prison; Carrie Chapman Catt, who devised the "winning plan" at the Atlantic City Convention; and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, whose political activism and criticism of the suffrage leadership for excluding black women led to a more inclusive and effective movement.

The pressure generated by the White House pickets, the arrests, and forced-feedings of women protestors compelled President Wilson to embrace the suffrage amendment in January 1918, which was approved by Congress on June 4, 1919, and became the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution when it was ratified by the 36th state, Mississippi, on August 26, 1920.

The 19th Amendment states:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any states on the account of sex."

In 1971, Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York introduced legislation designating August 26 as "Women's Equality Day," which was passed by the Congress in 1973.

Madam Speaker, in 1916, four years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment, Jeannette Rankin was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Montana, the first woman elected to federal office in American history.

A little over a century later, a record 102 women serve in the House of Representatives, comprising 23.4 percent of the chamber's voting members, and presided over by NANCY PELOSI, the first and only woman elected Speaker of the House.

In the 116th Congress, 37 percent of women are women of color, and since 1964, more than 70 women of color have been elected to Congress.

While women obtained the fundamental right to vote, they are still too often treated as second class citizens in our society and there remains much work to do to ensure that women enjoy full blessings of liberty and equality.

But this does not detract the achievements and contributions to the greatness of our country made by American women, including Sally Kristen Ride, the first woman sent into space; Eileen Marie Collins, the first woman space shuttle pilot; Grace Murray Hopper, an American computer scientist and United States Navy rear admiral; and Katherine Johnson, one of the unsung heroes of the NASA Space Program, whose mathematical calculations helped the United States win the Space Race.

The technology sector represents \$1.2 trillion of economic activity but women only make up 20 percent of tech jobs.

In 2019, 41,000 new tech jobs were created, but female founders only account for 2.1 percent of the leadership in these new tech jobs.

Studies have shown that there has been a decline over the last 20 years in the percentage of bachelor's degrees in computer science earned by women of color, from 6.5 percent in 1993 to 4.8 percent in 2012.

During this same period, for minority women in engineering, the increase was less than 1 percent.

The low number of women in the tech industry is an effect of the pipeline, the lack of resources and education for young women studying STEM.

It is important that we ensure that all young women, especially those of color have equitable access to the STEM field.

The tech industry is one of the fastest growing industries in America's economy, and when women are involved, the outcomes are triumphant.

In 2019, several women have been recognized for their work as CEOs of major corporations, such as Lynsy Snide of In-N-Out Burger; Cathy Engelbert of Deloitte; and Colleen Wegman of Wegmans Food Market.

Seven female CEOs are among the U.S. top 100, and 3 women earn honors for leading U.S. small and midsize businesses. Women of color represent a very small part of this population.

Women still represent only 6.6 percent of all Fortune 500 CEOs, and 5 percent of CEO positions at S&P 500 companies.

Despite major accomplishments in the business field, women are underrepresented in senior leadership positions.

Madam Speaker, the gender pay gap is the gap between men and women's median salaries.

In 2017, a woman made less than 80 percent of what a man earns, which is even less than the amounts earned by Hispanic or Latina women (53 percent), African American women (61 percent), and American Indian or Alaska Native Women (58 percent).

The largest gender pay gaps are in the medical profession and in fields such as financial services, accounting, medical and health service, and education administrators.

Madam Speaker, the precarious position of women was documented in "The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink," published in January 2014.

The Shriver Report found that in an era when women have solidified their position as half of the U.S. workforce and two-thirds of the primary or co-breadwinners in American families, the reality is that a third of all American women are living at or near "the brink of poverty," defined as less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line, or about \$47,000 per year for a family of four.

Forty-two million women, and the 28 million children who depend on them, are living one single incident—a doctor's bill, a late paycheck, or a broken-down car—away from economic ruin.

Women make up nearly two-thirds of minimum-wage workers, the vast majority of whom receive no paid sick days.

All of this is happening at a time when women earn most of the college and advanced degrees in this country, make most of the consumer spending decisions by far, and are more than half of the nation's voters.

Madam Speaker, if we are going to win the war on poverty, we must wage and win the war of discrimination of women in the workforce.

As we celebrate Women's Equality Day and the accomplishments of women, especially the rise of those in the areas of government, education, business, and the military, it is crucial that as we reflect on how far women have come, we also not lose sight of far we have to go and what must be done to achieve true gender equality so every girl everywhere can pursue her dreams and realize her potential.

As the legendary Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm said, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

HONORING DR. NEAL GIPSON

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Neal Gipson, a WWII veteran in my district who will turn 100 on August 15th.

