

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHICKEN OF THE SEA'S LYONS FACILITY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the important work of Chicken of the Sea International and its investment in Georgia's 12th Congressional District.

Ten years ago, we received exciting news that our nation's leading seafood provider was returning its tuna canning operations to the United States. Specifically, we learned it was opening its first domestic operations in Lyons, Georgia.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Lyons facility and learn more about how their operations have expanded over the last decade. Chicken of the Sea has invested millions in state-of-the-art technology and helped to train our next generation of skilled workers through their apprenticeship program, creating more jobs and promoting economic opportunity throughout Toombs County.

I thank Chicken of the Sea for its continued investment in the community, and I congratulate the Lyons facility on a successful 10 years of serving quality seafood to Americans all across the country.

IN MEMORY OF T. BOONE PICKENS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, the nation lost a great man, with the passing of T. Boone Pickens.

He was down to Earth and comfortable in his own skin, no matter where he was; whether in a board room making corporate decisions or out in the public meeting people. He was plain-spoken and right to the point. He was willing to put his reputation and money behind finding solutions for energy independence and addressing climate change.

I first got to know T. Boone Pickens over 10 years ago when I was on the Select Committee for Energy Independence and Global Warming. We invited him to Connecticut to speak with engineers at United Technologies, and experts at Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Eversource, and FuelCell Energy. But he was also just as at home in East Hartford, CT talking with people at Augie & Ray's. T. Boone Pickens had a very facile mind. His philosophy could be summed up by saying that when it comes to energy and technology solutions, and hands-on application of what we need to be energy independent and solve climate change, we need to be open to not just one solution, but all of the above.

Working with T. Boone Pickens was one of the great honors of my career. Not only will

we miss the man, but we'll miss the vitality of his ideas, his wit, his humor, and his perspective on life.

THE MODERN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES TAKES SHAPE AOG HISTORY PART III (1946-1995) SECTION A

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD section A of the third installment of an article by Keith J. Hamel honoring the 150th Anniversary of the West Point Association of Graduates:

"For the first 30 or so years of its existence (1869-1900), the Association of the Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy barely resembled the WPAOG that West Point graduates know today. Back then, its mission was '... to cherish the memories of our Alma Mater, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates;' its activities consisted of an annual meeting and the publishing of an annual report (dominated by a 'Necrology' section of obituaries for those graduates who died the previous year); and its finances primarily relied on an estate gift from George Cullum, Class of 1833, who bequeathed \$250,000 to build the Memorial Hall that bears his name and left \$10,000 to fund 'the current and necessary expenses' of the nascent Association. In its second stage of existence (1901-45), changes to AOG's mission, governance, and operations signaled its desire to become more like a contemporary alumni association. Some of the initiatives from that era included 'Alumni Day,' featuring a wreath-laying ceremony at Thayer Statue that is still practiced nearly 100 years later; the 'Stained Glass Windows' project, a precursor to Class Giving, where classes purchased windows in the Cadet Chapel (with some classes also purchasing a panel for a class that graduated 100 years earlier which had no living members); and the introduction of ASSEMBLY magazine, which replaced the Annual Report with a quarterly publication chronicling news involving West Point cadets, faculty, and alumni. The third part of WPAOG's history (1946-95) begins with the founding of the West Point Alumni Foundation and continues through the opening of Herbert Alumni Center, the current home of the West Point Association of Graduates, the modern alumni association with which all graduates are familiar today.

WEST POINT ALUMNI FOUNDATION

The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc. (WPAF) was founded on December 26, 1945 by trustees of the much older Association of Graduates. In the years immediately preceding WPAF's founding, the financial condition of AOG was dangerously close to running in the red. Other than the annual yield from an \$100,000 endowment, AOG's only income source was the one-time \$15 initiation fee it charged for membership, which included a lifetime subscription to the recently launched ASSEMBLY magazine

(April 1942). Unfortunately, printing and mailing costs had escalated to such an extent during World War II that it was impossible to continue issuing ASSEMBLY on the support of membership fees alone. Looking at ways to increase revenues for the organization and save its new alumni magazine, the AOG Board of Trustees considered publishing a "Register of Graduates" similar to the one the U.S. Naval Academy's graduate association had been publishing since the mid-1930s. Not only would it raise funds through subscriptions, this new annual Register (different than the decennially published Biographical Register that Cullum had started in 1868 and that AOG had continued through Volume IX [1940-50]) would generate revenue from advertisements in the new publication. As AOG President Robert M. Danford, Class of 1904, noted in his letter for the July 1946 issue of ASSEMBLY, "The publication of this Register, if we may judge by that of the Naval Academy, should give us an additional, material, and much needed source of revenue for the Association." There was, however, one rather larger sticking point to the AOG's plan.

At this point in time, AOG's Secretary and Treasurer (who was also the Editor of ASSEMBLY) was an active duty officer who also served in the Office of the Superintendent as the Academy's Alumni Secretary. According to the provisions of the annual Army appropriations bill, "No appropriation for the pay of the Army shall be available for the pay of any officer or enlisted on the active list of the Army who is engaged in any manner with any publication ... which carries paid advertising of firms doing business with the War Department." AOG was, in essence, a quasi-government staff section of USMA, and, as long as AOG had an active duty officer on its staff, it was prohibited from soliciting advertisers for its publications.

To solve this dilemma, Danford and Chauncey Fenton, also from the Class of 1904, who were members of the AOG Board of Trustees, pushed for the formation of a separate corporation, that became the West Point Alumni Foundation (WPAF), which was to be operated entirely by persons not on the active list of the Army. According to Michael Krisman, WPAF's last Executive Manager, the purpose of WPAF was multi-fold: "To acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the United States Military Academy, and its place in the National Defense organization of the United States; to acquire, preserve, and disseminate historical materials relating to it and the Armed Forces of the Nation; to encourage and foster the study of military and naval science; to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge among worthy [youths] in preparation for entrance to West Point or other military or naval schools; to receive, provide, and maintain funds and apply the income therefrom in furtherance of these purposes."

