

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING WORLD NARCOLEPSY DAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of World Narcolepsy Day, which will be observed globally on September 22nd.

Narcolepsy is a chronic neurological condition that affects about 1 in 2,000 people by impairing the brain's ability to regulate the sleep-wake cycle. Symptoms of narcolepsy include excessive sleepiness during the day, sudden episodes of muscle paralysis, sleep paralysis, confusing hallucinations, and a disrupted nighttime sleep.

Due to an overall lack of public and professional awareness, accurate diagnosis of narcolepsy commonly takes between 8 and 15 years. Experts believe that the majority of people with narcolepsy are currently undiagnosed or misdiagnosed with other conditions such as epilepsy, depression, and schizophrenia. More work is needed to deliver breakthroughs for patients impacted by this debilitating sleep disorder, and we must continue to support the important funding of medical research through the National Institutes of Health and public health programs through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

World Narcolepsy Day serves to raise awareness of the experiences and healthcare needs of the approximately 3 million people living with narcolepsy across the globe, including the 200,000 people with narcolepsy and their loved ones in the United States. By raising awareness of narcolepsy, we can reduce delays in diagnosis, combat stigma and misperceptions, and improve health outcomes for affected individuals.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing September 22nd as World Narcolepsy Day.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAJARO VALLEY LOAVES AND FISHES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the behalf of Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes to recognize the work they have done to foster community development and collaboration as they celebrate 30 years of committed work to alleviating hunger among working class families on the central coast of California.

Loaves and Fishes was founded in 1989 as an emergency response to the Loma Prieta earthquake and served more than 20,000 meals to residents displaced by the disaster at their original location in Watsonville's St Patrick's Church. The organization has since

grown into a community-supported local kitchen and pantry to serve the people of the Pajaro Valley.

The Loaves and Fishes lunch program serves a hot, nutritious lunch every weekday, prepared on-site by certified cooks and other community volunteers. In 2018, Loaves and Fishes served between 80 and 150 hot and nutritious meals every weekday. The pantry program provides supplemental groceries to the individuals or families up to twice per month, with 76 percent of adult pantry clients being farm workers who support the Central Coast. Most of these groceries are either donated or purchased from local farmers and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

In addition to its food programs, Loaves and Fishes supports the development of the community by providing support services, including nutrition education, job trainings, resume building workshops, life skills development, and referrals to other available social services. Many of these services are provided through partnerships with other social service agencies and nonprofits.

It is an honor to recognize an organization with such a meaningful impact on the community, and I am proud to celebrate Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes' 30th anniversary of supporting the Central Coast. Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Loaves and Fishes as a pillar of strength in our community.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF PERRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial of Perry County, Tennessee, which was established in November 1819. Named after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, a naval hero in the War of 1812, Perry County has a long and proud history in the heart of Tennessee.

Perry County is known for the scenic beauty of the Buffalo and Tennessee rivers, and it is home to several historic sites, including the Cedar Grove Iron Furnace, the Perry County Courthouse, and the Commodore Hotel.

Home to some of Tennessee's finest public servants, it is my distinct honor to represent Perry County in the United States Congress.

The citizens of Perry County exemplify the values that form the cornerstone of Tennessee and our nation, and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them as they celebrate this momentous occasion.

HONORING MELVINDALE-DEARBORN FIRE CAPTAIN MICHAEL PREADMORE

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Captain Michael Preadmore for his many years of service to the Melvindale-Dearborn Consolidated Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement.

During his twenty-three years of service, Captain Preadmore has moved steadily through the ranks, garnering accolades for his dedication and bravery along the way. Preadmore joined the City of Melvindale's Fire Department as a firefighter in 1996. From there, he was quickly promoted to sergeant, lieutenant, and ultimately, captain. A consummate professional who knows safety doesn't take a day off, Captain Preadmore has been acknowledged for his perfect attendance multiple times and he has dedicated his time toward working to advanced certification, including confined space and rope rescue. Above and beyond that, Captain Preadmore has been recognized for his bravery in the line of duty, receiving the Fire Chief Life Saving Award twice, the Department Medal of Valor award, and the Fire Chief Unit Commendation.

In short, Captain Preadmore has served bravely and nobly. Please join me in saluting him for his twenty-three years of public service as we wish him well on his retirement.

HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the World War II veterans, Korean War veterans and Vietnam War veterans from Oregon who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall on Friday, September 20, 2019, through Honor Flight of Oregon. Every time I have the chance to meet one of these heroes, I am reminded of the poignant words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a message to Allied troops just before D-Day, he said, "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

He was right then, of course, Madam Speaker. But over seventy years later, liberty-loving people everywhere continue to owe these heroes for their extraordinary service and their incredible stories of sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country. That's why it is my privilege to include in the RECORD their names.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Berns, Navy; John Bromstead, Navy; Dale Coonse, Navy; William

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Dickson, Navy; Dean Ewell, Army; Carl Giles, Army; Roy Gilmore, Navy; Stanley Grout, Navy; Troy Stone, Army; Dean Hastings, Navy; Howard Hoffer, Navy; Floyd McHargue, Marine Corps; Norman Morgan, Navy; Jacob Notenboom, Army; Rex Orcutt, Navy; Jack Peed, Navy; Jesse Ponce, Navy; Francis Rossi, Navy; William Russell, Air Force; William Shrader, Coast Guard; Muriel Sollendar, Marine Corps; Marilyn Sperry, Army; Galen Tarter, Navy; Cliff Peery, Army; and David Ullom, Army.

These heroes join over 200,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Mark Libante, Army; Richard McReynolds, Army; Paul Grout, Air Force; Kenneth Dale, Navy; Ronald Kohl, Air Force and Army; Daniel Johnson, Navy; Kenneth Young, Navy; Rachael Watters, Army; Terry Haines, Navy; and Peter Pringle, Navy.

Madam Speaker, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause." Each of us in this chamber and in this nation should be humbled by the courage of these brave veterans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD SWANN

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Richard Swann, a great man and a good man, who recently passed away.

Richard's life wasn't just full, it was overflowing. Overflowing with action and accomplishment, trial and triumph, and—above all—family and friendship.

Richard lost his childhood sweetheart and beloved wife Doris too young, but he poured his energy into his work, into his four children and 12 grandchildren, and into his large and loyal network of friends.

Richard packed so much into his 79 years on earth. He was a wise lawyer, a far-sighted businessman and real estate developer, and an influential player at the highest level of American and Florida politics.

Richard was a proud Orlando native, and foresaw the city's potential before nearly anybody else. Without fanfare, Richard did as much as any man to transform Orlando into the unique and wonderful place it is today.

Richard was best known as a champion of the political causes and candidates he cared about. He was committed to the concept of responsible and engaged citizenship.

At the service celebrating Richard's life, his granddaughter Caroline read an excerpt from

Teddy Roosevelt's speech "The Man in the Arena."

Richard never sat on the sidelines. He was always in the arena, striving valiantly. Like any man who dares greatly, he also suffered setbacks along the way.

In the end, despite a lifetime marked by achievement, perhaps Richard's most admirable quality was his fortitude and resilience in the face of adversity.

Richard was a pillar of our central Florida community. He will be deeply missed by all of us who had the honor to call him a friend.

HONORING DR. LINDA BIRNBAUM, CHAMPION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and the National Toxicology Program (NTP), who is retiring in October. Dr. Birnbaum has served as director of NIEHS, located in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, for the past 10 years. She is the first woman and first board-certified toxicologist to serve in this position.

Dr. Birnbaum always had a clear vision for the NIEHS/NTP, evidenced by her implementation of two strategic plans over the course of her tenure. Under her leadership, NIEHS has become a world leader in environmental health and toxicology research. For example, scientific studies, such as the annual Report on Carcinogens, which analyzes substances in our environment that may cause cancer, have ignited changes in health policy and safety standards in the U.S. and across the world. The creation of the Children's Health Exposure Analysis Resource, a grant program that established a network of exposure assessment laboratories across the country, paved the way for policy changes that protected the health of children. Dr. Birnbaum's team also established the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit, allowing the NIH to partner with top biomedical teams at our RTP Universities: Duke, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State.

In the wake of environmental disasters, Dr. Birnbaum and her team led critical research projects following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the 2014 West Virginia chemical spill. Dr. Birnbaum and her team worked in coordination with scientists across the NIH and with the residents of affected areas, recruiting over 33,000 participants for the Deepwater Horizon study.

