

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OATH CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate twenty-nine individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on September 6, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a county founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 6, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mohamed Refaat Ahmed Saleh, Dominic Thomas Chaloner, Phennapha Flood, Jose Luis Perea, Ubaid Mohammed, Rosalinda Martinez Canales, Cirilo Favela, Margaret Sophie Foster, Mimzy Vanessa Bohannon, Maria Ysabel Coria, Jazmin Alejandra Lang, Henry Javier Alavez, Rosa Janeski, Kadir Cizreliogullari, Magdaleno Vargas, Hanan Misbah Abdel Qader, Nisreen Marji Ziadat, John V. Pollalis, Concepcion C. Arroyo, Maysa Katbi, Sam Farah, Nicolas Lehner, Virginia Lehner, Ralph Maximiliano Cortes, Eder Jahir Nunez Benitez, Jose Luis Martinez, Jessika Alejandra Lemere, Devashish Ratankumar Pal, and Sumedha Dhar.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “ . . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 6, 2019. They, too, will be American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

JOSEPH KENT BRENNAN

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army National Guard Veteran, Command Sergeant Major Joseph Kent Brennan of Woodbury in Gloucester County located in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

Command Sergeant Major Joseph Brennan was born on April 1, 1962 in Woodbury, NJ and graduated from Gloucester High School. On October 9, 1979, CSM Brennan enlisted in the United States Army National Guard and after four decades of service to the nation, on October 31, 2019 he will retire.

Command Sergeant Major Brennan is a combat Veteran who fought for our great nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Over the years he has served in various leadership capacities with the U.S. Army, most recently as a Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team Noncommissioned Officer in Charge.

To honor his courage, valor and bravery through his service to America, Command Sergeant Major Brennan's decorations, awards and citations include the Bronze Star OIF, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Humanitarian Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development, Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Order of St. Barbara and the Ordinance of Samuel Sharp.

The Command Sergeant Major Brennan is very proud of his ongoing association with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 7 chartered to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church where he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Member and, was also Cubmaster of BSA Pack 7. He is a certified member of the American Legion Post 133, VFW Post 303, 114th Regimental Association, 112 FA Association, EANGUS, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and the NJ Enlisted Association.

Commander Sergeant Major Brennan and his wife Maryanne have three children Joseph, Pat and Katie. He is a certified Master Truck Mechanic, was employed at Cornell & Co. and currently is employed at Borelli Steel Fabricators in Vineland, NJ.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Joseph Kent Brennan's valiant service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Los Angeles LGBT Center upon its 50th Anniversary.

The center has worked tirelessly for over half a century to support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community, combat bigotry, and create a more tolerant and equitable world. The center has promoted its values of integrity, respect, inclusiveness, innovation, and excellence throughout its prestigious history, helping LGBTQ people to thrive.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center assists over half a million people each year through its housing, healthcare, legal aid, and education programs, among countless other services. The Anita May Rosenstein Campus, opened in April, 2019, embodies the center's continuing mission, providing housing and wellness services to LGBTQ youth and seniors and serving as a symbol of the LGBTQ community's resilience and creativity. In addition, the center has provided free Internet access, computer skills, and resume creation through its David Bohnett CyberCenter, cultivating a more informed and well-connected community.

The center has been on the frontline of the fight against HIV/AIDS since the earliest days of the epidemic in the 1980s. The center provides HIV and AIDS specialty care, maintains HIV and STD testing and prevention programs, and conducts studies and clinical trials aimed at ending the epidemic.

Today, supported by hundreds of volunteers and employees, the center works from local to global, training activists and advancing LGBTQ advocacy as nearby as Los Angeles and as far away as China. Additionally, the center shares information and expertise with sister organizations in order to support LGBTQ people around the globe.

I am proud to recognize the Los Angeles LGBT Center for five decades of outstanding service to the LGBTQ community. I ask all members to join me in congratulating them for their remarkable achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MIAMI-DADE

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Boys & Girls Club of Miami-Dade on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the Wild About Kids Gala.

Founded in 1940, the Boys & Girls Club has become a cornerstone of South Florida

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through its commitment to the community's youth. This organization serves more than 8,000 children year-round and provides them with the opportunity to succeed. Through after-school and summer programming, participants engage in cultural arts, sports, tutoring, and mentorship to learn character and leadership skills that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

The Boys & Girls Club has profoundly impacted our district and the students involved. Participants' high school graduation rates are double those in Miami-Dade County. Education and mentorship are critical to a child's success and the diligent efforts of the Boys & Girls Club have resonated across South Florida.

The Boys & Girls Club began with one building and recreation center in 1940 and has grown to five centers across Miami-Dade. I am truly inspired by the Boys & Girls Club's dedication to our community and their passion for enriching the lives of the children they serve. South Florida is richer and fuller thanks to their work.

HONORING TEXAS STATE  
TROOPER MOISES SANCHEZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Moises Sanchez, who passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019. Moises spent his life protecting and serving the people of Texas with distinction, and it is my privilege to commemorate his contributions to our state, community, and country today.

He was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran. He also spent 18 years with FedEx before becoming a Texas State Trooper. He coached at the Boys & Girls Club and was involved in self-defense classes at his local church.

Moises cherished time with his family—from movie nights to barbecues and mountain biking. He passed away from a surgery associated with injuries sustained in the line of duty. Moises is survived by his wife, Yvonne Sanchez and his three children Zachary, Sebastian, and Zoey Sanchez.

Madam Speaker, our country lost a public servant, husband, father, and hero this past August. It is an honor to represent brave, loyal, and hard-working individuals like Trooper Moises Sanchez. He was a source of strength in South Texas and he will be truly missed by his friends, family, and loved ones.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SALUD PARA LA GENTE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Salud Para La Gente. Since 1978,

Salud Para La Gente has provided comprehensive primary healthcare to low income community members of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. This non-profit healthcare provider is dedicated to the values of service, dignity and equity. Salud Para La Gente provides excellent care by ensuring that patients are treated with respect, regardless of income. The organization started with a single free clinic, offering care primarily to farmworkers on the central coast of California. Since then, it has expanded to 11 clinic sites with over 90 providers serving nearly 27,000 patients. Salud Para La Gente provides wide-ranging services including family health, reproductive health, pediatrics, dental, vision, wellness, counseling, and other types of specialty services.

California's Central Coast produces much of our country's fruits and vegetables but suffers from poor health among its working community. Salud Para La Gente has tackled this problem by focusing on issues including poor nutrition, obesity and diabetes to ensure that farmworkers and other low-income families on the Central Coast can lead healthy lives. The clinics of Salud Para La Gente work under the motto, "even if you are unable to pay, you will not be turned away." This ensures that the most vulnerable residents of the Central Coast can receive quality healthcare. Salud Para La Gente focuses on all facets of care including testing, treatment, prevention and long-term treatment.

I am also proud to recognize Salud Para La Gente as an exemplary women's healthcare provider. Their clinics in Santa Cruz County include family planning, pregnancy care, childbirth and breast cancer screening. With their two women's healthcare offices, Salud Para La Gente has reached many milestones. For example, in 2016, they established the first Santa Cruz County OBGYN Hospitalist Team, which provides around-the-clock care at Watsonville Community Hospital. Through this program, the team delivers roughly 90 newborn babies each month to low-income families.

Salud Para La Gente is more than just a health care provider. From assisting patients with applying for CalFresh to providing mental health support and healthy diet counseling, it is a pillar of community well-being. Having made such incredible progress from their first free clinic in 1978, I am honored to recognize Salud Para La Gente and its important contributions to the health of residents on the Central Coast of California over the past 40 years. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Salud Para La Gente for 40 years of service to our underserved communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE JENNY LAKE TRAIL RENEWAL PROJECT

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the completion of the Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project in Grand Teton National Park.

Grant Teton National Park is one of the most majestic places to visit anywhere in the

world. The Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project will increase accessibility to Jenny Lake and also offer more scenic views for visitors to enjoy. I want to thank the National Park Service and the Grand Teton National Park Foundation who have contributed to this project. Without the help of public and private funds, this restoration would not have been possible.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to commemorate the completion of the Jenny Lake Trail Renewal Project, and the hard work and dedication of the many people who made it possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODFORD  
"WOODY" L. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodford "Woody" L. Johnson, Sr. a native of Laneview, Virginia, Essex County, who will be retiring after 48 years of service with the Tappahannock Police Department. Mr. Johnson is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our country proudly with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam.

Woody was employed by the Tappahannock Police Department in December 1971 as a police officer. At that time, there were only four police officers in the department. Woody has seen many changes in law enforcement and society since that time but has always been professional and dedicated to the community he serves. He has truly been an example of what a law enforcement officer should be.

Woody served several years as the Town Sergeant for Tappahannock and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995. He is also a graduate of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy and has served for many years as the department's forensic technician. Woody is also a baseball and softball umpire for both high school and church league games. Woody has one son, Woody Jr., who is employed by the Federal Reserve in Richmond, daughter in-law Kelley, and grandson Mason.

In an era where people change jobs and occupations frequently, Woody has stayed true to his chosen profession. The Tappahannock Police Department has been extremely fortunate to have had someone like Woody Johnson and he will be missed by his fellow officers but most of all, by the community.

HONORING ERNESTINA BORQUEZ-SMITH

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ernestina Borquez-Smith on her birthday, September 6th. Ernestina has devoted the past 29 years of her life and career to the people of Arizona.

She began her career as a staffer managing casework for Representative Bob Stump of Arizona in 1990, and went on to work for both Democratic and Republican Representatives as the Director of Constituent Services. She is

a prime example of a public servant that wants to serve, regardless of party politics, but strives to make a positive impact in the lives of her fellow citizens. I have known Ernestina since 2011 when I was first elected to Congress, and she has proved to be an exemplary member of my team.

Congress is an institution devoted to serving the people, and Ernestina has exemplified this every day by meeting with veterans, immigrants, and Arizonans of all walks of life, committed to being both a voice and a resource for the people. We look to Ernestina as a devoted public servant, and it has been an honor to know her.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL  
GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS  
MONTH

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of gastroparesis patients from across the country in recognition of National Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

This devastating digestive disorder can be detrimental to a patient's quality of life, and current treatments are only able to help patients manage these symptoms. It's for these reasons that I'm a proud cosponsor of H.R. 3396, the Functional GI and Motility Disorders Research Enhancement Act. This important legislation would help to expand, advance, and better coordinate research activities on functional GI and motility disorders and support innovative approaches to educate patients and health care providers about strategies that improve care.

In recognition of the plight of these patients and the uncertainty they often face, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting efforts to expand research, improve education, and raise awareness by cosponsoring H.R. 3396 and recognizing August as National Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES  
NAVAL INSTITUTE AND JACK C.  
TAYLOR

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in 1873 a group of Navy and Marine Corps officers founded The United States Naval Institute on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Since that time, the Institute has played a vital role in transforming the Sea Services from vocations to tried and true professions. The Naval Institute's mission is to provide an open, independent, and nonpartisan forum for those who read, think, speak, and write to advance the knowledge and understanding of sea power and other issues critical to global security. Constantly growing and improving, the United States Naval Institute will reach a milestone in its esteemed history by breaking ground for the Jack C. Taylor Conference Center, which will adjoin the Naval Institute's headquarters.