WPAF was first established as a Maryland corporation, but on August 6, 1946, New York authorized its request to do business in the state as a foreign corporation—with a governing board of nine officers and directors, no membership other than its Board, a paid staff of civilians and retired military, and a

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headquarters in New York City (with a satellite office in Cullum Hall). The first Register, with Danford as its editor, was published shortly thereafter. It contained short biographical briefs of 16,161 graduates and listed 7,847 former cadets. It also contained well over 100 advertisements, everything from full-page spreads by Curtiss-Wright Corporation and Coca-Cola to one-eighth-page, classified-type ads by Mall Portable Power Tools and The Loesch & Green Construction Company. What's more, in the "Acknowledgements" section of the inaugural Register, the officers and directors of WPAF recognized, "with grateful appreciation," all the advertisers who published in the Register and "urged[d] their patronage upon our subscribers." The 1946 Register also placed a half-page, in-house ad on page 338 that said, "The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., wishes to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the advertisers in this, the 1946 Register of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, for their part in making possible the production of this volume."

WPAF was evidently staking its fortunes, and those of AOG, on advertising, now and in the future. According to a report in the January 18, 1946 edition of ASSEMBLY, AOG expected that the advertising included in the Register would provide "a greatly desired and needed source of revenue," and, in that first year, funds received through WPAF increased AOG's income sheet \$5,807.64, nearly a 40 percent rise from 1946's number. Yet, despite this apparent surge in revenue, the continually rising costs of paper, printing, labor and shipping threatened the solvency of the Association and forced the AOG Board of Trustees to end the lifetime membership benefit and to institute subscription rates for ASSEMBLY, starting with the October 1947 issue. Even with this move, the balance sheet was still bleak. In July 1948, Fenton, now AOG President, remarked, "A subscription for both ASSEMBLY and the Register at \$3 gives the Association a profit of 74 cents; a subscription to ASSEMBLY alone at \$1.50 gives a deficit of 46 cents."

TAX-EXEMPT DONATIONS

Help came from an unexpected source: the Internal Revenue Service. In a letter dated December 1, 1948, the Commissioner of the IRS granted tax-exempt status to the Association, confirming that gifts to AOG for operational purposes could now be deducted from the income tax of the donor. Interestingly, it was WPAF's purpose statement, which AOG later adopted in modified form at its June 1949 annual meeting, that allowed AOG to receive its IRS privilege. AOG's new mission now stated, "The objects of the Association shall be to acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the United States Military Academy; to acquire, and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy [youths]." Not being religious, charitable, or scientific, AOG needed to alter the Association's purpose to emphasize the "acquiring and disseminating information on USMA" to ensure tax-exempt status as an "educational society."

Just one month after receiving its good news, AOG put out an appeal in the January 1949 issue of ASSEMBLY with an article titled "All West Pointers, Attention!" asking graduates for financial assistance, claiming that the "war classes have greatly increased the size of the Association, new activities have been undertaken, and the cost of labor and materials and everything else has skyrocketed." The second paragraph of that appeal reads, "Contributions, gifts and be-

quests to the Association of Graduates are now tax-deductible under the Federal Income Tax, Gift Tax, and Estate Tax laws." According to the article, greater income was needed for "Expansion in office facilities, equipment and number of personnel for the office of the Association at West Point." While the primary focus was AOG, the article ended by noting that, ultimately, "Your gifts . . . will be of great benefit to West Point." This last point was reinforced in a January 1950 letter by Fenton, written from his role as Chairman of the Association's Fund Raising [sic] Committee, in which he explained AOG's needs but also stated that giving to the Association provides "an opportunity to invest in our Alma Mater."

Granted, AOG already benefited the Academy by maintaining graduate records for USMA's reference, by providing information to local West Point Societies about USMA activities so that it could recruit prospective cadets through graduates, and by recent initiatives such as the Thayer Award (first given in March 1958), but could the '49 fundraising appeal unconsciously have been suggesting something more? Major General Garrison "Gar" Davidson '27, the 44th West Point Superintendent, seemed to think so and envisioned a future in which AOG could directly assist West Point financially. In a speech before West Point Society members on September 26, 1958, Davidson said, "There are quite a few facilities that are necessary at the Military Academy for which it is probable that appropriated funds will not be available in the foreseeable future." Earlier, he had asked the AOG Board of Trustees to hire a Kansas City survey firm to conduct a fundraising campaign feasibility study. The Fall 1958 issue of ASSEMBLY briefly references the survey stating, "At press time there was little information available except the fact that generally the alumni strongly favor such a campaign." Indeed, the firm later recommended that West Point, through AOG, conduct a 19-month, \$3 million campaign for facilities at the Academy. Yet, Anthony McAuliffe, Class of 1919, President of the Association, rejected the proposal, fearing that such a fundraising effort would put AOG's relatively recent tax-exempt status in jeopardy.

WEST POINT SUPERINTENDENT'S FUND

Davidson's successor, Major General William C. Westmoreland '36, also saw opportunities in asking graduates to financially support the Academy, but instead of approaching AOG he turned to WPAF as the organization best able to assist him. After all, the last sentence of WPAF's mission statement read, ". . . to receive, provide, and maintain funds and apply the income therefrom in furtherance of [the United States Military Academy]." In the spring of 1961, shortly before June Week, a group of senior graduates, headed by Lucius D. Clay, Class of 1918 June, and George Olmsted '22, met in New York City to hear from Westmoreland what special needs the Military Academy had that could not be met from appropriated or other fund sources.