Dr. Birnbaum has received numerous accolades for her outstanding achievements in the field of science. In 2010, she was elected to the Institute of Medicine, now known as the National Academy of Medicine. She also was awarded the North Carolina Award in Science in 2016, the state's highest civilian honor given by North Carolina's Governor. For her work in toxicology she was named the Distinguished Toxicology Scholar by the Society of Toxicology in 2018 and earned the Mildred S. Christian Career Achievement Award from the Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

Dr. Birnbaum's work as a federal research scientist spans nearly 40 years, including 19 years directing research at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She also currently serves as an adjunct professor in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and held a similar position in Toxicology and Environmental Health at Duke University. She has maintained her research program even while serving as NIEHS/NTP director, and at last count had over 700 published articles and reports to her credit. Fortunately, she plans to continue her laboratory research part-time.

Madam Speaker, it has been my privilege to know and work with Dr. Birnbaum during much of her tenure at EPA and NIEHS. I was delighted to see her—an accomplished, practicing scientist—appointed to the directorship of NIEHS, and she has been a trusted source of advice on the Institute's needs and the state of the research enterprise. She has a passion for the NIEHS/NTP mission and has inspired a generation of scientists with her vision of what well-designed research can contribute to public health and environmental quality.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Linda Birnbaum as she reaches this milestone. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and the contributions she has made toward the health and well-being of millions of people.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thai Community Development Center upon its 25th Anniversary.

The Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC) was founded in 1994 with the goal of supporting and improving the lives of Thai immigrants and other ethnic communities in the greater Los Angeles area. Thai CDC achieves its mission through a comprehensive community development strategy and initiatives that focus on a variety of issues including access to healthcare and social services, affordable housing, human rights advocacy, neighborhood empowerment, and small business incubation.

Thai CDC played an essential role in an eight-year community organizing campaign that raised awareness and led to the creation of Los Angeles' Thai Town in 1999, the first Thai Town in the United States. Through this designation, Thai CDC has been able to engage in transit-oriented development and beautification efforts such as the installation of the Kinnara Lampposts. This strategy to revitalize an otherwise depressed portion of East Hollywood through cultural-based tourism has allowed the Thai American community to prosper and flourish. In 2008, Thai Town was designated a Preserve America neighborhood, a federal designation celebrating cultural heritage and encouraging historic preservation.

Throughout the years, Thai CDC has been instrumental in creating events and spaces to foster economic opportunity and bring Angelenos and tourists alike to Thai Town.

Thai CDC spearheaded the effort to build and develop the Thai Town Market Place and establish a twice weekly East Hollywood Farmers Market to help incubate small businesses and provide healthy and affordable food options to the neighborhood. In 2004, Thai CDC helped found the Thai New Year's Day Songkran Festival which has since become an annual event attracting hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Since its founding, Thai CDC has also been committed to improving the lives of Thai immigrants through culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate social services and programs such as legal aid, financial literacy and counseling, and mediation and dispute resolution. In addition to assisting clients with securing affordable housing, Thai CDC has also built the Halifax Apartments, a multi-family affordable housing development in Hollywood, and the Palm Village Senior Housing in Sun Valley. Thai CDC has also raised awareness of modern-day slavery and human trafficking in the United States through the creation of the Slavery Eradication and Rights Initiative, SERI.

I am proud to recognize the Thai Community Development Center for twenty-five years of providing extraordinary service to the Thai American community in the greater Los Angeles area, and I ask all members to join me in congratulating the center for its outstanding achievements.

HONORING MOUNT ZION SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church, its staff, and congregation as they commemorate their 100th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this community treasure and certainly cause for great celebration.

Through its many ministries, the members of Mount Zion nourish their souls as well as those they serve. From educating young people and organizing exciting activities for them to providing information on healthier food options and recipes for families, the congregation is enriching the lives of others throughout the community.

Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. The members of Mount Zion have also given much to the Town of Hamden. Throughout the years, as their membership grew so did its commitment to the community. By strengthening our bonds of faith, Mount Zion gives its members a place to find their spiritual center and to solidify and support their values.

In its 100-year history, the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church has built a strong foundation and its success is due to the dedication and commitment of each and every member of its congregation. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, they have left an indelible mark on our community and continue

to enrich the lives of others. That is why I am so pleased to stand today to offer my sincere congratulations as they mark this very special centennial anniversary. The families, parishioners, and staff have much to be proud of as they celebrate this 100th anniversary year.

RECOGNIZING THE LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

In the mid-1960s, planning began for a home base for the Scottish Rite Freemasons in Texas. A committee was formed to raise the money needed for the building. Members of this committee included many Waco businessmen and leaders including Allen Shivers, the 37th Governor of Texas; Abner McCall, President of Baylor University; and Robert L. Lockwood, the building's namesake. Waco was selected as the location for the building and construction began in 1967. The building opened on September 27, 1969.