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, Jack C. Taylor joined the United States Navy. During his years of military service (1942 to 1947), Taylor became an F6F Hellcat fighter pilot and saw combat duty in the Pacific Theater from the decks of the aircraft carriers USS Essex (CV-9) and USS Enterprise (CV-6). He was a member of Carrier Air Group 15, led by the top Navy ace of all time, Commander David McCampbell. Group 15, which sustained more than 50 percent casualties during its World War II service, was one of the most decorated combat units in the history of U.S. naval aviation. Taylor, who served as McCampbell's wingman on several combat missions, was twice decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, and also received the Navy Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Mr. Taylor served his country with distinction in World War II, returned home, raised a talented family and built a world-class organization, 'Enterprise Rent-A-Car,' named after the famous aircraft carrier on which he flew. The late Mr. Jack C. Taylor and his family reinvested resources for the good of the community and his family continues to remain committed to the United States Navy, Navy values and Naval causes that include the Naval War College, Naval Historical Foundation, U.S. Naval Aviation Museum, Friends of the National World War II Memorial and Navy SEAL Foundation to name a few. The Taylor Family now honors their patriarch's service to the Nation as a naval aviator, an exemplary citizen, and a civic leader with the naming of the Conference Center.

In heartfelt appreciation of its many contributions to the men and women of the United States Sea Services, it is my honor and privilege before the 116th Congress to recognize the United States Naval Institute on the occasion of its groundbreaking for the Jack C. Taylor Conference Center, 18 September 2019.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
JEFFREY M. CICORA

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of New York State Police Sergeant/Station Commander Jeffrey M. Cicora, a beloved father and husband, and dedicated public servant, who passed away on August 10, 2019. Sergeant Cicora spent 24 years on the New York State Police force and diligently protected communities throughout New York State.

Sergeant Cicora was a lifelong member of the Central New York community and aspired to be a state trooper from an early age. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1983 and then earned a degree in criminal justice from Cayuga Community College and public justice from SUNY Oswego. Upon completing his training in 1992, Sergeant Cicora was officially sworn in as a New York State Police Trooper.

Sergeant Cicora was stationed at the Baldwinsville State Police Station for the majority of his career, but his duties called him to various regions in New York State. During the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Ser-

geant Cicora arrived at Ground Zero and assisted with search and rescue efforts. In the six months following the attacks, Sergeant Cicora and his K9 partner, Devitt, deployed to New York City's John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airports to ensure traveler safety. Notably, Sergeant Cicora was awarded the Superintendent's Commendation Award from the New York State Police for his efforts in the arrest of an on-the-run fugitive wanted for violent crimes. Sergeant Cicora and his K9 partner, McGinn, were the first to respond following the fugitive's attack on two people, then successfully tracked him through the woods and made an arrest.

Outside his work with the state police, Sergeant Cicora was a wonderful family man. He deeply loved his wife, Valerie, and son, Jack, as well as all his extended family members. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed spending time fishing and boating with his family.

Sergeant Cicora served honorably and, sadly, contracted an illness stemming from his emergency search and rescue efforts at Ground Zero. It is essential our nation supports the brave individuals and first responders who selflessly acted on September 11, 2001 without reservation. Many of these brave individuals, like Sergeant Cicora, have developed health conditions from their experiences at Ground Zero. We owe these individuals an enormous debt of gratitude, and with my support, the House passed legislation I cosponsored to permanently reauthorize the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. This bill is now law, but we must continue to support the brave men and women who responded on 9/11.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life of Sergeant Jeffrey M. Cicora. A brave member of New York State's law enforcement community who acted heroically throughout his career, Sergeant Cicora will truly be missed in the Central New York community. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the contributions of this cherished public servant.

IN CELEBRATION OF CAPTAIN  
AARON MARTINEZ AND HIS 30  
YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE  
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain Aaron Martinez on his retirement and thank him for 30 years of service with the California Highway Patrol.

Captain Aaron Martinez entered California Highway Patrol Academy on January 2, 1990 at the age of 21. During this time he successfully graduated the Academy and was promoted to the rank of Officer. His first assignment was the Santa Cruz area where he completed his field training and was assigned to road patrol for six years. Captain Martinez spent two more years at the Officer rank working in the El Cajon and Rancho Cucamonga Areas. He was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1998. He served at this rank for three years and was assigned to the Santa Fe

Springs, Temecula, and Riverside areas. In July of 2011, Captain Martinez was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Rancho Cucamonga area. He spent seven years at the rank of Lieutenant before being promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Martinez received his promotion to Captain in May of 2018 and was assigned to his current Command, the Barstow Area Office. Captain Martinez will be retiring with 30 years of service devoted to the State of California.

I would like to thank Captain Aaron Martinez for his many years of service to the people of the Great State of California, and on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I wish him the best in his retirement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FROM DISCRIMINATION ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Independent Contractors from Discrimination Act, which would extend to independent contractors the same federal antidiscrimination protections enjoyed by employees. My bill would extend the following antidiscrimination statutes, which apply to employees, to independent contractors: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

In a Bureau of Labor Statistics 2005 analysis of the American workforce, approximately seven percent were considered independent contractors. That number has surely only grown in the 13 years since that analysis with the growth of the so-called "gig economy." Independent contractors, who often do the same work as employees, have almost none of the same protections, including health insurance, collective bargaining, retirement security and even antidiscrimination. My bill focuses only on discrimination, such as discrimination based on race, age and gender, from which every worker is entitled to be free.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA BARTON'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE WYOMING AFTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE

### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda Barton on her retirement from the Wyoming After School Alliance.

Under her stewardship, the Wyoming After School Alliance has grown into a state-wide program that gives schools across Wyoming the resources they need to provide quality after school care to students. Linda has made

helping Wyoming schools and students her life's work, and she has made a lasting impact on countless children across the state.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Linda Barton on her retirement, and offer a sincere thank you for all of her hard work and dedication.

#### CONGRATULATING BRADLEY COUNTY 4-H

### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest congratulations to the Bradley County, Arkansas 4-H Forestry Team and to Braden Harrod on their exceptional representation of the Natural State on a national level.

Braden Harrod, Gregory Hilliard, David McGhee, and Madison McGhee, of Hermitage, Arkansas were named National Champions at the 40th Annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational. Braden Harrod also won the high point individual award during the competition. The team was led by Coach Joe Don Greenwood. This is the third Bradley County 4-H national championship title since 2016.

The national event featured skills testing in various areas such as tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, forest evaluation, the forestry bowl, and a written forestry exam.

Mr. Greenwood and these students exhibit exemplary work ethic and superior skill in preparation for this competition each year. As a fellow forester, it is a supreme encouragement to see young Fourth District Arkansans nurture a knowledge of good resource management and stewardship. I look forward to witnessing the further success of these students as they continue to represent our district and our state on a national level.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM DAVID (BILL) SMITH, III

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William David (Bill) Smith, III, who passed away on Friday, August 9th at the age of 94.

Bill was born on January 16, 1925, in Houston, Mississippi. He was a lifelong resident of Houston and served his city as Mayor from 1993 to 2001. Bill graduated from Ole Miss where he met his wife, Mary Liddell Smith. They were blessed with 3 children and were happily married for 71 years.

Bill lived a life of service to his community and country. Bill was a World War II veteran, serving with the Navy in the South Pacific. In addition to his time as the Mayor of Houston, he was a founding member of the Houston Exchange Club, and the Houston Country Club. Additionally, he was the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, the Chairman of the Chickasaw County Board of Development,

a member of Houston Proud, the VFW, and the Houston Touchdown Club.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Liddell Smith; his son, David Smith; his daughter, Debby Freeman; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

#### GENERATIONS OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP: REV. E.V. HILL II

### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I mourn with the family, friends and congregation of Rev. Edward V. Hill II, who passed away suddenly on August 12 at the age of 52.

He pastored at both Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Spirit of Zion Church in Los Angeles, California, and thousands are expected to honor him at homegoing services to be held at West Angeles Church of God in Christ.

Rev. Hill was the son of famed preacher and evangelist E.V. Hill, who Time Magazine once honored as one of the seven most outstanding preachers in the United States, and who Ebony Magazine listed as one of the 15 greatest Black preachers. Proud of his heritage, Rev. Hill had built his own considerable reputation and spoke frequently at churches across the country. His colleagues in ministry have noted how he took his father's mantle and wore it with grace. Bishop Charles Blake noted that "My world is diminished since he is no longer in it."

From a very young age, Rev. Hill showed a strong interest in Bible study and prayer, and a commitment to church service and revivals. He grew up in Los Angeles and attended the University of Southern California, earning a degree in Communications with a minor in Spanish. Following his father's counsel he enrolled in Pepperdine School of Law, but soon realized his true passion for the ministry which would become his life-long pursuit.

That passion led him to devote his energy to learning every aspect of the Mt. Zion Ministry, then to the senior pastorate of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church and finally, on his father's passing, to take the reins at Mt. Zion himself in 2005. He sought new ways to engage people, and was known for his active music ministries and revivals. He brought creativity and dynamic preaching to his work to help change people's lives for the better.

I offer my sincere condolences to his family, friends and congregants. He will be remembered for his compassion, his creativity, his powerful oratory, and his life-long dedication to preaching the gospel.

#### WILLIAM ROBERT RICKENBACH

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States National Guard

and Army Veteran, Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach of Audubon Park in New Jersey's First Congressional District.

PFC Rickenbach was born in 1932 to Olga Keller and Warren Rickenbach. He has seven siblings, Rick, Ed, Butch, Jane, Linda, Flossie, and Rea. He is known as "Bumpsy" to his family members and friends.

From 1951 to 1954, PFC Rickenbach served his country in the National Guard and later went on to further serve as a member of the United States Army from March 9, 1954 to February 20, 1956 in the 39th Infantry in Germany during the Korean War.

For his noble service and dedication to our great nation, PFC Rickenbach earned the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Army Occupation Medal in recognition of the service he performed in Germany.

From 1956 to 1958, PFC Rickenbach worked as a meat cutter at William Bryant, then went to work at the New York Shipyard as a shipfitter from 1958 to 1967. Afterwards, he went to work at Big W and A&P, which led him to working at Acme Markets from 1972 to 1995.

On November 12, 1960, PFC Rickenbach married Joanne Carr. He went on to have 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Over the past six decades, PFC Rickenbach raised his family and has been a resident of Audubon Park, New Jersey.

In Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach's spare time, he enjoys hunting, which led to his dedication to become an avid deer hunter for 61 years along with Uncle Lew, Brother Ed & nephew Lewis and good friend Steve Snyder.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Private First Class William Robert Rickenbach's valiant service to his country.

#### HONORING MARGIE CARLSON ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margie Carlson on her 100th Birthday. Ms. Carlson was born August 7, 1919 in rural Prophetstown, Illinois to the late Letha and August Carlson.