The result of this meeting was the establishment of the West Point Superintendent's Fund. During the formative stages of the Fund, Westmoreland visited Congress and discussed the proposed endowment with leaders of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, who reacted positively to the idea of soliciting private donations for what Westmoreland called, "nice-to-have facilities for the Academy and for use by the Corps of Cadets," later defined by Major General James B. Lampert '36, West Point's 46th Superintendent, as "worthwhile projects which have a direct bearing on cadet welfare." In a WPAF brochure outlining the

goals of the Fund and addressing questions raised by graduates, Clay wrote the following: "Today, the alumni of other schools and colleges, including state-supported schools, give heavily and gladly to their schools and in doing so become more deeply interested than ever . . . Become a part of West Point's development and future."

General Robert E. Wood, Class of 1900, one of four "Honorary Advisors" of the West Point Superintendent's Fund Committee (along with Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903; Dwight Eisenhower, and Omar Bradley, both Class of 1915) made the initial contribution to the Fund. After one year, the Fund raised nearly \$100,000 toward its \$1 million goal from 92 graduate donors, 29 of whom gave more than \$1,000. According to the minutes of AOG's 93rd Annual Meeting, some of this early money went to install a ski lift, to partially pay for work being done on the First Class Club (the old Ordnance Compound), to improve the echo division of the Cadet Chapel organ, and to meet the expenses of three cadets who were selected to take part in Operations Crossroads-Africa (a practice that continues today in the form of AIADs). Clay, Chairman of the Fund Committee, publicly suggested that graduates give an annual contribution of one dollar for every year since their graduation. True to form, at a birthday party celebrating his 102nd birthday in the spring of 1962, Henry Hodges Jr., Class of 1881, West Point's oldest living graduate, presented Charles N. Branham '22, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund, with a gift of \$81, while Lieutenant John F. McLaughlin '61, the Long Gray Line's youngest graduate, gave \$1.

Early publicity for the West Point Superintendent's Fund went to great lengths to establish that this new fund should be viewed as separate from AOG's annual request. "The Association of Graduates is alumni-oriented and its fund-raising [sic] efforts are generally directed toward awards and other alumni activities in the fields of education and history," stated an article in the Summer 1961 issue of ASSEMBLY. Nine months earlier, in the Fall 1961 issue, Westmoreland addressed the matter in his regular Superintendent's letter, writing, "The Superintendent's Fund, on the other hand, provides a development fund which, through its listing of specific additional educational and extracurricular projects, will stimulate interest, guide donors into giving for useful purposes, provide an organized approach to such giving, and thus encourage contributions." Coincidentally, just as the Superintendent's Fund was being established, AOG received the sum of \$1 million from the will of Agnes Pierce, widow of Palmer Pierce, Class of 1891, who served as AOG Treasurer (1905-07), President (1931-34), and Trustee (1938 until his death in 1940). Listed in AOG financial report as the "Palmer E. Pierce Memorial Fund," the terms of the gift simply stated that "the Trustees of the Association shall in due course establish a suitable memorial in memory of my late husband. . . ." With no restrictions on the gift, AOG invested the money in U.S. Treasury bills, earning \$18,479 in interest in the first year, and eventually used it to build the semi-circular dining room extension of the West Point Club. In 1962, another graduate, Gilbert Youngberg, Class of 1900, left \$50,000 for AOG in his will, which the Association also deposited in its Endowment Fund.

By the mid-1960s, both AOG and WPAF were humming along, each doing what it did best. According to the report "Two Decades of Change," written in 1992 by AOG's first Executive Vice President, Robert Lamb Jr. '46, "WPAF, acting through its fundraising committee, annually conducted a relatively low-key private fundraising program for the

Academy (which was renamed "The West Point Fund" in 1969) and served as the publisher of two alumni publications (ASSEMBLY and the Register of Graduates), while AOG conducted alumni events (such as class reunions), operated a catalogue gift shop, maintained historical and biographical records on graduates, solicited funds for its annual appeal (supplemental AOG operating funds), and exercised editorial responsibility for ASSEMBLY." While separate entities, the relationship between AOG and WPAF was actually synergistic: AOG represented the graduates from which most of the funds raised WPAF came, and WPAF solicited advertising for AOG's publications, which the Association could not do given the active duty officer serving as its Secretary-Treasurer."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my votes on the following dates, September 9 through 12, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" roll call no. 515; "yea" roll call no. 516; "yea" roll call no. 517; "yea" roll call no. 518; "yea" roll call no. 519; "nay" roll call no. 520; "yea" roll call no. 521; "nay" roll call no. 522; "nay" roll call no. 523; "yea" roll call no. 524; "yea" roll call no. 525; "nay" roll call no. 526; "nay" roll call no. 527; "nay" roll call no. 528; "nay" roll call no. 529; and "yea" roll call no. 530.

TRIBUTE TO CURTIS CREEL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Curtis Creel, the General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), whose steady hand helped guide our community and agricultural producers through some of the worst years of drought that Kern County and California experienced in recent history.

Curtis was born in Lakeview, Oregon, but has spent most of his life in California. A graduate of California State University, Humboldt, in 1986, Curtis quickly found a position in California's Department of Water Resources (DWR), and eventually rose to the position of Chief of the State Water Project (SWP) Operation and Planning Branch. In March of 2005, Curtis was hired as the Water Resources Manager for the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The KCWA contracts about 25% of the water on the SWP system, which supports some of the most fertile and productive agricultural lands in the United States.

Promoted to KCWA General Manager in 2016, Curtis recognized the strategic importance of planning for the long-term needs of our community. During negotiations on the California water-related provisions of the Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016, Curtis' advice and counsel was invaluable. This bipartisan law

provides increased flexibility to move water from northern California to the Central Valley and southern California to meet our communities' needs, while protecting fish and the environment. He has also played a critical role in increasing water supply reliability for our region through his support of new surface water storage projects and enlarging existing reservoirs. In addition, Curtis has served on the Board of Directors of the State Water Contractors Association, including as president.