After his college graduation, Neal entered the Naval Academy, and in January of 1943, he was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Reserve. He spent three years doing

coastal minesweeping and submarine patrol until he was called to Naval Flight training.

When the war came to an end in 1945, Neal took the opportunity to go to medical school. He graduated with his M.D. in 1950 and jumped right back into military service, joining the Air Force. Over the next ten years, Neal took various assignments all over the country: in Florida, Louisiana, and Alaska until he enrolled in Rochester University in New York to complete a Master's degree in Nuclear Science.

Upon his retirement in 1973, Neal's military career spanned more than thirty years. He practiced radiology in the private sector until his retirement in 1993.

In August, Neal will celebrate his 100th birthday. His selfless service to our country is beyond admirable, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to honor him today.

I thank Neal, and wish him a happy birthday.

### COMMEMORATING THE 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE SHALOM

#### HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 170th anniversary of Temple Shalom, West Virginia's oldest Jewish congregation.

Temple Shalom is in my hometown of Wheeling, West Virginia—the city in which West Virginia officially declared statehood in 1861. The congregation has been active longer than West Virginia has been a state.

The Jewish community has played a pivotal role in the fabric of our society. As our founding father George Washington came before the Hebrew Congregations of Newport, Rhode Island, in 1790, he promised to deliver the religious freedom and liberty sought by individuals in pursuit of "a more perfect Union."

On Saturday mornings, the respected members of Temple Shalom gather together to pray to G-d and read Torah.

It is with the upmost respect and honor that I would like to extend my highest regards and gratitude to Temple Shalom and its active role in the city of Wheeling.

Mazel tov to Temple Shalom as they celebrate their 170th year. We look forward to your continued legacy in our community.

### RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER AT FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and outstanding service of the Student Veterans of America Chapter at Fox Valley Technical College.

In 2008, the national Student Veterans of America organization was created to provide programs, resources, and support to student-

veterans. Student Veterans of America's mission is to offer the assistance needed in higher education to support veterans through their graduation to gainful employment.

Shortly after its establishment, student-veterans like Chris McKeithan at Fox Valley Technical College saw the need for a veterans' club on campus and worked to institute the club at FVTC.

Since the establishment of the Student Veterans of America chapter in 2011, members have worked closely with the Appleton community to coordinate veteran events and resource fairs, as well as raise funds for veteran causes throughout the area.

Staff Advisors Bill Trombley and Mike Gawel, along with current club officers Rodney Schreiber, Thomas Barrett, and Chris McKeithan are pivotal in creating a campus where veterans feel connected and supported by both the staff and fellow students at FVTC.

I am proud to have a veteran-run organization in my district whose dedication to helping other veterans goes beyond their active duty or deployments. To answer the call to serve the nation and to continue their service to the local community is truly inspiring.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the Student Veterans of America Chapter at Fox Valley Technical College, its club officers, and its staff advisors for their service to veterans and servicemembers within the Fox Valley Technical College District.

### IN HONOR OF DR. ALICE JOHNSON

#### HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart in honor of Dr. Alice Johnson, who passed away on July 22, 2019 at the age of 91.

Dr. Johnson was a renowned educator, writer, and playwright who touched the lives of all who knew her. She began her career as an elementary school teacher and later became a reading specialist and then a writer. She studied creative writing under Nobel Laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer and novelist Evelyn Wilde Mayerson. She published 19 books and served as playwright for over a dozen plays. Throughout her life, she received numerous accolades, including the Miami-Dade County "In the Company of Women" Award.

Dr. Johnson was an active member of the Miami-Dade community for more than four decades. She belonged to Christ The King Catholic Church, where she was known for her charitable contributions and her original play "Women of the Bible," which was written for the women of the Christ the King.

She will be missed and remembered with love and pride.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S 12-YEAR-OLD SABINE RIVERA ADVOCATES FOR MORE DIABETES RESEARCH FUNDING

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sabine Rivera, a 12-year-old from Southwest Florida who is doing important work to advocate for more diabetes research funding. She and more than 100 other children have traveled to Washington with the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation to ask that members of Congress renew the special diabetes program.

Sabine has type 1 diabetes and relies on insulin in her day-to-day life. As the price of insulin continues to rise drastically, some Americans are being forced to ration their doses, which is dangerous and potentially deadly. Last summer, Sabine's family was paying \$450 a month for insulin.

This is why Sabine advocates for herself and other diabetes patients. She is working hard to convince legislators to fund more diabetes research and to hopefully find a cure. In 30 years, more than 5 million Americans are expected to have type 1 diabetes, so decreasing the cost of insulin and working to find a cure is an important issue for a growing portion of America's citizens.