Ms. Carlson grew up in Prophetstown and went on to get her degree at Northern College in DeKalb, now known as Northern Illinois University. Ms. Carlson went on to start her teaching career at a country school called Highland, and then taught in the Tampico school system for 40 years before she retired. She is a lifelong member of the First Lutheran Church in Prophetstown, where a birthday reception was held in her honor. Ms. Carlson enjoys working with her quilting group every Monday morning at church, and weather permitting, taking walks every day. I am touched to have such an example of heart in our community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Carlson on her 100th Birthday. It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Margie Carlson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALEF'S COUNTRY STORE

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Calef's Country Store. For a century and a half, Calef's Country Store has served both locals and visitors with quality New Hampshire products and kept alive traditions integral to the Granite State's rural character.

Opened in 1869, Calef's Country Store has remained a pillar of the Barrington community over all these years. Five generations of the Calef family operated the beloved store, and while the family no longer owns the store, it remains deeply rooted in its traditions. It still makes many of its products, such as "Snappy Old Cheddar" cheese and wooden barrel pickles, and is a strong supporter of fellow New Hampshire small businesses.

Calef's employees are proud of the store's tradition and serve as ambassadors for our state's traditions and welcoming spirit. Joel Sherburne, an employee for nearly 62 years, shares stories and relays history to customers at his deli counter, forging a strong sense of community in the store. It is this focus on community that makes Calef's so special. From its local products to its longtime employees, Calef's is more than a store: it is a community center that keeps New Hampshire's rural traditions and customs alive.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Calef's Country Store on 150 years of service to its community and the State of New Hampshire. Its commitment to quality Granite State products and to New Hampshire's long held traditions have solidified its status as a landmark in our state. Let us celebrate this anniversary by thanking Calef's Country Store and its current and former employees for making New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, shop, and eat.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NIOBRARA STRONG DAY 2019

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 4th annual Niobrara Strong Day and the hard work of the local community to put this event together.

Niobrara Strong Day began in 2016—exactly one year after catastrophic flooding devastated much of the county—as a way to revitalize the community. It is an event where the community can come together and grow stronger through car washes, food stands, and rides for children of all ages. It is a day that the community is reminded of their strength and can celebrate how far they have come since the devastating floods.

Again, Madam Speaker, I commemorate the 4th annual Niobrara Strong Day and admire the resilience displayed by the people of Niobrara County.

IN HONOR OF HECTOR FORESTIER

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and honor Hector Forestier for his outstanding service in the United States Air Force and his dedication to the State of Texas.

Before his commission to the United States Air Force, Hector earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico and a Master's degree in Personnel Management from Webster University. As a well-rounded graduate, Hector chose to serve his country as a Second Lieutenant to the United States Air Force, launching a lifetime of public service to our nation and state.

A leader from the start, Hector began his distinguished 17 year career in the military by earning the position of Cost and Management Analysis Officer at Laughlin Air Force Base in 1979 in Del Rio, Texas. Soon after, he was promoted to Wing Budget Officer. Hector continued his service both overseas and domestically as a Comptroller, Deputy Commander for Resource Management, and the Chief Financial Advisor to the Wing Commander.

In recognition of his outstanding work ethic and dedication, Hector was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was also awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, and his multitude of honors and awards serves as a testament to his commitment and success in the Air Force.

After retiring from the military in 1995, Hector found a new way to serve, and he held the position of City Manager for multiple cities in Texas. In 2009, our community was lucky to have Hector appointed as the City Manager of Willis, Texas. In this role, he emphasized need for growth by encouraging economic development while simultaneously preserving the historic culture and values of Willis. Under his leadership, Willis successfully welcomed a Kroger and an Entergy power plant, and expanded their sewer plant. All of these accomplishments have increased both overall growth and economic opportunity for the proud residents of our community.

It's no surprise that Hector's involvement continues far beyond his role as City Manager. Hector is a proud member of the Conroe Rotary Club, the Greater Conroe Economic Development Board, the City of Conroe Tourist Council, the Texas City Managers Association and was the Treasurer on the Montgomery County United Way Board. Additionally, Hector is the former Chairman of the Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, and a graduate of Leadership Montgomery County.

Today, it is my honor to celebrate the decades of impactful service of a decorated veteran and admirable civic leader. His vision, leadership, and commitment have made our region a better place. I am proud to join Hector's wife Sarah, their three daughters, and his many colleagues to thank Hector for his years of service and wish him well as he begins his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT  
OF NEAL HENDERSON

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Coach Neal Henderson on his induction into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame. Over the past 40 years, Coach Henderson has led the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club, known as the Cannons.

Henderson fell in love with hockey at a young age when his father, a Merchant Marine, was stationed in St. Catharines, Ontario during World War II. After moving back to the U.S., he settled in the District of Columbia in the 1960s with his family. He shared his love of hockey with those willing to learn and soon recognized interest in the game far exceeded the narrow streets of the District where he taught neighborhood kids.

To meet the demand, Henderson started renting ice space at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena and, in 1978, he established the Cannons with his high school classmate, Betty Dean. For the next 40 years, he coached the Cannons at Fort Dupont Ice Arena and continues to be a community icon. Coach Henderson saw hockey as an opportunity to give youth from predominantly low-income communities a chance to play and develop greater connections through the game. Henderson's Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club is a developmental program that provides local and inner-city youth with the opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program. The team colors are black, gold and white, symbolic of African-American history in the District—black soldiers, brass buttons and white officers.

The Cannons is one of the oldest minority hockey club in North America. The team is made up of 50 players between the ages of 8–18 predominantly from Southwest and Northwest D.C. neighborhoods and has been recognized by the Washington Capitals. Henderson and his players had the unique opportunity to touch the Stanley Cup in June 2018 when the Capitals came to Fort Dupont.

Henderson's organization has supported over 1,000 children since its inception in 1978 and encourages students to succeed beyond the rink. Coach Henderson's program has an 85% high school graduation rate, and he incorporates educational activities, such as visits to museums and colleges, when the team travels for tournaments.

Henderson embodies the best values of the District of Columbia and its residents. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Neal Henderson for his achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia and its children, and for his well-deserved induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

LEGENDARY POLITICAL ACTIVIST  
DARREN PARKER

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, last month California lost an esteemed political colleague

and tireless advocate, Mr. Darren Parker. He championed racial equality and civil rights, especially for African Americans, and his career was one of public service and selfless contributions.

From a very young age, Darren showed a strong interest in political engagement. At just 11 years old, he teamed up with a few family members to found One Hundred Thousand Students for the Freedom of South Africa, gathering peers in his grandmother's Compton home to support the anti-apartheid struggles half a world away.

His passion for politics continued through his college years, then as a union rep with the Communication Workers of America during his 20-year career with Pacific Bell. Early on, he became involved with the Democratic Party, in Los Angeles City, Antelope Valley, L.A. County, and the state of California. After years of involvement, in 2007 he was elected Chair of the California Democratic Party's African American Caucus, aiming to lift up the voices of African Americans and encourage civic engagement. He was particularly proud of significantly increasing voter registration in the Antelope Valley.

His passion for service continued with his positions on many nonprofit boards and appointed offices over the course of his life, including his appointment to the LA County Commission for Children and Families.

Wanting to contribute directly to governing the state, he ran for a seat in the California Senate in 2011 and in the Assembly in 2016. In between, he served in state government as special assistant to California Assembly Speakers John Pérez, Toni Atkins, and Anthony Rendon. As a former Speaker myself, I know how demanding and important that job is, and I know that he contributed to successes in each Speaker's administration. Remarkably, during that time he also served as Executive Director of AFSCME Local 2620 for two years.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Parker many times over the years. I offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be remembered for his influential activism, indomitable spirit, and life-long dedication to public service.

IN HONOR OF RAUDE RAYCHEL

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Raude Raychel for her tireless work on behalf of the Indonesian community in New Hampshire.

Raude serves as President of the Indonesian Community Connect (ICC), a non-profit organization based in Somersworth, NH. ICC hosts community events for the Indonesian community, shares Indonesian culture and values with the broader community, and provides support and information for those building lives in the United States.

The daughter of immigrants, Raude's parents always instilled in her a drive to always make her community stronger. Throughout her life, Raude has been more than just a model citizen—she is truly a pillar of our community.

In her role as President of ICC, Raude has not only upheld and carried on the traditions of

the Indonesian community but also shared these with the entire Seacoast region. The contributions of the Indonesian community have made Somersworth and all of New Hampshire a better place to live. I am particularly proud of her efforts to bring local municipal officials and the Indonesian Consulate and Embassy together to discuss creating the country's first 'Little Indonesia' in Somersworth.

Like so many other Granite Staters, I have been lucky enough to learn about Indonesian culture through ICC's events and festivals. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Raude for her decades of dedication to our community. I thank her for her tireless work for our community, and for helping to make our state such a wonderful place to learn, live, and grow.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNUAL  
CODY STAMPEDE

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Annual Cody Stampede held in Cody, WY.

This year marks the 100th Stampede. Each year over 800 of the best rodeo contestants compete for a total prize purse of over \$400,000. This Wyoming tradition is a major event in Cody and is closely linked to July 4th celebrations in the surrounding area. I want to extend my congratulations to the town of Cody on 100 years of this great Wyoming tradition.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to commemorate the 100th Stampede Rodeo being held in Cody, WY and I hope it continues for many years to come.

HONORING DOROTHY STONE ON  
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Stone around her 100th Birthday. Ms. Stone was born August 6, 1919 in Erie, Illinois.

Ms. Stone grew up in Erie, Illinois and graduated from Erie High School in 1937. She went on to get her teaching degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Ms. Stone then had a long and successful teaching career spanning 35 years in the Erie area until she retired in the 1970's. In that time, she left a long lasting, positive impact on her community.

It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Stone that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Dorothy Stone on her 100th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COM-  
MAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN-  
NY NEAL MARLOW

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow, who passed away on August 20th at the age of 68.

Mr. Marlow was born in Eupora, Mississippi on May 28, 1951. He answered the call to serve our great nation as Command Sergeant Major for the United States Army. He previously served with the Mississippi Army National Guard and was a retired Master Sgt. with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Command Sergeant Major Marlow set an example for his community by his extensive military and public service. Before he passed, he was currently serving as a Command Sergeant Major with the Mississippi State Guard, as a Carroll County Sheriffs Deputy, as the Carroll County Veterans Service Officer, and was the president of Veterans Helping Veterans in Carroll County.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Christy Costlow Marlow of Carrollton, Mississippi; his sons, Chris Marlow of Long Beach, Mississippi and Jeff Marlow of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; his sisters, Sheila Newsom, Carolyn Hodges, Peggy Brister, and Billie Garner; his brother Gayle Marlow; as well as eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE SAINT REST BAP-  
TIST CHURCH

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Saint Rest Baptist Church in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The church is a valuable part of the community and strives to make West Fresno a better place for all residents.

The church began in 1944 when West Fresno was growing. Reverend A.W. White organized and raised money to build the church. The first services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rogers. Reverend White did not know it at the time, but he would be the first of a long line of pastors of the Saint Rest Baptist Church.

Over the years, Saint Rest continued to grow. In its early days, congregants met in a borrowed army surplus metal building. In 1948, the congregation moved into a former retail storefront, before building its first church in 1950.