Most recently, Curtis played a major role in advocating for our community as various federal and state agencies work to update the regulations that govern water exports from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. His ability to draw on his more than 14 years of experience as a champion for the SWP at the KCWA, combined with his technical expertise from his time at DWR, has been crucial during this initiative. In California, they say that "whiskey is for drinking, and water is for fighting over." I have always been impressed by Curtis' steady hand, his soft-spoken nature, and his continual focus on results, even when things get heated. In his office, there is a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt prominently displayed that says, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at the work worth doing." Curtis loved working in water management and it was critical work worth doing.

Although bittersweet to see Curtis leave, I know that Curtis is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Traci, his son Michael, and his daughter Courtney and her husband Joshua. Curtis can rest assured that the planning and work he has done will continue to put the KCWA, farmers, and our community in the Central Valley of California in the best position possible. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I want to thank Curtis for his dedication over the last decade as he helped lead our community through crippling drought and fought for commonsense reforms to federal and state regulations to ensure our community received the life-sustaining water it needs to thrive.

RECOGNIZING THE UNVEILING OF THE POW-MIA MONUMENT IN WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the unveiling of the POW-MIA monument in Waterloo, Illinois this weekend. Waterloo was named an official "POW-MIA" city earlier this year by the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum.

With National POW-MIA Day occurring this weekend, it is important to remember the 82,000 men and women who served our country and did not come home. This new monument honors the bravery and sacrifice of these American patriots and ensures that those who have not been accounted for remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this momentous occasion for the people of Waterloo and the American heroes they honor.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF BOBBY AND RUTH WOOD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Bobby and Ruth Wood from the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home.

After 50 years of service to the residents of southwest Missouri, Bobby and Ruth Wood, owners of the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home in Springfield, Missouri, have decided to retire. The Wood's established Walnut Lawn Funeral Home in 1989 and over the years have earned their trademark "tender moments-tender care."

The Wood's have a long and respected history in the funeral industry. Bobby Wood started his career as a teenager, working in different roles at a local funeral home. Bobby then attended the Gupton-Jones Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, Texas, becoming a first-generation licensed funeral director and embalmer. In 1960, Bobby met his wife Ruth who is a registered nurse and a graduate of St. John's School of Nursing.

Bobby and Ruth live by their trademark "tender moments-tender care." Along with being licensed funeral directors, both are pre-nec counselors and know how to tend to the needs of those in their community. They know how to give members of the community the care they need in order to make them feel comfortable in their most difficult moments. While the Wood's are leaving their business in good hands with their daughter, there is no doubt that Bobby and Ruth will be missed.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that the Wood's care for their community deeply and have put in their years serving the residents of southwest Missouri. I wish Bobby and Ruth a long and happy retirement. It is well deserved and well earned.

COMMEMORATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK WITH THE CORPUS CHRISTI DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), like the DAR Corpus Christi Chapter I represent, we pause every year from September 17 to September 23 to celebrate Constitution Week.

In 1765, James Wilson stated, "Without liberty, law loses its nature and its name, and becomes oppression. Without law, liberty also loses its nature and its name, and becomes licentiousness." The Constitution enshrined the timeless yet precious principles of limited government and protection of God-given liberties. It not only established a nation, but it became the foundation of a self-governing, free-people.

The United States Constitution remains as a testament and beacon of hope to those that do not share our freedom. One hundred and

sixteen congresses and forty-five presidents later—through many challenges, our Constitution has withstood the test of time. We must continue to guard these blessings earnestly and never take them for granted.

This is precisely the mission of the DAR Corpus Christi Chapter. Since its conception in 1927, the DAR Corpus Christi Chapter has promoted citizen education and the preservation of American history. They have worked to connect the past with the present by digitizing genealogical records and helping others identify their patriot ancestors for the betterment and education for our children. I know our community joins me in thanking DAR Corpus Christi Chapter, for their volunteer efforts to preserve American history, promote patriotism, and secure the values of our Constitution.

I ask my colleagues to join me, and the Corpus Christi Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, in observing Constitution Week, and the God-given, blessings of liberty it established.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF
THE OFFICERS AND THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WHO HAVE REACHED 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND
THE RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE
EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD
AND THE OFFICERS' AND INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S TEAM
PLAYER AWARD

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member RODNEY DAVIS and I wish to recognize today a special group of dedicated and exceptional employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, and congratulate those who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award and the Officers' and Inspector General's Team Player Award.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping the operations and services of the House running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are distinguished by their hard work, dedication, professionalism, and teamwork; support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their daily contributions to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, possess an extensive range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to more efficient and productive House support operations. These devoted employees have accomplished many important things across a diverse range of activities, and the House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, the employees listed below represent 200 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Teresa Austin, Office of the Clerk; Donald Berger, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Susan Cole, Office of the Clerk; Andrew Elias, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Joe Novotny, Office of the Clerk; Melissa Oulahyane, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Thames, Office of the Sergeant at Arms; Kenneth Wenzel, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate the House employees receiving the House Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each of the House Officers' and Inspector General's organizations. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of their job for their organization throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award.

Jyothi Katikanani, Office of the Clerk; Susan Kozubski, Office of Inspector General; Ryan Moran, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Brandon Spriggs, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

And finally, we recognize and congratulate the House employees being presented the Team Player Award. This award recognizes the value the House Officers and Inspector General place on working collaboratively across all House organizations to strengthen and protect the institution of the U.S. House of Representatives. On a rotating basis, the Officers and Inspector General take turns nominating a member of another organization's staff who has exhibited the characteristics of a Team Player. These awardees have demonstrated a collaborative attitude, commitment to achieving team objectives, respect and support of their teammates, and dedication to the betterment of House operations. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this distinguished award.