Since its opening, the building has served as a central meeting location for Scottish Rite Masons as well as a library and museum. The Lee Lockwood Library and Museum is home to a more than 1,200 piece print collection by Waco photographer Fred Gildersleeve, a large coin collection, as well as Civil War era letters, medical records, and military enlistment data. It also contains more than 10,000 books on world, American, and Texas history; as well as rare and first edition prints from authors such as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

Throughout the year, the building hosts weddings, meetings, concerts, veterans' events, and other Masonic and non-Masonic gatherings. The auditorium is also home to the Waco Children's and Christian Youth Theater, which hold many performances and camps every year.

The building is constructed out of limestone in a large rectangular shape, has four, dramatic two-story columns at the entrance, and is flanked by two, two-ton limestone sphinxes. The director of the Masonic National Memorial called the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum "the last great Masonic building built in America." In 2014, the City of Waco Historic Landmark Preservation Commission presented the library an award for "Recognition of Sustained Excellence for an Institutional Structure".

Madam Speaker, the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum has served as a pillar for knowledge and public service in its 50 years of operation. I congratulate the Scottish Rite Masons on reaching this milestone and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the legacy of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE FOR ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth anniversary of its founding.

In 1919, Columbia Institute of Chiropractic was founded by Dr. Frank Dean. The institute later became New York Chiropractic College in the 1970s. In 1991, a two-hundred and eighty-six acre campus was purchased in Seneca Falls, New York, and the college moved to this expanded location.

Clinics were added throughout the region, including in Seneca Falls, Depew and Levittown, New York. The college has also partnered with the Veterans Administration and others throughout the years.

This college has been educating Chiropractic students for one hundred years and I wish them success in the next one hundred years of educating students. New York Chiropractic College has provided outstanding programming that is both meaningful and valuable to its students and the patients they go on to help. I applaud their efforts and hope to see many more great things from them in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth Anniversary of its founding.

RECOGNIZING THE IEEE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING AI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit. This summit is a valuable forum for women students, teachers, researchers, and engineers to share their experiences and knowledge in the AI field.

As chair of the House Financial Services Committee Artificial Intelligence Task Force, I know that developments in this field are at the forefront of American technological innovation. AI has the potential to fundamentally change how we interact with the world, and the work of groups like IEEE Women in Engineering is shaping the future of entrepreneurship, financial decisionmaking, and technological development.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the IEEE Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit and the many great contributions that women engineers and scientists have made to this country and its communities.

HONORING THE ANNIVERSARY OF
PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, a house of worship in Inkster, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's ninetieth anniversary.

Pentecostal Church of God in Christ was founded in 1930. Construction of the church itself was a labor of love initiated by pledges and donations of community members and built by their own hands. Since then, the church has grown to accommodate its flock and its many programs. The same sense of community that was present at the church's inception is still evident in its growth both physically and spiritually. Over the years, Pentecostal Church of God in Christ has expanded to include a school for kindergarten through sixth. It offers summer programs, daycare, and even technology classes. The legacy of community service and inclusion lives on under the leadership of Pastor Kellen Brooks, the grandson of Pentecostal Church in God's longest serving pastor, the late Bishop Isaac King, Jr.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Kellen Brooks and the members of Pentecostal Church of God in Christ as we recognize its ninetieth anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF DR. EMILY
ENGLAND CLYBURN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of a transformative leader and my personal friend, Dr. Emily England Clyburn.

A native South Carolinian, Dr. Clyburn graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner before attending South Carolina State University (SCSU), where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Library Science. She continued her studies and earned a Master's degree in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina. In 2010, Dr. Clyburn was recognized for her achievements in the humanities through an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, SCSU.

Dr. Clyburn served as a public school librarian in Columbia and Charleston in the early part of her career. She later transitioned to a medical librarian position at the Charleston Naval Base and Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, where she merged her passion of librarianship with her commitment to service.

Dr. Clyburn and her husband, my good friend Congressman JIM CLYBURN, generously contributed funding to South Carolina State University to allow for the reestablishment of the Honors College. In addition, the university created the Dr. Emily England Clyburn Honors

College Scholarship Endowment, which enables deserving students the opportunity to further their education.