Saint Rest was without a pastor for some time, but finally Reverend Hudson Spencer Moore was named the seventh pastor of the congregation. Over the next two decades, the

church only continued to grow. As the church expanded its programs and outreach, it was clear it was also outgrowing its space. In 1978, church members constructed a new worship facility.

The congregation of St. Rest have been greatly involved in their community. Church pastors and members have instituted a number of programs to benefit the community. This includes a food and clothing ministry, house-to-house revival program, and marriage workshops. The church also supports local nonprofits, such as the Poverello House and the Fresno Rescue Mission. After being approved for 501(c)(3) status, Saint Rest established the Saint Rest Economic Development Corporation to increase economic opportunities for the neighborhood and create a stronger quality of life.

This church has had many leaders in its 75-year history, including Reverend M.F. Clay who took leadership after Reverend White. Reverend C.D. Davis started in 1946, then two years later, Reverend J.L. Hall during the metal building being dismantled. The first printed Sunday bulletin started in 1951 during Reverend Carter's leadership. Reverend E.C. Johnson became pastor and under his leadership, the church's mortgage was paid off. Reverend Hudson soon became head pastor and then Reverend Riggins.

In 2006, Reverend Shane B. Scott became senior pastor and had the church address renamed to 1550 E Rev. Chester Riggins. It was one of the many successes that happened in his tenure for Saint Rest Baptist Church. In 2013, Pastor DJ Criner became Senior Pastor and has traveled throughout the United States to preach. His dedication to the community continues to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Rest Baptist Church as it celebrates their 75th anniversary. I wish all of the members of the congregation continued health, happiness and prosperity.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DENA  
GROSS LEAVENGOOD

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dena Gross Leavengood, a tireless advocate for Florida, our Tampa Bay community and indeed our planet. Her determined advocacy has left a profound impact on our community and almost impossible shoes to fill.

A Florida native, Dena graduated with a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Florida and received her master's degree right here at the University of South Florida. Dena was a driving force behind The Florida Aquarium because, even then, she realized its key role in fighting climate change and saving our planet. Dena served the Aquarium in key positions, including director of educational outreach and community liaison.

There are so many areas where Dena was indispensable. I remember her perhaps most fondly when in my time as a County Commissioner, she worked with me to fight for health care for working families in her role as the founder of the Hillsborough Health Care Coali-

tion. Dena was legendary in leadership roles for women with the League of Women Voters and Athena, to name a few. Tomorrow Matters and the Sierra Club were among so many other places where Dena left her inimitable and indelible stamp. As a Hillsborough County Commissioner, Member of Congress and as her friend, I witnessed Dena's tenacity and steadfast commitment on behalf of her neighbors, friends, Tampa Bay families and people she would never know, except in her heart.

Dena's decades of activism and professional accomplishments earned her the love of our community and numerous accolades, including the 2010 Education Award from the Health Council of Pinellas County, the 2003 Human Rights Award from the Tampa Human Rights Council. She also received national recognition as community liaison with The Florida Aquarium.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful and saddened Tampa Bay community, we promise to reflect on Dena's life of service to improve the lives of our neighbors, our community and our country, and have it serve as a beacon and inspiration as we undertake the hard work of going forward without her—as Dena would certainly insist on us doing. Dena earned a special place in my heart and of the entire Tampa Bay community. Dena would be sorely missed in all times but especially in these challenging times—we will strive to remember our indefatigable, Happy Warrior, Dena, if ever we get discouraged.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERRY  
MEYER WINNING FOUR GOLD  
MEDALS AT THE 2019 NATIONAL  
SENIOR GAMES

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate E.G. "Gerry" Meyer on competing and winning four gold medals at the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud to call Gerry a constituent, and his gold medals in track and field are a point of pride for the entire state. His achievements, at the young age of 100, are nothing short of incredible. Gerry is a true Wyomingite and embodies the grit and determination that makes our state great.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Gerry Meyer on winning four gold medals, and representing the best that Wyoming has to offer.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
DEPUTY CHIEF RICHARD H.  
BRADBURY, SR.

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who served our community with distinction for over four decades. At the time of his retirement, he was



the longest continually tenured employee in Warrington Township.

Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., of Pipersville recently retired as Deputy Chief of Police of the Warrington Township Police Department. Deputy Chief Bradbury distinguished himself as a man of character and honor who cared deeply about our home.

I wish Deputy Chief Bradbury a peaceful retirement and thank him for his career of service in which he had a positive impact on so many lives.

IN HONOR OF ROGER GALATAS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and remember the life of a remarkable member of The Woodlands, Texas community, Roger L. Galatas, who passed away on August 29, 2019.

Although he called Montgomery County home for the last 50 years, Roger was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 21, 1935. After graduating from Louisiana Tech in 1957 with a degree in geology, Roger served in the United States Air Force as a meteorologist. After three years of service, he began working for Humble Oil & Refining, which later became Exxon Mobile. A year later, he met his wife Ann on a blind date, and they married three months later. The two eventually made the move to the great state of Texas, where they settled down in the city of Conroe to raise their two children.

In 1979, George P. Mitchell offered Roger a job, and for the next 20 years, Roger served as President of The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., a position he only retired from after the company was sold. During his time with the company, he played a key role in creating iconic landmarks in our community, including the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, Lake Woodlands, The Woodlands Hospital, and the John Cooper School.

Roger was a firm believer in the vision of The Woodlands as a master planned community, and helped form "George's Coffee Club"—a group focused on planning the future of the township. His love for The Woodlands even inspired him to venture into the literary world, and his book, "The Woodlands: The Inside Story of Creating a Better Hometown" was an insider's look into the history of his beloved hometown.

Passionate about education and family values, Roger served two terms as president of the Conroe ISO School Board. His favorite past-time was reading to the third grade class at the local elementary school, which was later renamed Galatas Elementary in his honor.

Though his legacy in The Woodlands is secured for decades to come, none will miss Roger more than his incredible family. He is survived by his children, Susan McLean and Bob Galatas; son- and daughter-in-law, Richard McLean and Carrie Galatas; and four grandchildren, Mason McLean, Molly McLean, Max Galatas, and Grace Galatas.

While the community mourns this tremendous loss, we also celebrate Roger's remarkable life and remember his lasting legacy of groundbreaking innovation. He was an inspira-

tion to all who met him, and I join his family, friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring his wonderful life and endless devotion to our community. Roger, you will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND KENNETH NELSON'S OPENING PRAYER BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. DAVID J. TRONE**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Reverend Kenneth Nelson, a Senior Pastor of the Seneca Community Church. For over a decade, Reverend Nelson has helped his church foster a vibrant and robust community. His passion and leadership have had a resounding impact on the people of Maryland.

Throughout his time with the church, Reverend Nelson has gone to great lengths to meet the hunger, health, and job development needs of his community. As Montgomery College's Director of Business and Community Outreach for the Department of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Reverend Nelson offers academic and career advice to community members. Among his many other roles, Reverend Nelson has also lent his expertise to the International Council of Community Churches Ministers Group and the Montgomery County Black Minister's Conference as a Ministerium President and an Officer respectively.

Over the years, Reverend Nelson's work has received broad recognition. Notably, in 2007 and 2010, he was program presenter for annual Montgomery County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. He is one of the 2018 Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame Inductees.

On behalf of the great state of Maryland, I thank Reverend Nelson for his dedicated service and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

RAY OSBORNE

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ray Osborne for his admirable service and exemplary leadership as the police chief in Darien, CT.

Throughout his 35-year career in Darien, Chief Osborne has served the police department in many roles. During his career, Chief Osborne approved the creation of Juvenile Review Board, a local diversion program which allows first-time youth offenders to complete community service and avoiding having to go to juvenile court. Additionally, his efforts to expand the department's Domestic Violence Liaison Unit, and his recruitment of high skilled officers in the department will have a lasting impact on public safety.

We have strong values in Connecticut. Protecting those values and allowing them to

flourish requires constant vigilance. The law-enforcement officers and other first responders who rush into harm's way to not only ensure that our values flourish but exemplify them through their actions.

The Darien community and I are grateful for Chief Osborne's years of service and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement, especially as he tackles new projects like the restoration of his '67 Mustang. Congratulations.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133 ON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133, which will celebrate its 100-year anniversary on September 21, 2019.

Originally chartered on December 18, 1919 and named for Joseph Rodman, a Huntington Beach resident who died from wounds inflicted in battle, the Post was incorporated in 1940 and was renamed to its current title, Post 133, a year later.

Early in its history, Post 133 formed, funded, and manned the Huntington Beach Volunteer Fire Department, and Legionnaires have a long legacy of working to make Huntington Beach a stronger, safer place to call home.

This year, I am especially proud to join Post 133 in recognizing William Kettler and Fran Ritchey, two World War II veterans who have been with the Post for 74 and 70 years, respectively.

I ask all Members to join me in commending American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 for 100 years as a fixture in the community, and I look forward to joining Legionnaires later this month to commemorate this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND CORLEY JR.

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Raymond "Ray" Corley Jr., who passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Sacramento, California. Raymond will be remembered for his many dedicated contributions.

Raymond worked hard to make sure that laws and regulations were correctly followed. In Los Angeles, Raymond worked at their Department of Water and Power where he developed a passion for water policy.

In 1983 he joined the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California as a legislative representative. Raymond checked regulations, track the laws and the executive actions that would affect the Los Angeles District's water. With his continuous dedication, Raymond was then promoted to the Executive Legislative Representative in 1994.

Raymond shined in Sacramento, where he lobbied. Through years of experience, he



learned what was right and just for MWD. Raymond was considerate, but he also had a strong voice when necessary. He was well respected when he retired in 2004 after working ten years as an Executive Legislative Representative.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Debra, their sons Brian and Eric, stepson Michael, and stepdaughters Belinda and Mary. They had five grandchildren, Bianna, Morgan, Regan, Kennedy, and David.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend Raymond "Ray" Corley Jr. He was a respected member of the state of California and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W. BURNES AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSIE B'S

### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize and celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Missie B's, an institution that is instrumental to the identity of the LGBTQ+ community throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Without places like Missie B's that encourage all individuals to pursue their true and genuine selves, Kansas City and its people would not be what and who they are today.

Missie B's first opened in April of 1994, perched on the corner of Southwest Trafficway and 39th Street, located in Kansas City's historic Westport entertainment district. Missie B's started as a piano bar, but within its first few months of opening, the owner decided to produce drag performances a few nights each week. Today, Missie B's has nightly drag shows, dancing, karaoke, and the Late Night Theatre program. Missie B's has fostered arts and entertainment in Kansas City for the past twenty-five years while providing a place for the LGBTQ+ community to flourish and thrive.

Michael W. Burnes, owner of Missie B's, has dedicated his life to serving and bettering the people of his community. Before opening several successful businesses and LGBTQ+ inclusive establishments throughout the United States, he served his country during the Vietnam War, earning the Purple Heart after being wounded while on active duty. Upon his return to Kansas City in the 1980s, Mr. Burnes opened his first LGBTQ+ bar, the Kon Tiki Room and later, the Dixie Belle Saloon. Throughout his career as an entrepreneur, Michael Burnes has dedicated his businesses to being spaces for the LGBTQ+ communities to express and enjoy themselves. When the Dixie Belle Saloon was in operation, members of the LGBTQ+ community faced discrimination from the rest of the country as a result of uncertainty and fear caused by the AIDS epidemic. While running the Dixie Belle Saloon, Mr. Burnes kept a supply of the limited HIV medication behind the bar to give to those who needed it but could not afford it. This is merely one testament of the benevolent and caring nature of Michael Burnes that has been demonstrated throughout his life in all that he does.