Omar Awan, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin McCumber, Office of the Clerk; Saad Patel, Office of Inspector General; Emily Scanlon, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

On behalf of the entire House community, I want to once again congratulate, acknowledge, and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officer, the Inspector General, and collaboratively across these organizations. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service and dedication to the House set an example for their colleagues and raises the bar for the employees who will follow in their footsteps. I applaud all our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and our great nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on September 17, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 531. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: "nay" on Roll Call Vote 531.

INTRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT
MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING
DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2019

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act. I want to thank Congressmen LEE M. ZELDIN (R-NY) and GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, Jr. (D-CA) for their support as original cosponsors.

Our bipartisan legislation would require airlines to disclose the maintenance history for their aircraft fleets, specifically the location and date an aircraft underwent heavy maintenance. Airlines would be required to post this information online, distribute it with tickets, and communicate it to passengers upon request.

Airlines would also be required to report to a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) database that tracks the maintenance history of their aircraft fleets. This public database will also indicate whether maintenance was conducted in the United States or abroad; by FAA-certified mechanics or not; or by airline employees or third-party contractors.

Recent airline incidents raise serious concerns about the increasing trend of maintenance being outsourced, particularly to countries in Central America and Southeast Asia. Foreign outsourcers do not have to be FAA-certified and are not subject to the drug and alcohol testing required in the United States for mechanics. Outsourcing has eliminated thousands of middle-class jobs in the United States and created significant safety concerns for passengers.

Airline passengers have the right to know if planes are serviced by qualified mechanics in the United States, or whether maintenance is outsourced to foreign countries with lower safety standards. Our bipartisan bill prioritizes transparency for passengers and supports the creation of new middle-class jobs in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join us in cosponsoring the Aircraft Maintenance Outsourcing Disclosure Act.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS IN SYRACUSE
AND NEW YORK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the League of

Women Voters in Syracuse and New York on September 19, 2019. For 100 years, the League of Women Voters has successfully engaged and educated millions of women, promoted female participation in government, and advocated for significant public policy change.

Tracing its origins to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York was created after New York State gave women the right to vote in 1917. Since its founding, the League has operated as a non-partisan organization, dedicated to educating and empowering women voters. In the spirit of this mission, the League of Women Voters today puts out periodic legislative newsletters to inform members on major public policy issues. Additionally, the League of Women Voters works to improve female participation in elections by hosting voter registration events and Get-Out-The Vote drives.

Along with improving civic education and participation in government, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York undertakes advocacy efforts at the national, state, and local levels. As part of a national effort, the League's first historic legislative success came with the passage of the Sheppard-Tower Act, which provided federal aid to maternal and child programs. Later, the League advocated for the Social Security and Food and Drugs Act, which passed in 1938 to remove hundreds of federal jobs from the spoils system and place them under the Civil Service. Most notably, they also lead efforts to form the United Nations and encourage American participation in the organization. In recognition of the League of Women Voters' contributions to help create the United Nations, it became the first American organization to receive a United Nations designation as a non-governmental organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York. Since its formation, the League has made great contributions to empower women voters and has played a significant role in positively shaping public policy in our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELAL FARHAT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helal Farhat on his appointment to the Wayne County Third Circuit Bench.

Since receiving his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 2002, Farhat has been an active member of the legal community. For the past 16 years, Farhat served as the principal attorney at Farhat & Associates, a firm he established that specializes in commercial and business litigation, criminal law, family law, and immigration, and formerly served as partner at Salamey & Farhat. In addition to his work as an attorney, Farhat served as a magistrate judge on the 19th District Court in Dearborn. He held this position

from 2009 to 2012, and then again from 2016 until his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court by Governor Whitmer on March 28, 2019.

Helal Farhat has established himself as a pillar of the Dearborn community, earning his impeccable reputation amongst his peers, the legal community at large, and the judiciary through his accomplished legal background. Aside from serving southeast Michigan in a professional capacity, Farhat also dedicates a significant amount of time to charity work and involvement with advocacy organizations. Notably, Farhat is the President of the Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering Michigan families by supporting their social, health, educational, and economic well-being. Throughout all his work, Farhat displays an overwhelming commitment to protecting the fundamental rights of all Americans, and his efforts have received widespread acclaim, evidenced through his designation as a Super Lawyer and President of the Dearborn Bar Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Helal Farhat for his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court. His legal expertise, character, and public service experience will make him an excellent judge who will dutifully serve the people of Michigan.

HONORING CWD CHUCKY AND CWD MAKO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of two of our country's Military heroes, Contract Working Dogs Chucky and Mako, who are being honored for their service with a celebration hosted by Mission K9 Rescue and its founders: Kristen Maurer, Louise Kastner and Bob Bryant. This special event has been underwritten by former magazine publisher and charity organizer, Mindi Rudan and attorney Debra Rochlin.

Both CWD Chucky and CWD Mako are retired explosive detonation dogs who served our country with honor and saved countless lives throughout their service. Around the world, our military is dependent on the valuable, selfless, and heroic contributions of our highly trained working dogs. These dogs faithfully serve right alongside our service men and women and, after a lifetime of service, many never make it home to spend their senior years knowing the safety and love they so deserve after giving so much.

Winner of Petco Foundation's "Helping Heroes" Award and ASPCA's Henry Bergh Founders Award in 2017, Mission K9 Rescue is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to rescue retiring and retired Military Working Dogs, Contract Working Dogs and other Dogs who've given so much to our country. Mission K9 Rescue provides money, transportation, adoption, veterinary care and professional assistance for these retired hero dogs. In addition, Mission K9 Rescue helps rehome them and whenever possible reunite them with their military handlers, many who

owe their own lives to these dogs and want to provide that love and home.