Dr. Clyburn's philanthropic successes did not go unnoticed. She was a recipient of the Woman of Faith Award from the Columbia Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina State University National Alumni Association, and the Woman of Distinction Award by the Girl Scouts of South Carolina. Additionally, she was featured in the I. DeQuincy Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice's documentary, *Notable African American Women: In Their Own Voices*.

Dr. Clyburn was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mattie England, and siblings Arthur England and Mattie Mae England Wadley. She is survived by her husband, Congressman JIM CLYBURN; three daughters, Mignon L. Clyburn, Jennifer Clyburn Reed (Walter), and Angela Clyburn Hannibal; four grandchildren, Walter A. Clyburn Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed, Layla Joann Clyburn Hannibal, and Carter James Clyburn Hannibal; and many more loving family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Congressman CLYBURN, his loved ones, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Clyburn. She was a pillar of this great institution's community, and we will dearly miss her.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2020, AND HEALTH EXTEND-
ERS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote yes on H.R. 4378, which funds the federal government through November 21, 2019, although I do have several concerns regarding what is in the bill.

The House has completed nearly all of its appropriations bills. The Republican Senate has passed none. Because the Senate has not done its work, bridge funding is needed to keep the government open past September 30.

Let me be clear: it is imperative that Congress provide long-term stability and funding. Congress, specifically the Senate, needs to get its work done and halt the ridiculous and irresponsible lurching from short-term fix to short-term fix. Shutting down the government does nothing but harm Americans. The shutdown earlier this year resulted in Coast Guard personnel going without a pay check for 35 days. I have a bill to ensure that never happens again.

The continuing resolution includes provisions that I strongly support. I am glad it contains language to stop roughly \$1.2 billion in cuts to transit formula funding from going into effect on October 1, 2019. Had this language not been included, the so-called "Rostenkowski test" would have been triggered for the first time ever, leading to a roughly 12 percent cut in funding to transit agencies. This test, originally intended to prevent overspending from the Highway Trust Fund, is no longer relevant given that the Trust Fund now consist-

ently relies on General Fund transfers and should ultimately be repealed.

It also includes funding for Community Health Centers, which provide a vital lifeline for health care services to thousands of Oregonians and millions of Americans in rural and underserved communities. It also modifies Medicaid's drug rebate program to ensure that rebates paid to the federal government and the states by brand name drug manufacturers are calculated based solely on the price of a brand name drug, and not on generic drug prices.

It includes language to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has the funding it needs to process claims from Blue Water Navy Veterans impacted by Agent Orange as well as critical provisions that will significantly expand enrollment in the World Trade Center Health Program, aiding 9/11 first responders and survivors.

Importantly, the bill provides \$250 million in aid to Ukraine to help it defend itself from Russian aggression, which President Trump suspiciously delayed this summer. Disturbingly, Trump may have even tried to use this aid as leverage to coerce Ukraine into conducting politically-motivated investigations to help Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and to target former Vice President Joe Biden's family.

However, I am extremely disappointed that the continuing resolution did not address a highway program funding issue created by the Republicans in the last surface-transportation reauthorization bill. Section 1438 of the Fix America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act rescinds \$7.6 billion of Federal highway funding on July 1, 2020. State Departments of Transportation are very concerned about the impact of the rescission on planning, construction, and repair of roads and bridges, and it is imperative that we address this before we finalize the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills.

I also have serious concerns with the bill's attempt to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for trade relief that has been disbursed to farmers and ranchers hurt by President Trump's trade war with China. While there's no doubt that farmers and ranchers have suffered under President Trump's trade policies, this legislation essentially clears the way for the president to continue his erratic trade policies unchecked by providing an absurd bailout of more than \$20 billion.

I hope the Senate can get its work done during the next eight weeks so we can stop the budget gimmicks and spend our time working on important issues like improving access to health care and repairing our dilapidated infrastructure. That is what Americans expect, and that is what they deserve.

RECOGNIZING THE BRYAN/COL-
LEGE STATION HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1989 when a Texas

A&M University college student named Heather Hilton came across a brochure and wondered why there was no locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Heather contacted other pillars of the community who also noticed the lack of affordable housing in the Brazos Valley. Since its subsequent formation, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has continued its mission of putting God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope in Brazos County, Texas.