Missie B's reflects Michael's generous spirit and is well known among Kansas Citians for its involvement in numerous causes and charities. Missie B's actively fundraises for and is involved in the Kansas City AIDS Walk, the Good Samaritan Project, the Kansas City Care Health Center, Saint Michael's Veterans Center, among many others. In 2016, after the horrific and heartbreaking Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, Missie B's joined with Kansas City's other LGBTQ+ bars and nightclubs to raise \$54,000 in one day for the victims and their families. Missie B's has not just changed the lives of the members of the LGBTQ+ community in Kansas City, but across the country as well.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Missie B's for all they have done for Kansas City and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I am honored to have such an impactful, inclusive and inspirational institution be a part of the district I represent.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHERIDAN BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING SMALL CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Sheridan for being named the Outstanding Small Club in Rotary District 5440.

The Rotary Club of Sheridan is a staple of the local community and is dedicated to community service in Lander and around the world. Rotary Clubs across Wyoming represent the service-minded approach to community that makes our country great. The Sheridan Club has distinguished itself with its commitment to community service and a steadfast belief in helping others.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Sheridan on being named top chapter, and thank them for their service to the community of Sheridan.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic in Syracuse, NY, and to recognize Mr. John Powers, Attorney and U.S. Army Veteran, for providing pro bono legal assistance to veterans. For 10 years, Mr. Powers, through his work with the Veterans Legal Clinic, has devoted himself to helping veterans, working with over 600 former servicemembers to provide access to readjustment after service and legal services.

In July 2009, Mr. Powers entered into a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Syracuse Vet Center to establish the Veterans Legal Clinic. Mr. Powers works with veterans from all branches of the military

and from all walks of life to provide free confidential legal services. Through Mr. Powers's partnership with the VA, his clinic has become a vital resource for veterans attempting to secure earned benefits or upgrade a military discharge. Additionally, Mr. Powers coordinates and provides legal staff to support veterans with ongoing legal needs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic and Mr. John Powers for providing professional legal services to our community's veterans. I commend the Veterans Legal Clinic and all those who donate their time to ensure veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this country, have access to legal services.

RECOGNIZING THE 11TH ANNUAL DC BEER WEEK

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual "DC Beer Week," a week-long series of events celebrating the independent craft beer industry, local beer culture and the rich brewing legacy in the District of Columbia. Sponsored by the District of Columbia Brewers' Guild, DC Beer Week will take place this year from September 8 through September 15. Many of the District's breweries, taverns, restaurants and cultural institutions will participate in more than 30 beer-related events throughout the week to highlight the successful rebirth of the brewing industry in the District, and the quality and diversity of craft beer produced in our area and across the nation.

DC Beer Week not only serves to celebrate the brewing industry. It also serves as a nod to the rich brewing history we have right here in the District. The first brewery in D.C. opened in 1796. The District became home to dozens of breweries in every section of the city, many right here in the shadow of the Capitol. By the late 1800s, our area was home to some of the most prosperous breweries and recognizable beer brands in the nation, such as the Christian Heurich Brewing Company in the District and the Portner Brewing Company in Alexandria. The District became especially known for the introduction and production of quality lagers in the southeast United States. Although most of our breweries did not survive prohibition, the Heurich Brewing Company reopened after the repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933 and remained operational until 1956. The legacy of Christian Heurich is preserved at his Victorian mansion—"the Brewmaster's Castle"—in Dupont Circle, which is operated by the Heurich House Museum.

Of course, DC Beer Week would not be possible without the rebirth of the brewing industry in our city. After more than a 50-year absence, over the past decade we have seen the opening of more than a dozen D.C.-based production breweries and brewpubs. Despite limited industrial space, production breweries such as DC Brau Brewing Company, Atlas Brew Works, 3 Stars Brewing Company, Hellbender Brewing Company and Right Proper Brewing have gained a national reputation for producing high-quality beer. In addition,

since the opening of the District Chophouse and Brewery in 1997, District residents now have several options to enjoy a quality meal with their locally brewed beer at establishments such as Bluejacket, Gordon Biersch-Navy Yard, the Public Option, Right Proper Shaw Brewpub and our newest additions, Red Bear Brewing Company and Valor Brewpub. These breweries not only provide great craft beer for local consumers, but also provide hundreds of jobs for local residents, make significant contributions to our local tax base and serve as anchors for economic development in neighborhoods throughout the District. Our tight-knit breweries are outstanding and active citizens of our community and support various charitable causes and community non-profit organizations. They are also leaders in supporting diversity and inclusion in our local business community.

I urge all of my colleagues, constituents and visitors to the District to come together to raise a glass in support of DC Beer Week and the local brewing community. There are great events throughout the week, such as Fun Run on Sunday from Right Proper to Red Bear, the Kickoff Party at Bluejacket, a Home Brewing Competition hosted by 3 Stars, a Record Fair at Right Proper, a celebration of Women in Beer at Red Bear and a Sunset Cruise hosted by DC Brau. Taverns such as Roofers Union, Boundary Stone, Churchkey and Church Hall will be hosting exciting events featuring beers from multiple local breweries, and there will be the annual "Brewers on the Block" festival at Union Market. In addition, the Heurich House will be curating an Educational Events series that will include opportunities to learn about beer history, culture and the art of brewing. There truly will be something for everyone.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing DC Beer Week for its contribution to the District's historic beer culture and our local economy.

HONORING WILLIAM "DOC" SCHMITZ, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William "Doc" Schmitz.

Doc was elected to this prestigious and well-deserved post on July 24, 2019. Helping and advocating for Veterans is not an uncommon practice for Doc, but rather a continuation of the work he does each and every day. His unwavering dedication to his country and the Veterans he serves is one of the many traits I admire most about him.

While Doc currently serves Veterans, he has also served his country well over the years. Doc was in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970, during the Vietnam War. During that time, he served as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marine Corp in Vietnam. In recognition of his efforts, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Doc does not allow politics to get in the way of serving Veterans, which is another thing I admire. He doesn't look at their qualifiers or whether they fit a certain criteria, but rather helps people simply and solely to help them. Previously, he worked for a Democratic Congressman, but decided to stay on in my office because of his commitment to the cause.

Doc is my resource for all things Veteran related and he contacts me personally with any information on local, state and national Veterans' issues. He is a venerable source of information and experience that I rely on and trust deeply.

I cannot think of a better National Commander-in-Chief than the one we are honoring today. We can all be assured that the man leading this national organization has Veterans' needs as a first priority and he will fight to make sure they are well taken care of. Congratulations to you, Doc, for this new position—and I thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future. I know that Veterans everywhere have just gained a staunch defender, a wise leader and a genuinely honorable and good man with you as their Commander-in-Chief.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William "Doc" Schmitz.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD BRADSHAW ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Bradshaw on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department. After twenty-four years of service as a Crime Scene Technician, Richard has created a lasting impact on the department by working tirelessly to preserve the public safety.

Richard began his career in law enforcement by honorably serving as a military police officer with the United States Army in 1972. He continued his service as a Sergeant with the police department in the Army Active Reserve until 1978. During that time, he also earned his associate's degree in Criminal Justice and served as a police officer for the Penn Hill Police Department in Pennsylvania until December of 1979.

In 1980, Richard joined the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Police where he served as both a police officer and an aircraft rescue firefighter. On August 14, 1995, Richard joined the Grapevine Police Department as a Crime Scene Technician and has proven invaluable to the collection of critical evidence in major criminal investigations.

During his tenure in Grapevine, Richard has produced a quality of work that has earned him the respect of his colleagues, supervisors, and the community. His commitment to professional development has driven him to complete more than 1400 hours of training and stands as evidence of his outstanding service and professionalism.

Richard's contributions to law enforcement operations have helped to ensure that countless officers have been adequately supported in their mission to uphold the rule of law. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the dedication that Richard has devoted to the city of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Richard Bradshaw for his many years of service.

FRANK LATORRE

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend longtime Bellmawr, New Jersey resident Private First Class Frank Latorre, Camden County Town Hall Veteran Honoree.

After graduating from Philadelphia Central High School in 1942, Frank volunteered for the Army Air Forces, and although he was initially turned down, shortly thereafter he received a draft notice accepting him into the United States Army.

In 1943, Frank boarded the RMS *Aquitania* for England and two days later he was on a truck to a town called Bridgewater and in April 1944 he participated in Exercise Tiger a D-Day practice run, and after a battle with the Germans at Slapton Beach, Frank departed England for the D-Day invasion.

They departed for Normandy, France and arrived at Utah Beach where Frank jumped into the gun turret of his half-track and took down a German fighter strafing the landing troops, and after the D-Day invasion, Frank and his unit later helped push back the German counteroffensive at the Battle of the Bulge and briefly occupied Berlin after the German surrender.

Shortly after the bombs dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he received his military discharge as a Private First Class and went on to work for Pepsi-Cola, married in 1947, had two daughters, and retired in 1987.

Today Frank enjoys golfing, the camaraderie of fellow veterans and is an active member of the Bellmawr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9563.

In recognition of his valiant service to our nation, Frank humbly received numerous medals and citations including the Bronze Star, American Theater Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Private First Class Frank Latorre of Bellmawr, New Jersey who is a constant reminder of the sacrifices that our men and women of the military made so that we can enjoy the liberties we do today.

IN HONOR OF MARK LEHMAN

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Mark Lehman for his twenty

plus years as a distinguished advocate for Texas property owners with Texas REALTORS.

Shortly after earning an accounting degree from the University of Texas, Mark pursued a career in public policy and has held a presence in Texas politics ever since. Throughout his professional career, Mark has worked in multiple positions at the national, state, and local political levels. Mark served in the Texas Legislature as the Chief of Staff for Texas Senator Florence Shapiro, and then worked as the Campaign Director for now-U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN's successful race for Texas Attorney General.

Upon joining Texas REALTORS in 1998 as Director of Governmental Affairs, Mark brought a unique expertise that eventually ascended him to Vice President of Government Affairs in 2004. Mark has become an outstanding leader for the company as he was responsible for over 120,000 members in the association. With over two decades of experience with Texas REALTORS, Mark has admirably served many Texans by advocating for private-property rights, providing reliable information, and has gained respect among the Houston community.

Leading up to the historic passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Mark played a significant role in gathering support for this monumental legislation in the Houston area. He also spearheaded oversight on economic analysis that showed the positive impact tax reform would have on Texas property owners and American workers and families across the country. Not only did he work hard in Texas, Mark also led a team to Washington, D.C. to inform lawmakers on their most up-to-date research and findings-data that was instrumental in giving America a new tax code.

In 2018, Mark was inducted into the REALTORS Political Action Committee (RPAC) Hall of Fame—a testament to his hard work and success in the real estate field. Outside of his professional career, Mark is also an avid writer. He publishes two blogs, the first is a political blog simplifying the legislative process for his readers, and the second is a personal, faith-based blog interwoven with his own family history.