Once again, I would like to recognize our military heroes CWD Chucky and CWD Mako for their service, Mission K9 Rescue for their unbelievable service to our often forgotten servicemembers, and to Mindi Rudan and Debra Rochlin for their support of this event. May they go from strength to strength.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 527, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 528, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 3 as modified 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 529, On the Motion to Re-commit with Instructions for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 530, On final passage for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "nay."

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM McVEY

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William McVey of Jackson, Michigan as he is posthumously presented the Bronze Star Medal.

McVey, and his entire M4A1 Sherman tank crew, are receiving this high honor because of their heroism during World War II.

The crew's story of battling enemy forces outside Cologne, Germany was the subject of the recent book, "Spearhead," by author Adam Makos.

Outgunned by German tanks, and facing harrowing odds, McVey and his band of brothers pushed eastward across Europe after D-Day, gaining critical ground for Allied forces.

Our nation is forever grateful to the Greatest Generation and soldiers like William McVey who fought for freedom around the world. Their actions, which came at great personal cost, changed the course of history.

While William McVey is now gone, may this long overdue Bronze Star serve as a reminder for generations to come of his incredible valor and service to the country he loved.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MITCHELL S. DRUCKER, U.S. ARMY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mitchell S. Drucker, a resident of Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, on his upcoming retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Drucker currently serves the United States Army War College in coordinating Army Heritage Education Center (AHEC) Operations. He entered the United States Army in 1995 and served in numerous assignments and deployments across his distinguished career.

In October 1995, LTC Drucker joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and became a commissioned officer two years later. In August 2002, LTC Drucker deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, serving as a Battle Captain in the S-3 section and as the Liaison Officer for two joint contingent operations. After receiving his Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT) in May 2007, LTC Drucker deployed as the Commander of HHT to Sinai, Egypt in support of the Multinational Forces and Observers mission. He successfully redeployed to the United States to begin preparations for the next deployment.

His numerous commendations and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medals, and others, are a testament to his steadfast courage, personal integrity, tireless work ethic and impeccable character. His enduring legacy of service to our Nation truly is exceptional and sets a standard for all to follow; he has left a lasting impact on all of those he has trained.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my fellow brother-in-arms, Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell S. Drucker, upon his retirement and for his tireless service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING RLS AWARENESS DAY

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of patients from across the country suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome, to raise awareness of this severely misunderstood neurological disease.

RLS is a serious neurological disease that devastates the lives of millions of Americans. An estimated 12 million men, women and children in the U.S. have RLS. Patients with RLS experience an overwhelming, agitating and uncontrollable urge to move their legs, which can only be relieved by moving or walking to abate the sensation. RLS is at its strongest in the

evening and nighttime hours, severely disrupting sleep. Treatment is life-long, and there is no cure.

The sleep loss caused by RLS robs people of the ability to work and live normally and may lead to depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Profound sleep loss also puts people with RLS at risk for hypertension, diabetes, heart attack, stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

I ask my colleagues to join me in working to raise awareness of this devastating disease by recognizing September 23rd as RLS Awareness Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, as I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have vote "nay" on Roll Call No. 531, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, S. 1790, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 532, On Closing Portions of the Conference, S. 1790.

RECOGNIZING STATESVILLE BRICK COMPANY FOR 115 YEARS OF BUSINESS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

Due to the Southeast's unique rivers that produce red clay deposits, North Carolina has long been at the center of the brick making economy. This includes companies like Statesville Brick Company which opened its doors in 1904. As times changed though and the post-World War II building boom began to slow, brick makers began closing shop, and small, local operations transitioned into large, interstate corporations. Statesville Brick Company, however, bucked that trend, and remains at heart the same family-run operation it was over a century ago.

For Statesville Brick Company President and General Manager Michael Foster and Executive Vice President Scott Rankin, the brick business is a generational affair. Scott's grandfather E.R. "Roy" Rankin joined the company in 1916 and oversaw the construction of an early iteration of the firm's plant while Michael's father, H.B. "Bob" Foster joined as a partner in 1969. Today, Statesville Brick Company currently employees over 90 people and their work can be found at some of our nation's most prestigious academic institutions such as Princeton University, Ohio State University, and Davidson College.

Statesville Brick Company's 115 years of business are a source of pride for our region, demonstrating how an operation dedicated to high craftsmanship with deep local roots can succeed and thrive in a changing landscape.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, DC on September 18, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, DC. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 18th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Carl R. Anderson, Mose Arseneau, Abram I. Becker, Frank Belletire, Robert Benjamin, Elwood Blise, John B. Bodoki, David R. Breeze, I.L. Brownlow, Otha L. Brownlow, Terry W. Cable.

Richard A. Campbell, Thomas M. Canale, Robert A. Canchola, Roger W. Cantlin, Thomas A. Chambers, Daniel R. Chiarito, Tony Joe B. Chinsio, Phillip M. Cirullo, James S. Collins, John E. Craig, Joseph DeMarchi, Jr.

James R. DiBiase, Richard Donald Dunlap, Andrew R. Ellicock, Jose Espinosa, Andrew M. Ferreri, Thomas B. Ford, Robert A. Fridrych, Richard Funfsinn, Joseph Gaberik, Richard J. Gatz, Clelia Angelina Ginay.

Esther M. Gleaton, Paul Goldman, Thomas F. Grabowski, Sherwin Greenberg, Richard F. Greenwald, Robert P. Greenwald, Paul R. Hammelman, Richard W. Heurich, Scott J. Horvath, Robert J. Hovorka, Lloyd T. Hubbard.

Ronald J. Hunt, Ronald M. Jones, Allen K. Jongsma, Ronnie Kimbrough, DuWayne Klapper, Harold B. Koenen, Matthew Adam Koswenda, Steven M. Kraslen, Peder Kringstad, Denis F. Krzeminski, Francisco A. LaMarca.

Sheldon C. Latz, Miles G. Leigh, Terry Leigh, Adeline Lence, Dennis P. Lenihan, James P. Lynch, Thomas O. Maguire, Joseph Mallegni, Antonio E. Massa, Richard A. Matkovich, Peter B. Mazzoni.

