

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