After twenty years of hard work, I am proud to join Mark's colleagues and friends in celebrating his well-earned retirement. Mark, thank you for all you've done for our community. The Houston community has been blessed by your accomplishments, and I wish you well as you begin your next chapter.

#### RECOGNIZING NORMA GIBBS FOR A LIFE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and legacy of Norma Gibbs. Mrs. Gibbs, the City of Huntington Beach's first female City Council member and Mayor, lived a life marked by extraordinary compassion and public service.

Mrs. Gibbs passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019, but the impact she made during her lifetime will continue for generations.

During a time when politics was dominated by men, Mrs. Gibbs encouraged women to vote and play an active role in community development. She would serve as the inspiration for many women to run for office, and because of her hard work, the City where she served as Mayor now boasts a City Council whose members are primarily women.

In 1979, Mrs. Gibbs founded Interval House, a nonprofit that cares for and supports survivors of abuse. From Interval House to the opening of the Huntington Central Park Library, Mrs. Gibbs lived a life dedicated to uplifting everyone around her. Her lifetime of public service would earn her the President's Lifetime Achievement award in 2015.

Today I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the amazing life and works of Norma Gibbs.

#### IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LANDER BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING LARGE CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Lander for being named the Outstanding Large Club in Rotary District 5440.

The Rotary Club of Lander is a staple of the local community and is dedicated to community service in Lander and around the world. Rotary Clubs across Wyoming represent the service-minded approach to community that makes our country great. The Lander Club has distinguished itself with its international work in Mexico, Guatemala, and Africa. Additionally, they have established the Interact Club at Lander Valley High School to help grow their membership and foster community service among high school students.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Lander on being named top chapter, and thank them for their service to the community of Lander.

#### HONORING ARLETT STEINERT ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arlett Steinert around her 100th Birthday. Ms. Steinert was born August 26, 1919 in Erie, Illinois.

Ms. Steinert grew up in Erie and graduated from Erie High School in 1937. She went on to get her teaching degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois—where she met her husband William—and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Following her college years, Ms. Steinert had a long and successful teaching career in the Erie area until she retired in the 1970's. Currently, Ms. Steinert is still active in Whiteside County Retired Teachers meetings. I am honored by her lifelong dedication to positively serving and impacting our community.

It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Steinert that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Arlett Steinert on her 100th Birthday.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN CARBRAY

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mr. John Carbray, who passed away on August 10, 2019. John was the founder and first president of the Fresno Grizzlies, Fresno, California's Triple-A franchise. He will be remembered for his vision and efforts to bring baseball back to Central California.

John Carbray was born in Paris, Arkansas on November 9, 1938. John and his brother Sam were raised by their mother Helen. When John was six years old his family moved to Inglewood, California. Sports played an integral part of his childhood and his biggest passion was baseball. He played at the collegiate level, first at El Camino Junior College and Pepperdine University. John would go on to play semi-pro baseball in Wyoming and even played in Canada for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Canada League.

Eventually John traveled back to Los Angeles to work in a swimming pool business, before returning to Canada in 1963 after he was named manager of the Calgary Giants. This was the first stop of a storied career as a sports executive, with stops in Oregon, Washington DC, Sacramento and a tenure as general manager of two North American Soccer League teams.

John pursued his love for athletics and entertainment in different avenues. During his time away from baseball, he founded Projects West, a consulting firm that worked with major sports teams to bring concerts to sporting venues. However, he would not be away from baseball for very long. After realizing the need for baseball in Fresno, John and his wife Diane worked tirelessly to return baseball to the city after a ten-year absence. After much hard work and persistence, the Tucson Toros were purchased by the Fresno Diamond Group and reborn as the Fresno Grizzlies. John then pursued building a state-of-the-art baseball stadium in downtown Fresno. On May 1, 2002, the stadium, now known as Chukchansi Park, hosted its first game with a sell-out crowd of 12,792. The stadium paved the way for the revitalization of downtown and continues to host baseball game, concerts and festivals.

Throughout his career, John was awarded with recognitions for his dedication to the world of sports. This includes being named Sporting News Executive of the Year, Pacific Coast Executive of the Year, his induction into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame and he and his wife Diane were honored by the Grizzlies with the Al Radka Award in honor of their contributions to the community and baseball. His contributions to the City of Fresno spanned beyond sports; he was also actively involved with many nonprofits, including the

Boys and Girls Club, the annual City-County All-Star Football Game, and the Fresno Rotary.

John is survived by his loving wife Diane, and their sons David, and Kyle. He will be greatly missed by many friends, associates and those who had the pleasure of working with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. John L. Carbray. His contributions to the City of Fresno will be felt for generations to come. I join his family in honoring his great life.

HONORING JOSEPH E. TIGHUE

**HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joseph E. Tighue, who passed away on August 24, 2019.

Joe was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1932 to Eugene and Elizabeth Tighue. After graduating Trenton High School in 1952, Joe joined the Army and served overseas during the Korean War. After his services, Joe studied business, real estate, and insurance at Rider College and Rutgers University.

His natural skill and ingenuity led Joe to a long and storied career in real estate and New Jersey politics. With his high school sweetheart, Marie Dileo, by his side, the young couple started the Tighue Realty Co. Later in life, Joe returned to school to earn the MAI Appraisal Designation. He served as president of Certified Appraisal Service and as president of the Mercer County Board of Realtors. Joe's efforts to give back to his community did not go unnoticed and he was named "Realtor of the Year" when he was recognized nationally for starting a work release program that utilized county workhouse inmates to rehab run-down city houses.

In 1969, Joe was selected to run for Mercer County Freeholder, and he went on to serve for three terms. Later from 1980 to 1990, Joe served as the Mercer County Surrogate and Judge of the Probate Court.

Over the course of his 87 years, Joe and his wife, Marie, built a large and loving family that will continue to carry his legacy, including his brother Thomas; children Gary, Robert, and Susan; six grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Madam Speaker, I send my condolences to the family and friends of Joe Tighue. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating his incredible life and legacy.

Rest in peace, Joe.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DAVID J. WEILAND

**HON. TJ COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend, Mr. David J. Weiland, for being inducted into the San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Hall of Fame.

David was born and raised in California's San Joaquin Valley. He is a graduate of California State University, Fresno, where he received a degree in civil engineering in 1972. David was motivated to work in engineering after working his first job on a sandy survey crew in the City of Armona in the hot summer of 1965. During his engineering years, David designed many public works and private projects in Kings, Fresno and Tulare counties.

In 1988, while still working full time, David fulfilled his lifelong intent of becoming an attorney and enrolled in San Joaquin College of Law. He was a founding member of the San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review and served as its Managing Editor. David received his Juris Doctorate in 1992, retired his slide rule, and opened The Law Office of David J. Weiland that December.

David went on to build a successful career in law serving as partner, member of the Board of Directors, President and chair of the litigation department of the Fresno firm Dowling Aaron Incorporated.

In 2014, David joined Coleman & Horowitz, LLP as a partner and heads the firm's litigation department. David represents clients in complex commercial, construction, real estate, professional liability defense, tort defense, municipal law, real estate transactions and most recently, election law.

David was named a Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters from 2009 to 2018 and holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell. He is a member of several associations including the American Bar Association, Fresno County Bar Association, and a lifetime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

David's track record as an attorney has earned him great respect in the Central Valley and throughout the state of California. In addition to the numerous clients he takes on and associations of which he takes part, David serves on the Board of Trustees of San Joaquin College of Law, and as Judge Pro Tempore for the Fresno and Merced Superior Courts.

Most important, David is an outstanding friend and husband to his wife, Lillian, and father to Julia, David, and Alice, grandfather to Carl, Michael, Stephanie, Catalina, and Karl and great-grandfather to Reese Marie.

Madam Speaker, I call upon my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating and paying tribute to my good friend, Mr. David J. Weiland, for being inducted into the San Joaquin College of Law Alumni Hall of Fame. David's dedication to practicing law and his track record in California's San Joaquin Valley is to be commended.

IN RECOGNITION OF GUADALUPE CENTER INC.'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Guadalupe Centers Inc. Throughout the century since the Guadalupe Center's formation, they have remained steadfast to their founding objective to play an integral role

in the development and wellbeing of the Mexican, Mexican-American and the Latino community-at-large in Kansas City. Guadalupe Centers Inc. has expanded exponentially, growing beyond its original Westside location to provide immeasurable services for the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

Many families immigrated from Mexico to Kansas City in the 1910s and 20s for the growing meat packing and railroad industry. Although there were a multitude of jobs, they were often erratic and poorly paid. It was out of the needs of this new community that the idea for the Guadalupe Center was generated. Guadalupe Centers Inc. was established by eighteen young Catholic women in 1919 as a part of the local Catholic Church in Kansas City's historic Westside. Both the Mexican and Mexican-American population in the area used the Center to create a unique cultural environment, separate from American mainstream society at the time. Their idea was to unite the growing population of Mexican and Mexican-American families predominantly living in Westside at the time into a "Colonia Mexicana," or a Mexican community.

Throughout the following decades, the Guadalupe Center became a central pillar of the Westside neighborhood, as well as Kansas City at large. The leadership of Ms. Dorothy Gallagher in the 1930s and 40s instigated a new chapter in the Center's history, as she organized the development of the Center and spearheaded new initiatives. The original stone building, purchased in 1919, remained central to the organization and the large room of the first floor was the "living room of the neighborhood," where weddings and other events were held. Women cooked enormous amounts of food in the kitchen, and a constant stream of residents flowed in and out of the space as it expanded to the building next door. Celebrations like the Noche Buena party in 1940 were viewed as cornerstones of the year's social calendar.

While expanding their range of programs, the Guadalupe Center remained steadfast in their commitment to social justice and empowerment. In the pivotal decades of the 1960s and 70s, when the Chicano movement was gaining force in cities across the country, the Guadalupe Center influenced the local movement in Kansas City. Guadalupe Center encouraged Mexican American communities to flourish by creating a space where individuals could have their unique cultural identity both nourished and encouraged. American civil rights leader Cesar Chavez acknowledged the Center as a formidable force, visiting the Center during his travels throughout the Midwest.

Today, Guadalupe Centers Inc. reflects the same socially-minded ideas for which it was originally founded. The Center has remained a catalyst for greater Latino representation and political activism throughout the years. Ms. Lali Garcia, who is a dedicated volunteer at the Guadalupe Center for over forty-five years, a local activist, and a board member of organizations like the pivotal La Raza Political Club, is a prime example of this. Moreover, Paul Rojas, the first Latino Missouri State Representative, contributed greatly to the development of Guadalupe Centers Inc. as Chairman. Both as Representative and then as Chairman, Mr. Rojas fought politically and socially for increased resources for the Latino Community, whether for educational or training programs. Guadalupe Centers would not have

flourished as it has without the integrity of partners like both Ms. Garcia and Mr. Rojas.