Joseph A. Moshure, Harry Mullins, Larry Murphy, William Muzyka, Robert J. Nagel, Joel Nederhood, Gary A. Nelson, William H. Niesluchowski, Robert E. Parrott, Thomas M. Peknik, Kenneth G. Periman.

Carl E. Peterson, Anthony Pfeiffer, Jack Primoic, Joseph Pusateri, James E. Rabjohn, Jerome R. Raczak, John Rudowicz, Martin Ruhland, Alphonse Scepurek, Walter T. Schmit, James L. Shohet.

Thomas A. Shumpert, William Norbert Siska, Andrew L. Smith, Anthony R.

Sorrentino, Van C. Stone, John Strauts, Thomas H. Strossner, Edward L. Svadlenka, William Van Loan, Sr., Dennis J. Vodvarka, Richard P. Wherry.

Richard D. Whorton, Ronald Wiertz, Michael A. Wood, Dennis E. Zavesky, William D. Ziegler, Thomas A. Zilla.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on September 17, 2019, I was unable to be present for Roll Call Vote 532, on the Motion to Close Portions of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act Conference.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND OSHANA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest condolences with the family and friends of Raymond Oshana. Ray was a dear friend of mine and my district office team for over two decades, and a prominent leader in the Assyrian community. Ray unexpectedly passed away earlier this week, and my heart breaks for his wife, Nadia, and his children Pierre, Ninos, and Mary, and everyone in the community who feels the weight of his passing, including me. His exuberant personality and generosity touched everyone he met, and anyone who knew Ray was better for it. He will be missed deeply.

Born in Baghdad in 1951, Ray came to the United States as a young man in 1970. Ray's story and contributions exemplify the fact that immigration makes our nation and our communities stronger and better. Shortly after arriving in the United States, Ray started the Assyrian Athletic Club. This club has supported thousands of Assyrian youth since its inception and next year, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary. During this same period, Ray helped found a group called the East Bird Band, helping create an iconic Assyrian Nationalist song, despite the fact that the band members didn't know how to play musical instruments in the beginning.

Ray was an active member of dozens of civic organizations including the Assyrian American Association of Chicago, and he was the Midwest Regional Director for the Assyrian American National Federation at the time of his passing. His name and contributions were known by everyone in the Assyrian community, and my office and I worked closely with him and the community in the 9th Congressional District on many issues and projects.

Ray Oshana had a smile and personality that brightened every room he entered. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I looked forward to each opportunity that he and I had to sit down and talk about our families and what we could do to help Assyrians here in Illinois and back in the Middle

East, where they face many deadly challenges. Ray was a lifelong fighter for and an effective advocate on behalf of his community.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Raymond Oshana for his tireless work. We will miss him.

REMEMBERING UNDERSHERIFF STEPHEN B. McLOUD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a devoted public servant, who passed away on August 29, 2019. For nearly 25 years, Undersheriff McCloud worked in law enforcement, selflessly dedicating his life to service of those in our community and nation.

A lifelong member of the Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud graduated from Weedsport Central High School and from Cayuga Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice. After college, Undersheriff McCloud became the first full-time police officer for the Village of Weedsport. In 1983, Undersheriff McCloud joined the Cayuga County Sheriffs Office, starting as a patrol deputy. From there, Undersheriff McCloud was promoted to investigator in 1991 and again to Undersheriff in 2003. He held this position until retiring in 2006.

Along with Undersheriff McCloud's work in law enforcement, he was also a 35-year member of the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, he served with the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force and as a Cayuga County Fire Investigator.

Following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11th, Undersheriff McCloud bravely traveled to New York City to assist in search and rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Tragically, Undersheriff McCloud developed an illness stemming from his work to aid in the emergency recovery efforts.

Outside of his work in public service, Undersheriff McCloud was a member of the Weedsport Presbyterian Church, a former member of the Brutus Town Board, and owner of Oakland Acres Firewood, a family operated firewood and land management company. Undersheriff McCloud was also an avid outdoorsman, and a loving family man who cared deeply for his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud. A lifelong public servant and beloved member of our Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud will be dearly missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the selfless contributions he has made to our community and country.

HONORING ALISON CUNNINGHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COLUMBUS HOUSE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to join friends, fam-

ily, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered today to celebrate Alison Cunningham as she bids farewell to Columbus House, the organization she has fearlessly and adeptly led for more than two decades.

There is no one reason why an individual becomes homeless and so there is no one solution that will end it. More than three decades ago a group of folks concerned with the plight of the homeless came together and began what has become one of the strongest, most respected advocacy organizations for the homeless in our state. For most of its existence, the mission of Columbus House has been guided by Alison Cunningham, whose unparalleled passion to make a difference is reflected in every success they enjoy. Alison's commitment is nothing short of inspiring and it has encouraged hundreds of supporters to volunteer their time and energy to support this extraordinary organization.

Under Alison's direction, Columbus House has continued to grow and expand to meet the ever-changing needs of our homeless population. Today, the small staff of ninety come from all walks of life—many are former clients themselves which provides them a unique perspective not only from which to provide services, but also to direct the organization's efforts. Columbus House also partners with a variety of local service agencies with the goal of ensuring that all of their clients receive access to every possible opportunity to transition from homelessness. With facilities in New Haven and Middletown and a presence in Waterbury, New Britain and elsewhere, programs and services that range from shelter and meal service to employment, recovery, and case management, Columbus House has touched the lives of hundreds of our most vulnerable citizens. Columbus House is a community effort in every sense of the word, and it is because of the strong leadership and vision that Alison has provided. I have been proud to work with her during my tenure in Congress and consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Over the course of her career, Alison has grown into a respected leader in her field with her expertise often be sought out by neighboring communities as well as elected leaders. In fact, over the last several years, she has been a member of the task force that directed a state-wide change to a successful approach to ending chronic homelessness, which combines providing permanent housing with the necessary social services on site for clients. To say her everyday presence at Columbus House will be missed is an understatement, however, I have no doubt that, though she is pursuing a new opportunity, Alison will remain a staunch and active supporter of Columbus House and the people they serve.