I am grateful for Sabine and her passion to fight for diabetes patients across the nation. I am proud to have her as a member of our Southwest Florida community and look forward to her bright future.

**MEDICAL WOMEN'S  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**HON. KIM SCHRIER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), one of the oldest international professional organizations, representing women doctors worldwide.

In 1919 New York City, American physician, Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, along with international colleagues from 16 nations, founded MWIA and became its first President. Over the century, MWIA has grown to encompass over 80 countries as either national associations, like the American Medical Women's Association, or as individual members.

One hundred years ago, there were very few women in the medical field. Organizations like MWIA provided support for women in medicine and more importantly provided a community for them to share medical knowledge as well as promote collegiality around the world. At the time of MWIA's founding, a major challenge for women was the accessibility of medical education. Fortunately, this obstacle has been overcome in many nations. The sacrifice of these earlier trailblazing doctors helped pave the way for future ones like me.

Yet the number of women in senior leadership positions shows that the work of MWIA is

far from over. By investing in women physicians, MWIA provides the network and support system to mentor and advocate for future leaders in the medical field. In addition, MWIA works to improve the health of women worldwide, advocating for gender specific healthcare, promoting equity, and addressing social determinants of health.

Congratulations again to the MWIA for their 100 years of important work. Their tireless work to open doors for women in medicine has improved the health of generations of women, men and children around the world, and for that, we all are grateful.

IN HONOR OF GARRY BRYDGES

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Garry Brydges, PhD, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC, CRNA, FAAN. Dr. Brydges will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am proud that Dr. Brydges was elected as the 2018-2019 president of this prestigious national organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

As a CRNA for over 15 years, Dr. Brydges has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in the Houston area and nationwide. Having served in many capacities on professional associations, including on boards of directors at the state and national levels, Dr. Brydges has long been active in nurse anesthesia. He is a former president of the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has had extensive success in leading large organizations through healthcare policy development, strategic planning, evidence-based practice, outcome research, and education. In addition, Dr. Brydges has mentored students across all nursing disciplines through professional development and clinical nursing excellence.

Dr. Brydges earned his executive Master of Business Administration degree from Texas Women's University in Houston. He earned his Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Texas Christian College in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, he graduated with a Master of Nursing in nurse anesthesia, and a Master of Nursing in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Texas at Houston.

During his AANA presidency, Dr. Brydges has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, especially when it

comes to dealing with chronic pain and the opioid crisis. Dr. Brydges has worked to have CRNAs recognized as Full Practice Providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), to maintain provider non-discrimination, and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs, including chronic pain management and related services in the Medicare system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Brydges today on a job well done. His service to the AANA and to his patients, and his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Brydges' notable career and outstanding achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, ILLINOIS

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the Village of Brighton, Illinois.

In 1826, Brighton's first settlers came to the area and built a cabin, with the first post office opening up nine years later. One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1869, the Village of Brighton was incorporated.

Today, Brighton boasts a population of more than 2,300 residents and spans both Macoupin and Jersey Counties.

I am proud to represent Brighton and the many people who make it a wonderful place to live.

Congratulations to Mayor Roberts and the people of Brighton on celebrating 150 years.

HONORING MS. BJ WHITE-OLSON

**HON. JENNIFER WEXTON**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Ms. BJ White-Olson, who is retiring from the Department of the Navy after more than 46 years of faithful civilian service to our nation, culminating as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Management and Budget (DASN (M&B)) for the past 10 years.

As a senior advisor, she reported to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development and Acquisition) (ASN (RD&A)), whose significant responsibilities include development and acquisition of Navy & Marine Corps platforms and weapon systems. ASN (RD&A) is the Service Acquisition Executive for Navy and Marine Corps, which includes responsibility of procuring all Ships, Submarines, Aircraft and Weapon Systems, exceeding \$100B in contracts annually and necessitating testimony before our Defense Authorization and Appropriation Oversight Committees, and maintaining close relationships with fellow Members of Congress and Professional Staff Members.

Ms. White-Olson's broad and diverse portfolio included policy and oversight responsibilities for matters pertaining to the Planning Programming Budgeting and Execution System, Strategic Acquisition Planning, Acquisition Governance, Analysis of Contractor Performance, and a responsive Congressional Liaison Division. She covered dynamic issues across all organizational domains and additionally was the Navy Secretariat representative for the Federally Funded Research Development Centers oversight.