A central focus of the Center has been, and still is, to provide social services for the community and create an intergenerational impact. The social services provided by Guadalupe Centers range from their Older Adults Program, a Credit Union, to a large Food Bank, to name a few. Furthermore, the Guadalupe Centers Schools have become an integral part of the Kansas City educational landscape. Since their founding under the visionary leadership of the school's first superintendent, Gilbert Guerrero, the schools have provided academic access to historically under-served Latino communities. In addition to the schools, Guadalupe Centers Inc. inspires children and young adults around the city through their expansive Sports, Recreation, and Youth Programs. The idea for these programs was spearheaded and encouraged through the diligent volunteer hours put in by pillars in the community like Tony Aguirre who led by their enthusiasm and diligence.

The wide range of cultural opportunities offered by Guadalupe Centers reinforce a celebration of the culture in the historic Westside, as they have done since their earliest days. These events also help raise the funds for the expansive programs led by the Center. Both the longevity and attendance of these celebrations are a testimony to what the Center means to the local community and the city-at-large. Guadalupe Center hosted Kansas City's first Cinco de Mayo festival and one that has run annually since 1922. Today, the Festival draws up to 10,000 people over a two-day span. The Tony Aguirre Latino Men's Basketball tournament has been a Kansas City tradition for over fifty years and is the oldest continually running event of its kind. These are just several events out of a myriad offered by the Centers.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Guadalupe Centers Inc. for the indelible mark their one hundred years of service have left on our community. Through the visionary leadership of individuals from Dorothy Gallagher to Paul Rojas and Chris Medina, Guadalupe Centers have been and remain an integral part of, not only the Mexican or Mexican American community, but the larger Latino community in Kansas City. As Congressman in Missouri, I am honored and privileged to serve the community alongside all those who have contributed and continue to pour into Guadalupe Centers Inc. I encourage my fellow colleagues and citizens across the country to reflect upon the dedicated service of Guadalupe Centers as an inspiration and to thank them for all they have done and continue to do for the vibrancy, wellbeing, and cultural heritage of our city.

CONGRATULATING THE GALESBURG KIWANIS CLUB ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate September 10th, 2019 as Galesburg Kiwanis Club's 100th anniversary. On this occasion, I extend my gratitude to Faye Schulz, the proud secretary of the Club.

Since its origin in 1919, the Galesburg Kiwanis Club has gone above and beyond to enrich the community through their commitment to community and service. The Club engages in multiple projects to positively impact the community, including driver's education senior classes; volunteer reading buddies; donating hand-maid dolls to local hospitals; and their annual Pancake Day in November. In addition, Club members engage in countless fundraisers that go toward local organizations for community development. Galesburg Kiwanis Club has prospered by always remaining true to its core mission and values.

Madam Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate Galesburg Kiwanis Club on their 100th anniversary. I am proud to know that organizations, such as Galesburg Kiwanis Club, continue to flourish and strengthen our community.

11TH ANNUAL BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Investments today that improve the quality of life for African American Women and their families will ensure that Dane County becomes the healthiest county in the state, and that Wisconsin becomes the healthiest state in the U.S. for all of its citizens as well as the health care leader of the world; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness was established for the purpose of empowering women and girls of African descent to live healthy, balanced, thriving lives by promoting mind-body-spirit wellness as a core quality for being productive members and leaders of their families, communities and society; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Black Women's Wellness works to eliminate health disparities impacting black women and their communities by partnering with the community to provide educational outreach programs, conferences and seminars including the Annual Black Women's Wellness Day to inform, inspire and empower Black Women and Girls to build and sustain healthy, wellness-centered lives; now, therefore, I hereby proclaim September 21st, 2019 as the 11th annual Black Women's Wellness Day and urge all citizens to support this worthy and life sustaining endeavor by celebrating this day with pride and distinction, and recognizing its organizers as advocates and ambassadors of health and healing in our community.

RECOGNIZING JAMES NATHANIAL SHORT JR.

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing James Nathaniel Short Jr., a District of Columbia native and retired 33-

year veteran of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services, on the occasion of his 73rd birthday.

James Short Jr., who can trace his lineage in the United States as far back as 1781, was born to James N. Short Sr. and Ollie W. Short. The couple raised their six children in the historic Langston Terrace Dwellings, named for John Mercer Langston, who was Dean of Howard University Law School. Langston Terrace, the first public housing complex in Washington, D.C. (3rd in our Nation), was erected in 1938, designed by African-American architects and managed by Mr. Short's father. James Short Jr. learned the value of God, family and community in this nurturing setting.

During his tenure in the fire department, Mr. Short continuously put his life on the line to protect D.C. residents. At one point during his career, a building collapsed on him, yet his injuries did not hold him back and he rose to become Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Short worked with his colleagues to stop illegal businesses in the District and to curb drug sales.

Mr. Short has been a member of Brown Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, on Capitol Hill since 1966 and is also a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (Redemption Lodge #24).

Mr. Short has been a leader in the civic life of the District. He is the former Chairman of the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Executive Board Member of the National Kidney Foundation, former Boy Scout master for Brown Memorial AME Church and a member of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

Mr. Short was educated in D.C. public schools and became a certified public manager upon graduating from the George Washington University Graduate School of Business and Public Management. He also received the District of Columbia's "Center for Excellence in Municipal Management" certificate. He was a D.C. Master Barber for over 40 years and owned and operated the Le Droit Park Barber-shop on Florida Avenue, Northwest. Currently, Mr. Short is President and CEO of Short Consultation, LLC.

Mr. Short was granted membership in the University Club of the District of Columbia in 2013 and remains a member in good standing. He enjoys hosting family, community and business gatherings and celebrations there.

Mr. Short is blessed with two daughters, Kym Elder and Nicole Short, five grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and a host of family members scattered across the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing James Nathaniel Short Jr. for his outstanding achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia on the occasion of his 73rd birthday.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA "PAT" MCGUIGAN FOR A LIFE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Councilwoman Patricia A.

McGuigan. Patricia McGuigan was the first woman elected to the Santa Ana City Council, and faithfully served her constituents for over two decades.

On Monday, September 2, 2019, Mrs. McGuigan passed away at the age of 85 years old, but her legacy lives on in Santa Ana and Orange County.

Mrs. McGuigan, known to many as "Pat," served as a Santa Ana Councilwoman at a time when the City was growing increasingly diverse. She was known for her ability to build strong relationships with the City's immigrant populations and would go on to create the Asian-Pacific Advisory Council of Santa Ana to better help the refugees that now called the City home.

After retiring from public office in 2002, Mrs. McGuigan remained active in her community. From the opening of the Salgado Community Center to serving on the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council, Mrs. McGuigan exemplified what it meant to be a dedicated public servant.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Patricia McGuigan.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA GRIMM-MARSHALL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN BROCK AWARD

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished accomplishments and philanthropic work of Barbara Grimm-Marshall. Barbara has been an exemplary member of our community, and was deservedly recognized yesterday with the 2019 John Brock Award for her distinguished service to the communities of the 23rd District of California, which I represent.

Barbara's co-owned family farm, Grimmway Farms, is the largest producer and exporter of carrots on the globe. Grimmway Farms has provided exceptional agricultural service to Kern County since 1981 and has since been a staple of the Bakersfield community. This past June, Barbara was appointed to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables, a recognition of her expertise in agriculture. Through her knowledge and experience in the trade realm, her advice and counsel is unmatched and will be most valuable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and our country.

Beyond professional development and achievement, Barbara is a community problem-solver, and it is no surprise that she recently received the 2019 John Brock Community Service Award for her charitable efforts, particularly in the education realm. In 2017, I spoke in this Chamber honoring Barbara for her work and the establishment of The Rod & Bob Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides higher education access to hundreds of prospective university students and bolsters the success of many underprivileged children in the congressional district I represent. Barbara's passion to see more children gain access to education resources did not end with a scholarship fund. She established the Grimm Family Education Foundation and

Grimmway Academy for the purpose of educating underprivileged children in our community from grades K-8. Barbara's vision and goals for these programs has only expanded over time, as the Foundation now operates a vast network of educational institutions and partnerships throughout Kern County.

Barbara's leadership in public service is an inspiration to our community and a model for effective problem-solving at the community level. Her philanthropy and work shows that solutions often depend on exceptional leaders up to the task of bettering their community, rather than sweeping governmental action that often proves ineffective. Barbara does not sit on the sidelines when she notices a problem, but instead works to find a way to find a solution. Our community is proud of the work she has done and I look forward to all that she will continue to accomplish in the future. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, Judy and I want to thank Barbara, Darcy, and the entire Grimm family for their continued service to our community, and congratulate Barbara for being this year's recipient of the John Brock Award.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HUNTSVILLE 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas.

On September 16, 1844, Rev. Z.N. Morrell, Thomas Horsely, and Rev. Benjamin Fry established the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas. The early congregation met in the Dean School House until their first building was constructed on the corner of 13th Street and Avenue J, where the church still stands today. The President of Baylor University, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, preached the opening ceremony sermon.

Legendary Texas figure General Sam Houston and his wife were among the first members of the First Baptist Church. In fact, a swimming pool at Houston's residence was used by the early congregation for baptisms and church ceremonies.

In 1891, the congregation built a second building for worship services, which stood until 1924 when the congregation decided to construct an elegant four-story, red-brick church with tall white pillars and stained glass windows on the second floor.

In a terrible tragedy, the new church building caught on fire in 1954, and congregation member and college student James E.V. Davis lost his life. Thankfully, members of the congregation were able to save church records, nursery furniture, an organ, and even some pews. The church then held services in a local high school auditorium until the fourth and final church building opened on December 11, 1955. In 1985, the First Baptist Church added a new Family Life Center, which offered sporting facilities, locker rooms, a kitchen, and a parlor to its members.

For the past 175 years, The First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas has stood as a reminder of the meaning of community and resil-

ience. Please join me in celebrating this momentous anniversary, and remembering the people whose desire to worship created a rich history of knowing, following, and sharing in Christ.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENATOR EVERETT DIRKSEN'S PASSING

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Senator Everett Dirksen's death.

Senator Dirksen passed away on September 7, 1969, in Washington, DC, after serving sixteen years in the United States House of Representatives and seventeen years in the United States Senate.

Before starting his career in public office, Senator Dirksen served abroad as a second lieutenant during the First World War. After returning from war, Dirksen studied law at the University of Minnesota College of Law at Minneapolis.

Senator Dirksen practiced law in his home town of Pekin, Illinois, but public service was always Senator Dirksen's true passion. Dirksen served as a Member of Congress from 1933 to 1949, representing the 13th District of Illinois, then went on to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate from 1951 until his death in 1969.

As the Minority Leader of the Senate, Dirksen played a vital role in shaping many major pieces of legislation. Senator Dirksen earned the reputation of being a true champion of civil rights. It was his hard work and determination that allowed Dirksen to ensure the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

I include in the RECORD the essay, "Everett Dirksen's Last Days," by Frank Mackaman. Frank is not only a close friend, but also the Director of The Dirksen Congressional Center in Senator Dirksen's hometown of Pekin, IL.

I am grateful for all the work that Senator Dirksen did for our country, and I am proud to represent his former congressional district.