Though I will miss her leadership at Columbus House, I was excited to learn that Alison will be taking on a new and unique role at the Yale Divinity School where she will help guide students there interested in the kind of non-profit work to which she has dedicated her

professional life. Her students will be learning from one of the best and that can only benefit those non-profits that they will eventually lead.

It is my great honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Alison Cunningham for the visionary leadership and tireless advocacy she has brought to Columbus House, the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut. I wish her all the best in this new endeavor and have no doubt that it will be a great success.

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH BICENTENNIAL

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, to celebrate the bicentennial of the Congdon Street Baptist Church. Over the last 200 years, the church has been a pillar of the black community in Providence, serving as a place of worship, education, and fellowship for Providence residents.

From its founding, the church has thrived in the face of adversity. In 1819, under the backdrop of racial segregation and slavery, a small group of residents came together to create a safe space for black members of the Providence community. In 1869, hostile neighbors had the church demolished. Nonetheless, the community rallied together to rebuild the church in 1875, and it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

Over the years, the church has continued to carry out the mission of its founders: supporting civil rights for the black community. In 1968, the church became a sanctuary for black students at Brown University and Pembroke College during the student walkout, and during the 1960s, members of the congregation marched down Cranston Street with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the fight for equal rights.

On its 200th anniversary, we reflect on the Congdon Street Baptist Church's incredible history and wish the church another 200 years of success in connecting community members to their faith and to one another.

CELEBRATING MR. JAMES TURNER'S 85TH BIRTHDAY AND 45 YEARS OF TEACHING AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. James "Coach T" Turner, on his 85th birthday as well as recognize his 45 years of teaching at Liberty High School.

Mr. Turner was born and raised in Liberty, Texas. Upon graduating from West Liberty High School in 1954, he was named valedictorian and subsequently received a full scholarship to Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. After earning his master's degree from Texas Southern University, he traveled back to his hometown where he began

teaching and coaching at West Liberty High School. During his time there, he was named Liberty ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year once and Liberty High School Teacher of the Year nine times. While instructing students, he coached the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) high school team for math, calculator, and number sense for 17 years. As a U.I.L. coach, he was awarded the U.I.L. Southwestern Bell Academic Sponsor Excellence Award and the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association Salute for U.I.L. Excellence Award for his outstanding contributions to the team and to his students. Mr. Turner also received the City of Ames Award for devoted years of service to West Liberty High and Elementary Schools.

While attending graduate classes at Texas Southern University, Mr. Turner met the love of his life, Mrs. Dorothy Robbins Turner. During their more than 51 years of marriage, they raised one son, Mr. Dedric James Turner. Dedric followed in his dad's footsteps by becoming a math teacher—leading the math department at C.E. King High School—and athletic and academic coach. However, he now works for the ExxonMobil corporation. Throughout his life, Mr. James Turner has continuously made significant contributions to his Southeast Texas community, and it is an honor to recognize him for his outstanding dedication to his fellow citizens.

Madam Speaker, it is because of excellent citizens like Mr. Turner that we have wonderful role models for the next generation of students to aspire to. I am proud that Mr. Turner is a constituent of Texas's 36th Congressional district, and I am thankful for the positive impact he has made in the lives of students. I applaud Mr. Turner for his many accomplishments, and I wish him a very happy 85th birthday and congratulations on his 45 years of teaching.

TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH PLAINS
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I recognize the participation of 120 veterans from Northern Colorado who visited Washington DC this past weekend with the High Plains Honor Flight. I am tremendously grateful each of these individuals had the opportunity to visit the memorials built in their honor in our nation's capital and to be recognized for their service to our country. With strong courage of conviction, these veterans took flight from Loveland, Colorado and traveled to Washington, DC to visit the memorials which recognize their contributions to our nation and world.

The Northern Colorado community, as well as the American people, extend a debt of gratitude to these veterans and all of their fellow service members for their service and for all they have done to maintain and preserve the rights of the American people at home and promote peace and democracy abroad.

I commend High Plains Honor Flight for continuing the work of Honor Flight Northern Colorado and advancing their effort to serve and honor the veterans of Colorado. I know I join with all my fellow Coloradans who wit-

nessed their departure in expressing our gratitude and recognition of this historic Honor Flight.

These veterans, above all, understand the gravity of the sacrifices that Washington, DC's memorials document, and I am grateful they had the opportunity to visit these monuments in-person, both to reflect on the enormous service they contributed to our nation and to pay respect to the fallen soldiers on behalf of each of us.

I send my sincerest gratitude to the participants of the High Plains Honor Flight for all they have done for our Northern Colorado community and for the American people. Their service will never be forgotten.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

SD-192

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space
To hold hearings to examine improving air traffic control for the American

people, focusing on examining the current system.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine key findings from the Syria Study Group report.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on acquisitions of nascent or potential competitors by digital platforms.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors.

SD-106

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine facilitating faster payments in the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine fishery failures, focusing on improving the disaster declaration and relief process.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine toxic exposure, focusing on examining the Department of Veterans Affairs's presumptive disability decision-making process.

SR-418

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States policy in Mexico and Central America, focusing on ensuring effective

policies to address the crisis at the border.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations.

SVC-217

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine reducing emissions while driving economic growth, focusing on industry-led initiatives.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine countering domestic terrorism, focusing on the evolving threat.

SD-342

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine promoting healthy aging, focusing on living your best life long into your golden years.

SD-562