In 1990, Victor and Amelia Gonzalez purchased the first home built by Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity. This opportunity allowed them and their three children to move out of their small trailer with no heating or cooling and a large hole in the floor. In 2012, they paid off their mortgage on the home. The Gonzalez family is just one example of the more than 1,000 people the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has helped in their 30 years of existence.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has served 456 adults and 816 children by providing homeownership opportunities to individuals and families who earn between 35 and 80 percent of the area's median income. This past August, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity raised the walls of its 298th home, and will reach its 300th home milestone this year.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity is able to provide these opportunities to those in need through financial donations, volunteer labor, efficient building methods, standardized designs, and zero interest loans. Over 70 percent of the land and construction costs come from the generous donations from businesses, individuals, and other private sources. Other costs are covered by mortgage payments of the existing Habitat for Humanity homeowners and revenue from the Bryan-College Station ReStore which opened in 1995 selling building supplies, furniture, appliances, and home décor.

In addition to constructing new homes, the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has also started a Community Home Repair program to serve low-income residents. Since the program's inception in 2015, it has served another 209 homeowners in the Brazos Valley.

The work Habitat for Humanity does is vital to the success of families in the Brazos Valley. A 2018 study conducted by the Bush School of Government and Public Service found that families in Habitat homes visit the doctor less for mold related illnesses, the children have increased performance in school, and parents are more confident in funding their children's education. The Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity does more than build and repair homes; they bring people from all walks of life together to work toward a common goal: demonstrating God's love by giving a hand up to those in need of decent, affordable places to live.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity has had a large and positive impact on the Brazos Valley in their 30 years of operation. I congratulate them on reaching this milestone and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our vet-

erans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING KIRK-CASEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 366 IN SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK FOR ITS ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls, New York for its one hundredth Anniversary.

A charter was put in place by New York State for Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls on September 8, 1919. The post was named in honor of local citizens, Frederick Kirk and Maynard Casey, two military members killed in action during World War I. The first meeting of Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 was held on September 19, 1919 where the name was chosen. Six days later, Fata Martin was the first woman enrolled in the post. Fata Martin served as a nurse in France after training at Willard State Hospital in Romulus.

On February 22, 1921, a women's auxiliary was organized and a charter was received on May 23, 1923. Property was purchased on April 2, 1924, known as the Casey Property, which was located at 48 State Street, Seneca Falls, New York. This property was used to build the post home, which is still in use. The post home was dedicated on May 18, 1929.

The rich and varied history of this post is a long-lasting legacy that I wish to share with my colleagues here, the constituents in my district and the American people. Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 is the first chartered post in Seneca County and is one of the longest chartered posts in the American Legion's seventh district. I applaud the efforts of this post on behalf and for veterans over the years and wish them continued success in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Kirk-Casey American Legion Post 366 in Seneca Falls, New York for its one hundredth Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF JOHN POWELL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. John Powell of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Powell is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. Mr. Powell celebrates his 100th birthday on September 22nd.

Mr. Powell was born in Pennsylvania. He was drafted into the United States Army on April 4, 1941. He was expected to serve for one year, but instead served nearly five years. He was an artilleryman who landed on Omaha Beach just 17 days after D-Day. He and his unit pushed all the way to the Rhine River in

Germany. Mr. Powell earned the rank of Master Sergeant and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the American Defense Medal, the Operation Overload Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze Star.

Mr. Powell returned home and worked for businesses in upstate New York. He later landed a job with IBM as a manager and was transferred to Lexington, Kentucky where he worked for 28 years prior to retirement. Mr. Powell married his wife Betty and they were blessed with two daughters, Paula and Marsha. Mr. and Mrs. Powell will celebrate their 77th anniversary this New Year's Eve.

Mr. Powell and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. John Powell and to celebrate his upcoming 100th birthday before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Sports Foundation, Inc. on their 50th Anniversary of tireless advocacy to improve the lives of Bronx residents. This organization is a great example of extraordinary contributions that community based groups and outstanding individuals have made in my district in the Bronx.

Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Claude "Buddy" Young founded Sports Foundation, Inc. in 1969. Mr. Williams was born and raised in the Bronx, attended Theodore Roosevelt High School and was captain of NYU's basketball team while earning a bachelors in education from there. Mr. Williams was also the first African-American assistant basketball coach at NYU. Throughout his career, basketball and scholarship were two of his biggest priorities. Mr. "Buddy" Young was one of the first black men to play pro football. He started playing at the University of Illinois, and then was drafted into the Armed Services, and played with one of the service teams. At the end of his military service, Mr. Young played for ten years in the All-America Football Conference and National Football League.