Prior to her current assignment, Ms. White-Olson served in the Department of the Air Force. From January 2006 to December 2009, she was the Director for Budget Management and Execution, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget. During her assignment, she was responsible for the management, budget formulation, and execution of \$130B in Air Force appropriations, establishing and enforcing budget policy Air Force wide, as well as formulation, justification and execution of the Air Force Working Capital Funds and for Air Force Security Assistance budgets.

From July 2002 to January 2006, Ms. White-Olson was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, where she assisted the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Cost and Economics in supervising Air Force cost, economic and business case analysis.

Prior to becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service, her assignments included Special Assistant for Financial Management Transformation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller; Technical Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller; and assignments at major command and base levels.

Ms. White-Olson is a Certified Defense Financial Manager, Level III Acquisition Professional in Financial Management and a recognized innovative leader. I am proud to represent Ms. White-Olson in Congress, and I thank her and her family for her honorable service to our nation within both the United States Navy and Air Force. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. BJ White-Olson 'fair winds and following seas' as she concludes a distinguished career of public service.

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HONORING FRANK WILLS

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Wills, who in 1972, at the age of 24 years old, worked as a security guard at the Watergate Complex in Washington, DC.

June 17, 1972, Mr. Wills was on-duty and making his routine rounds of surveilling the property he was hired to secure. During his rounds, he discovered duct tape placed over a latch bolt on the basement door of the building adjacent to a stairwell near the parking garage.

It is now known that the tape was placed by burglars who entered the building to steal confidential documents from the office of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, which was located on the sixth floor of the building. Mr. Wills explained to federal investigators that he checked the basement door 45 minutes ahead of his scheduled time because he had a sense that something was amiss. He was correct.

President Richard Nixon had hired five men, including a former CIA official to commit the burglary. Thanks to Mr. Wills keen and observant eye, a trail of related break-ins, corruption, wiretapping, slush funds and connected crimes were revealed. It led to the eventual resignation of a president.

By most accounts, Mr. Wills should have been a decorated member of the law enforcement community as, he played a pivotal role in exposing what would later become one of America's most notorious scandals. He wasn't. He resigned from his position due to racist treatment at work and had difficulty finding suitable employment due to prospective employers being afraid of associating with him. Employers were fearful of hiring him due to the threat of losing federal funding. He moved to Georgia with his mother and lived off her monthly Social Security payment.

Frank Wills passed away on September 27, 2000 at the age of 52. He should be remembered as a hidden figure in our nation as his actions created a catalyst for one of our nation's greatest political scandals.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia I extend gratitude to the late Frank Wills for his bravery and service to our country.

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HONORING MARY RUTH PARDUE

**HON. PETE STAUBER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman named Mary Ruth Pardue. Mary's life serves as an example of what it means to be a true American patriot, public servant, and caregiver.

Mary became a registered nurse after receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Virginia Nursing College. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, Mary joined the United States Army Nurse Corps and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

She served our country courageously in the North African and Italian campaigns as a trauma and surgical nurse. When a soldier re-

ceived a terrible injury, Mary was often the first person on the scene, ready to provide first-rate care.

Mary's bravery and compassion did not go unnoticed. She was awarded a Bronze Star for her actions in protecting her patients while under fire from hostile forces in northern Italy.

Madam Speaker, Mary recently passed away in Duluth, Minnesota shortly after her 100th birthday. Her devotion to her country and to the health of our citizens will never be forgotten. My prayers and condolences go out to her family and loved ones.

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RECOGNIZING THE VETS 4 VETS PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and outstanding service of the Vets 4 Vets program at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Vets 4 Vets has been a student organization at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay since the Vietnam War. Following the Vietnam War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom, the club has seen incredible membership and activity as veterans support their peers who return home and attend school at UW-Green Bay.

Vets 4 Vets is a key resource on the UW-Green Bay campus, focusing on volunteering and fundraising for veteran causes in the area. They play a critical role in connecting student-veterans with peers, the campus, and the greater Green Bay community. Staff Advisor Elaine Koltz, along with current student club officers Ryan Leurquin, Shauna Rafferty, Eric Mattos, Hannah Roskopf, and Zachary Flores are pivotal in creating a campus where veterans feel connected and supported by both the staff and fellow students.

Recently, members of Vets 4 Vets worked hard with the community and administrators of UW-Green Bay to open "At Ease" Veteran & Service Member Student Lounge. This space allows veterans to relax, share stories, and study around other veterans. This is just one example of the numerous initiatives that Vets 4 Vets assists with.

I am proud to have a veteran-run organization in my district whose dedication to supporting fellow veterans goes beyond their time on active duty. This student organization truly demonstrates what it means to engage in selfless service.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Vets 4 Vets, its club officers, and its staff advisor for their service to veterans at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.