EVERETT DIRKSEN'S LAST DAYS

(By Frank H. Mackaman, The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL)

On August 12, 1969, just before the U.S. Senate recessed for a few weeks, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen held a press conference in his office. It would be his last. Dirksen seemed relaxed and in a genial mood, chatting amiably with reporters and joking with his staff. To the casual observer everything seemed normal—but it was not. Doctors had just told the Senate Minority Leader he was seriously ill. They had discovered a spot on Dirksen's right lung and suspected cancer. A second x-ray on the 14th showed the tumor had grown, making an operation necessary.

To prepare, the senator from Pekin rested for three weeks at "Heart's Desire," his home outside Washington DC, rummaging in his beloved garden and working on a memoir he would never complete. A realist, Dirksen transferred title to most of his property to his wife, Louella. He also gave her a pre-signed resignation from the Senate if the operation left him incapacitated. He loved the Senate, and it was ever on his mind.



Dirksen entered Walter Reed Hospital on Sunday, August 31, to ready himself for the operation two days later. He took with him a briefcase loaded with work, the contents of which were transferred to The Dirksen Congressional Center several years after his death. These documents show the amazing breadth of his interests and the substantial burden of his office.

The briefcase contained notes for upcoming speeches, including one in his own handwriting entitled, "God, Country, and Grandchildren: Soliloquy with Grandchildren" in which he mused about the legacy his generation would leave and harkened back to the lives his parents had led in Pekin. He made notes concerning the congressional session about to end. Dirksen reviewed letters from constituents, information about pending legislation, requests for appearances, a plea from Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogilvie to revise the federal revenue-sharing calculation, letters about federal jobs, an early draft of what was called the "Everett McKinley Dirksen Library Project," and much, much more.

On Tuesday morning, September 2, at 8:45 a.m., Colonel Alan R. Hopeman and a team of Army surgeons began to operate. The spot on Dirksen's lung could not be readily examined without surgery, but, in surgical terms, it was in an almost ideal position, close to the periphery of his chest, so that surgeons could remove it with only a small incision. They did so without difficulty. The tumor, which had grown to an inch in diameter, proved to be malignant.

As they had planned on this eventuality, the surgeons took the next step of removing the entire upper lobe of Dirksen's right lung. What had begun as a relatively simple operation became major surgery consuming three hours. The doctors found no evidence the cancer had spread, however.

Dirksen's strong constitution and vigor brought him through the procedure with flying colors, and his recuperation was rapid. Mrs. Dirksen and their daughter, Joy, and son-in-law, Tennessee Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr., found him alert and cheerful when they were first allowed to see him on Wednesday, September 3. The next day, however, Dirksen complained of pain and became confused and restless, perhaps the result of a minor stroke, insufficient oxygen, or even withdrawal symptoms from cigarettes (Dirksen complained to his doctors and his son-in-law about not being able to smoke). A second procedure became necessary to replace the tube draining his lung.

Senator Dirksen suffered a crisis that evening, and it wasn't until 8:00 Saturday morning, September 6, that his doctors stabilized him. This episode probably caused the bronchopneumonia that soon developed. He rallied, though, even sitting up in bed to eat his meals. He spent a restful night and ate a good breakfast with Louella. He appeared to be past the immediate crisis of a post-operation heart failure and was already making plans to resume a work schedule. He even took a few minutes to go over the papers in his briefcase. For example, a Seattle radio station had requested a tape about the marigold to which Dirksen replied with this hand-written note:

Dear Day—Just now I'm languishing in a hospital as a result of surgery. An op'g [operating] room no match for my marigold gardens. Guess the tape must wait. Sorry.

The doctors assured Senator Baker that Dirksen was well on the road to recovery and that Baker could travel to California to join President Richard Nixon. The optimism proved premature.

Abruptly at 2:51 that afternoon, Sunday, September 7, Dirksen collapsed and stopped breathing. His heart, which had enlarged

over the years to twice-normal size as the result of emphysema, just quit. The desk sergeant at the Forest Glen section of the hospital, Roger Brooks, received an urgent call from the main hospital summoning a surgeon. Brooks took a police cruiser to pick up a Col. Blake for the trip to Dirksen's room. Army doctors were already at his side, massaging his chest, trying to restart his heart. They gave him sodium bicarbonate, calcium, and other medicines. They used a defibrillator to try to shock his heart into action. The doctors worked so vigorously that they cracked five of his ribs. But Dirksen did not respond. At 4:52 p.m., the doctors pronounced him dead at age 73. Louella and Joy were with him at the end. Fifty years ago.

Mourning for the Senator was national and of a personal quality, particularly among his colleagues in Congress and his friends in Pekin. His body lay in state under the great dome of the Capitol, an honor accorded to only three members of the Senate before him.

In his eulogy to the fallen leader, President Nixon recalled remarks Daniel Webster had made more than a century before in testimony to a political opponent: "Our great men are the common property of the country." That described Dirksen well. His public service spanned an era of enormous change, and he played a vital part in that change. Through six presidencies, as Nixon put it, "Everett Dirksen has had a hand in shaping almost every important law that affects our lives," and while he never became president, "his impact and influence on the Nation was greater than that of most Presidents in our history."

Air Force One brought Dirksen home on Thursday, September 11. Pekin deserves much of the credit for Dirksen's influence on the national stage. The senator knew that, and he said so on a return visit to his hometown in 1961:

After long absences enforced by the duties of office in Washington, there always comes back to me some lines from that poem which I learned long ago, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land." This is my own, my native land, my native city, where the family taproot went deep many generations ago, and it will ever be so, no matter what tasks life may assign me. All the major decisions in my life have been made here . . .

The inspiration which I received here from a saintly mother, a devoted family, steadfast friends, the constant faith of teachers who taught me, the inspiration I found here in church, and the atmosphere of a quiet and will ordered community were the forces which helped to fashion those decisions, and for these I shall be always and eternally grateful . . .

An estimated 80,000 people watched the funeral procession proceed the 15 miles from the Peoria airport, south on Route 24, through Pekin on Route 9, to the Glendale Memorial Gardens on the east side of town where more than 6,000 stood in waiting. Among the dignitaries accompanying the procession were Vice President Spiro Agnew, five members of President Nixon's cabinet, 42 U.S. senators, and 27 U.S. representatives. Dozens of state officials joined them, as did over 200 members of the press.

The 1:00 p.m. ceremony itself was brief, lasting only 15 minutes. Six pallbearers, representing the armed forces, carried the casket to the gravesite. The Rev. Edward L.R. Elson, chaplain of the Senate and pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, conducted the service. The Rev. Ralph Cordes, pastor of Pekin's Second Reformed Church, and the Rev. Charles

Rechard, pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church in New Orleans and a friend of the Baker family, also delivered prayers. Members of the Pekin American Legion post color guard participated in the ceremony, too, along with the honor guard and the Chanute Air Force band. Lt. Gen. Vernon P. Mock, commanding general of the Fifth Army, presented the American flag, which had been draped over the casket, to Mrs. Dirksen.

When the ceremony ended, mourners passed by the casket. One of the first was Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, who placed a spray of marigolds, Dirksen's favorite flower, on the casket. The two of them had enjoyed a friendly rivalry over the years to name the national floral emblem—she a proponent of the rose.

The Rev. Elson had ended his eulogy fittingly with these words, "The last march has ended. A mighty man of God has answered his last roll call. His battles are all fought, his victories all won."

#### IN HONOR OF DISTINGUISHED WWII VETERAN JOHN GATTI

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Rock Springs resident, and distinguished WWII veteran, John Gatti on his 100th birthday.

Born August 29, 1919, John has served his country with honor in WWII as a member of the 325th Glider Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. When he returned to Wyoming after the war, he worked as miner for Union Pacific Coal, and then went on to work for Mountain Fuel Supply Company for twenty-eight years. As he prepares to turn 100, John is still the avid hunter and fisherman he has been his whole life. Loved by his family, and revered by his community, John represents the very best that our country has to offer.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to John Gatti on celebrating his 100th birthday and a heartfelt thank you for his service to our country.

#### CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY FOR WINNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S WATER QUALITY CHALLENGE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County for winning the Water Quality Challenge put on by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The League of Women Voters won this challenge by showing how an edge-of-field sensor system could support farmers in reducing nitrogen loss from their fields.

The League of Women Voters worked to combat one of the most challenging water quality problems in our nation. In doing so, they identified creative ways to use low-cost



tools to understand our resources and better advise nutrient management decisions. The installed sensors provide real-time data to best inform and guide farm-scale management decisions. They showed innovation, passion, and a drive to help our environment. Participation in this challenge strengthened the connections between scientists, advocates, and farmers in Jo Daviess County and Northwest Illinois. The prize will be used to continue to build a model of cooperative problem-solving and improve water quality in the Driftless Area of Northwest Illinois.

It is because of community leaders such as the League of Women Voters of Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Illinois Leagues of Women Voters on their initiative in the Water Quality Challenge put on by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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RECOGNIZING DOROTHY LOUISE  
STRONG JOHNSON

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Dorothy Louise Strong Johnson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Dorothy Louise Strong Johnson, daughter of Willie M. Strong and Mary Lucilla Smith

Strong, moved to the District of Columbia from North Carolina on July 15, 1937. Her parents put her on a Seaboard Air Line Railroad coach bound for Union Station to live with her Aunt, Nora Roxanne, on 32 K Street NW.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Newport News, Virginia but spent her childhood in Hamlet, North Carolina. In school, she was known as an inquisitive student and an active member of the girls' basketball team. During her last year of high school, Mrs. Johnson was unable to return to school until November. Instead, she picked cotton and did other jobs so that she could save money. Not only did she pick cotton in the Hamlet area, she picked cotton as far away as Bennettsville and McColl in South Carolina.

After moving to D.C., Mrs. Johnson worked for the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving from 1942 until 1974. She retired as an assistant supervisor printing money for the Department of the Treasury. During her tenure, she also served as an acting supervisor.

Mrs. Johnson married Ivory Johnson, and they had eight children (Dorothy, Gwendolyn, Reginald, Wanda, William, Dora, Wesley and Sheldon). She raised them mostly as a single parent. All of her children finished high school, some attended and completed college, three served in the United States Army and all were employed in civil service occupations. During Mrs. Johnson's residency in D.C., she maintained homes in Northwest, Northeast and Southeast. She is still the owner of two of these homes.

When Mrs. Johnson arrived in D.C., her aunt introduced her to the members of the 10th Street Missionary Baptist Church. After worshipping with this congregation, Mrs. Johnson joined and became an active member. Her activism includes being a member of the Prayer Band, serving as a Sunday School teacher, engaging with others in Bible study at her home and serving as an outreach evangelist. She engaged with others in the North Carolina Club, and in later years, was named a Mother of the Church. Upon the death of the church's pastor, she served as the vice chairman of the search committee, which invited the Reverend A. Michael Charles Durant to the pulpit as its present leader. Mrs. Johnson is highly respected for her Christian walk and passion. She remains supportive of the ministries at the 10th Street Missionary Baptist Church.

For many decades, Mrs. Johnson volunteered at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center every Monday. As a mother of three veterans, she was fully aware of the needs of these men and women. When she was not serving coffee, she could be found engaged in conversation. In her words, "They just needed someone to talk with and know that someone cared."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Dorothy Louise Strong Johnson on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We recognize her for the profound impact her life has had on others and for the love and affection she generously shares.