The dedication of Sports Foundation, Inc. to promote social responsibility to disadvantaged and at-risk youth has facilitated their ability to foster, develop and encourage positive youth development using sports as a method of change. Their work has created a lasting impact in my community and participants have been all the better for it. The variety of programs such as prevention counseling, sports and fitness activities, music/entertainment, and educational and community service, has helped to develop healthy bodies and strong minds in the youth from this community. Their location in the South Bronx placed this organization on the front lines in the war against poverty, obesity, hunger, drugs, and violence. Sports Foundation, Inc. is now focused on transforming the foundation into the premier

youth services provider capable of reaching an ever-expanding and greatly underserved youth population.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sports Foundation, Inc. for their steadfast dedication and years of service to our Bronx residents, and for their longstanding commitment to improving our community.

HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, Katherine Johnson, Dr. Christine Darden, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson; most people know them as the "Hidden Figures."

Well, Madam Speaker, I think it's safe to say they are "hidden figures" no longer.

Thanks to them and many other women, we were able to reach for the stars and put a man on the moon.

We honor these brave, brilliant women. They accomplished what many thought impossible and proved—to paraphrase Katherine Johnson—that "Girls are capable of doing everything men are capable of doing. Sometimes they even have more imagination than men."

In that spirit, I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act and urge all my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I was on the floor but missed the vote on H.R. 535, the Department of Veteran Affairs Expiring Au-

thorities Act (Roll Call 536). Had I voted, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING PRESIDENT MOHAMED BEJI CAID ESSEBSI

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mohamed Beji Caid Essebsi, the first democratically elected president of Tunisia, who passed away on July 25, 2019.

President Caid Essebsi was born November 29, 1926, in Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia. In 1950 he went to study law in Paris, France, and when he returned, he joined the independence movement led by future President Habib Bourguiba. Following Tunisia's independence from France in 1956, he served as Bourguiba's adviser and in his cabinet from 1957 to 1951. His posts included Chief of Regional Administration, Interior Minister, Defense Minister, and Ambassador to France.

Ten years after being sidelined for advocating for democratization, President Caid Essebsi returned to public service in 1981, serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs until 1986. In 1987, Prime Minister Zine el Abidine Ben Ali staged a bloodless coup against President Bourguiba. Under the new regime, President Caid Essebsi was appointed as Ambassador to Germany. He later returned to serve from 1990 to 1991 as the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the former lower chamber of the Tunisian parliament.

In 2010, the citizens of Tunisia took part in a campaign of civil resistance against President Ben Ali. Their demonstrations against high unemployment, food inflation, and lack of political freedom led to the eventual ouster of President Ben Ali. The Tunisian people's revolutionary success sparked a wave of protests and government overthrows across the Middle East, resulting in the Arab Spring. In the aftermath of their success, Tunisians were in need of leadership while trying to form a new and democratic form of government. In early 2011,

acting President Fouad Mebazaa appointed President Caid Essebsi, after almost 20 years of private life, as the new Prime Minister for his record of patriotism, loyalty, and commitment to democracy.

In 2011, following elections for the Constituent Assembly of Tunisia, the body charged with writing a new constitution, President Caid Essebsi left office. As the country's new constitution was being written, President Caid Essebsi founded a new political party named "Nidaa Tounes" which translates to "Tunisia's Call." He founded this party as a democracy-oriented alternative to the Islamist Ennahda party which had recently taken power.

In early 2014, the country's new constitution was passed and ratified; followed by elections to form a new system of government. Parliamentary elections were held in October of that year and Nidaa Tounes won a plurality of the seats. The next month, President Caid Essebsi was elected as President of Tunisia in the country's first free and fair elections. During his presidency, he supported a secular society and legislation that promoted women's rights.

Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting President Caid Essebsi on a House Democracy Partnership trip to Tunisia to promote their continuing democratic progress. I enjoyed his company and was saddened to hear of his passing. It is my fervent hope that in the upcoming elections to replace him, Tunisia continues to build upon the democratic processes that he so strongly supported.

Madam Speaker, President Mohamed Beji Caid Essebsi's life was defined by his service to his country. He will be forever remembered as a husband, a father, a selfless public servant, a champion for democracy, and a friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Caid Essebsi family. We also lift up the family and friends of President Caid Essebsi in our prayers.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.